



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## NOVEMBER 5, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Paul Manz (1919-2009) was a well-known composer of organ and choral music for the church. The tune *Seelenbräutigam* is by German composer Adam Drese (1620-1701).

I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying. (Nelson Mandela)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"To be a saint is not the privilege for a few but a vocation for everyone."

— Pope Francis

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Fanfare and Processional"

Douglas E. Wagner

"Jesus, Lead Thou On" (*Seelenbräutigam*)

arr. Paul Manz

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.*

*Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Mack Griffith

Leader: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, called to lay aside everything that weighs us down, that we might run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Letting go of all that hinders us, we pray that with courage and joy we might follow Christ.

Leader: We join our voices with the saints of every age, singing praise to our God — who has made us, who has redeemed us, and who sustains us each day.

People: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401

"Gather Us In"

GATHER US IN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #734 (*stanza 4 only*)

DONNE SECOURS

"Hope of the World"

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
From death and deep despair, from sin and guilt;  
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;  
Take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
Suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote for President Ulysses Grant. She never paid the fine (1872); American writer and journalist Willa Cather began contributing to the *Nebraska State Journal* for which she was paid \$1 per column (1893); Calbraith P. Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, CA, completing the first transcontinental airplane trip in 49 days (1911); President Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office, defeating Republican Wendell L. Willkie (1940).

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life.  
People: You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new.  
Leader: For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks. For those who have completed, with courage, their earthly walk and now dwell with you in the heavenly home prepared for them by Christ, we give you thanks. Today we remember:

Karen Bancroft, James Cover, Ruth Donalson, Louise Dudley, Ronald Frye  
John Goodwin, Roy Hiller, Maurice (Reese) McClellan, Alan Patterson  
Georgeanne Reed, Dr. Norris Stephens, Nancy Thomas

*Other loved ones who have died and are named on our hearts are remembered as well.*

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #734 (*stanza 5 only*)

DONNE SECOURS

“Hope of the World”

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,**

Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:

We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;

Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Isaiah Wilson

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children.*

*Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.*

\* HYMN #691

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

LAND OF REST

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:1-3

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON “In Good Company”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,** born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles’ Creed*)

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dee Flaherty

OFFERING INVITATION

Dee Flaherty

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Roland Carter (b. 1942) is Professor of Music at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. His arrangement of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is one of the most frequently performed anthem settings of the hymn.

This is one of the featured selections on the Cathedral Concert with Essence of Joy from Penn State University this afternoon at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them. (St. Therese of Lissieux)

*The Rejoicing* is an arrangement of the fourth movement from **Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks**, a wind band suite completed in 1749.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Roland Carter  
*text can be found in Glory to God #339*

- \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*The communion bread is presented by the second and third grade Church School class members.*
- Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	Y también contigo.	And also with you.
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.	We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP  
*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS  
*After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.*

COMMUNION HYMN #525 LET US BREAK BREAD  
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
Gracious God, in life and in death we belong to you. Thank you for Jesus, the Bread of Life, who has triumphed over death that we, and all the saints, may have new life, and have it abundantly. Thank you for this Communion meal, which unites us to you, to one another, and to all your people. Nourish us by your grace that we might be strengthened to work for peace, to strive for **justice, and to reach out in love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #732 "Rejoice in God's Saints" OLD 104TH
- \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Schoenewolf
- POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing" G.F. Handel

*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Dee Flaherty  
Mack Griffith  
Isaiah Wilson  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Brianna Allison and Lydia Delp  
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

*If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x118).*

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Hall, mother and father of Mrs. Daniel E. Yates.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
Nov 12 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
Nov 12 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

*In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her to Extended Session every week.*

\* Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.

\* Pre-school age children (through grade 1) — Room 151.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.  
Open everyday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:*

Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an ***Inquirers' Class*** on Sundays, Dec 3 and 10 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### EECM Food Bags Distributed

We will distribute empty grocery bags at our worship services today for the EECM food drive. If you would like to participate, please take a bag and fill it with these requested items: cooking oils, canned fruits or vegetables, canned beans, cooking spices, rice, canned tomato products, flour, sugar, pastas, instant mashed potatoes. Please return your bag of donations on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 12.

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Antwone Wright**.

### Church Tour

Please gather in the front of the Sanctuary following today's 11 am service for a tour of the history and symbolism of the Sanctuary and Chapel.

### LGBTQ Ministry

*God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be held today after the 11 am service when we will be welcoming our friends from Grove City College. See Wil Forrest for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

### Cathedral Concert: Essence of Joy

*Essence of Joy* from Penn State University will perform in the Sanctuary today at 3 pm as part of the *Cathedral Concerts* series.

### Free Tickets Available for Nov 19 Concert

All ELPC folk are welcome to free tickets to the Nov 19 cathedral concert *Eastman at East Liberty*. Please see Dr. Ed Moore after worship to get your tickets!



### PW Bible Study: A Cloud of Witnesses — Nov 6 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for a bible study titled *In Community with the Living Word* on Monday, Nov 6 at 7 pm and/or Tuesday, Nov 7 at 10 am. The Tuesday session will be followed by a potluck lunch featuring soup and contributions from the group.

### Stewardship Sunday — Nov 12

Please remember to bring your completed pledge card to worship on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 12.

### DG2! @ ELPC — Nov 12

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!)—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—for a day of service on Sunday, Nov 12 from 12:30–3:30 pm. We will meet at ELPC for lunch at 12:30 pm, and complete our day of service and fun by 3:30 pm. A permission slip is required and can be found on the youth calendar page at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

### Tour “Below Ground” at ELPC — Nov 12

Join our tour guide in the front of the Sanctuary after the 11 am service next Sunday as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the “catacombs” and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more.

### Holiday Shopping in the Name of Love! — Nov 14

Join us at Ten Thousand Villages (5820 Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill) on Tuesday, Nov 14 from 6–8 pm to get your Christmas shopping started early and raise money for the ELPC Thanksgiving food ministry. ELPC Deacons will be present to offer snacks and refreshments to shoppers. If you have questions, contact ELPC Deacon Tucker Ferda (406.249.9811; [TFerda@pts.edu](mailto:TFerda@pts.edu)).

### Middle School Retreat — Nov 17 to 19

Youth in grades 6–8 will join with youth from other area churches for a retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday, Nov 17 to Sunday, Nov 19 to explore the theme #nofilters through worship, Bible study, fun, and outdoor activities with friends both old and new. We will meet at ELPC on Friday at 5 pm, and return on Sunday at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$100 (partial and full scholarships available). Permission slips, more details, and scholarship request forms are available online and from Sara Hackett.

### Young Adult Day Retreat — Nov 18

Young adults (ages 18–40) are invited to explore their identity from different perspectives in a safe, yet challenging environment at the *Who Are You?* retreat on Saturday, Nov 18 from 9 am–5 pm at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (250 N Highland Ave, McNaugher Lounge). The cost of \$10 includes two meals (scholarships available). **Please RSVP to Wil Forrest today ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).**

### Eastman at East Liberty Cathedral Concert — Nov 19

*Eastman at East Liberty*, co-sponsored with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh, will bring Caroline Robinson, Amanda Mole and Ivan Bosnar (three rising star organists from the Eastman School of Music) to perform at ELPC on Sunday, Nov 19 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be received.



*As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:*

*Those affected by recent hurricanes and California fires,*

Diana Armstrong, Tim Benedict's mother Fay,  
Chuck Carson, Carol Chontos' father David,  
Aura Jirau, Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,  
Mike Maiolo, Paul Martin's wife Danielle,  
Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden,  
Henry Petrilli's father Larry, Linda Sanders & Pat Valoon.

*Our condolences to Kate Carlson on her sister-in-law's passing.*

*Our condolences to the family of Roy Hiller on his passing.*

*Our condolences to Judy Roberts on her brother's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Finance ..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 250)*  
Christian Ed..... *Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 244)*  
Nominating..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Parlor)*  
Property..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 250)*  
Mission Board ..... *Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*

### Annual Thanksgiving Feast – Nov 19

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 19 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up outside the East Transept today).

### Sewing Group – Nov 20

The ELPC Sewing group will meet on Monday, Nov 20, from 2:30–6 pm in the sewing space. Come when you can, and stay for whatever time works for you. Please contact Diane Jackson for info (dnjcks@verizon.net).

### The Great Exchange – Nov 26

Folks of all ages are invited to join us in the Social Hall for *The Great Exchange* on Sunday, Nov 26 at 12 pm. Together, across the generations, we will share a simple lunch and explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of *traditions*.

### Hanging of the Greens – Nov 26

The season of Advent begins on Dec 3. In preparation for this festive time, volunteers are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, Nov 26 to help us decorate our Sanctuary with the trees, wreaths, and garlands that symbolize the good news of Christ's promised presence in our world. Please join us!

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?

**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2) to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x114).

♦ Sign up in the hall to help at Thanksgiving Feast ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Affordable Health Care Act Open Enrollment

The time to purchase a new health insurance plan for 2018 is here. Open enrollment begins Nov 1 and runs through Dec 15, 2017. You only have six (6) weeks to enroll in order to have coverage on Jan 1, 2018. You MUST renew the plan you have or select and enroll in a new plan by Dec 15, 2017. Open enrollment isn't just for people who don't have health insurance. Every year those who pay for their own health insurance must shop for a new plan, or re-enroll in their existing plan. It is important for individuals to realize they have a choice, and shopping for new health insurance can save money. For assistance, please contact George Moses at East Liberty Family Health Care Center (412.661.2802), or the Consumer Health Coalition (412.456.1877).

### Learn About Those Impacted by Incarceration – Nov 8 + 18

Interested in learning more about those impacted by incarceration? Hear the PA NAACP President speak about the school-to-prison pipeline on Wednesday, Nov 8 from 5:30-8:30 pm at St. James AME. Another opportunity will be on Saturday, Nov 18 from 6-8 pm at Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church to hear a panel of returning citizens share their challenges and advocate for change. Please contact John Buckley (412.417.4187) to learn more.

### Forum on White Racism – Nov 12

The *Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group of St. Paul Cathedral* will host a forum at Synod Hall (125 N Craig St, Oakland) at 2 pm on Sunday, Nov 12 with Attorney Martha Conley speaking on *Black Lives Don't Matter*. Conley is a human rights and prisoner advocate. Call 412.681.5828 for info on this free event.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nov 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “Freedom from Fear, Part 4” led by Professor Ron Stone

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Joshua 24:1–3, 14–25; Psalm 78:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Chapel)** – “John Knox and the Scottish Reformation Part 3” led by Dr. Peter Gilmore

**Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm)** – A concluding discussion of chapter four of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda and Michele Bossers