



# 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)*

## JANUARY 7, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) was a meticulous composer, constantly revising his music, which resulted in a smaller output of compositions than many of his contemporaries. This perfectionism resulted in pieces of the highest quality, which are held in high regard in the organ literature. His shortest composition for the organ, this prelude was composed in 1962 and is based on the Gregorian plainsong sung at the introit on Epiphany.

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.”  
— Thomas Carlyle

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. Wayne L. Wold

“Prelude for the Introit of Epiphany”

Maurice Duruflé

*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. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Hallie and Claire Mattila

Leader: We meet to worship God, whose Word has become human and is born among us. Alleluia!

People: In this new year, we have put away the old self and clothed ourselves with the new self that is being renewed in the image of God our Creator.

Leader: In this renewal, there is no division between us because Christ breaks all barriers of age, gender, orientation, ethnicity and class.

People: Alleluia! We celebrate the good news on this Day of the Lord!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #156

SALZBURG

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

People: Holy God, we confess and lament the violence of our world and our bondage to false ideologies of militarism, nationalism, merciless justice, self-righteous revenge, and uncaring daily routines. Let your light shine upon us from the cradle of your vulnerability and the waters of your baptism that forgiveness, mercy, and kindness may be visible among us in all we do.

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\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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### ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, established the authoritative list of the canon of the Old and New Testaments for his Lenten letter (367); under the new constitution, George Washington was elected president of the United States (1789); the 26-year old George Gershwin completed his *Rhapsody in Blue* (1924); contralto Marian Anderson debuted at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC as the first African American to sing there (1967).

By perseverance the snail reached the Ark. (Charles H. Spurgeon)

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1947) began composing a new oratorio in 1846 that he never finished. His brother Paul gave the title *Christus* to the movements that had been completed and it was published posthumously as Opus 97. The completed portions were performed for the first time in 1852. *There Shall a Star* includes Philipp Nicolai's Epiphany chorale, *Wie Schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*.

Leader: All-glorious God, maker of heaven and earth, hear us as we pray for the world you have made... for the church you have redeemed....for the peoples you have created....for the loved ones around us....for any who are alone, in despair, pain or grief this day... In your mercy, hear our prayers.

People: Because you have called us your children, O God, we are bold to ask for what we need and what we desire for this world, doing so with confidence in your goodness fully revealed in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #158 (*please remain seated*)

MARY'S CHILD

### "Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home;  
Coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way;  
Light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's Child, you tell us God is good;  
Yes, it is true, Mary's Child, shown on your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's Child, you're coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary's Child, walk in our streets again.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-11

Josh and Polly Mattila

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*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 #279

### "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ST. AGNES

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 19:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"A Persistent Gift"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christian Education Offerings

Jan Irvin

OFFERING INVITATION

Jan Irvin

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

### "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob"

*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel.*

*And dash in pieces, princes and nations.*

*How brightly beams the Morning Star!*

*What sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort glowing!*

*Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting,*

*Gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration!*

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\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING:  
Living God, maker of light  
and dark, thank you for  
the gift of this night. Let  
me be at peace in your  
presence so that I may  
rest, be restored, and  
arise to praise your glory;  
**in Jesus' name I pray.**  
Amen.

Heinrich Reimann  
(1850-1906) was organist  
for the Berlin  
Philharmonic and was  
appointed organist of  
Kaiser-Wilhelm-  
Gedächtniskirche  
(Memorial Church) in  
1895. The fugue heard  
this morning is the final  
section of a large  
symphonic-style piece  
based on the German  
Epiphany chorale *Wie  
Schön leuchtet der  
Morgenstern*.

- \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*The communion bread is presented by Jim DiGiorgio and Tim Chaplin.*  
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
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| 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         | Let us give thanks to the Lord |  |
| nuestro Dios.                          | our God.                       |  |
| People: Es justo dar gracias y         | It is right to give God        |  |
| alabanzas a Dios.                      | 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. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf
- 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 #163 ABERYSTWYTH  
**"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"**
- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Dr. Bush  
We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have  
poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a persistent source of blessing  
in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #547 AR HYDY NOS  
**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**
- \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Bush
- POSTLUDE Heinrich Reimann  
*Fugue on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*  
*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude,  
please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude  
has concluded.*



*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. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Jan Irvin  
Josh, Polly, Hallie and Claire Mattila  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Matt Stuftt  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Whitfield Lobby for our Fellowship Time, sponsored by ELPC's Christian Education Committee. All are welcome! Please follow the signs posted in the front of the Sanctuary leading to the location, or take the elevator to the ground floor.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

We would like to extend a special *Thank You!* to ELPC member Suzan Krauland and her business partner Carolyn Walker from *Bloom Brigade* for preparing the Sanctuary flowers to enhance our worship space.

♦ 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.  
*Jan 14* — 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.  
*Jan 14* — 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

The *Prayer Room* will re-open after the first floor renovations are completed. The Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer (barring a scheduled event).

## 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 Whitfield Lobby. 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 Feb 4 and 11 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. 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

### Special Fellowship Time

The Adult Education Committee is hosting today's special Fellowship Time after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome to join them for warm soup and great discussion in the Whitfield Lobby. Please follow the directional signs in the front of Sanctuary, or take the elevator to level G (ground floor).

### Communication Training for a Propaganda Era

Have you ever gotten into an argument with a friend or relative over current events and felt like you were talking to a wall? Join us after worship today in the 2nd floor Parlor to hear Dave Ninehouser from *Hear Yourself Think* offer a creative communication training that will help you cut through misinformation and conspiracy and have effective conversations with those who have been misled by propaganda. This is a follow-up presentation to the screening of the *Brainwashing of My Dad* during last summer's Mission Board film series. All are encouraged to attend! A light lunch will be served.

### Unhanging of the Greens

Please join us after today's Sanctuary service for *Unhanging of the Greens* when we will pack away our Christmas decorations for future use. Any amount of time you could help would be most appreciated! Thank you!

### 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 **Tucker Ferda**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



### Taizé Epiphany Procession – Jan 10

All are invited to join us for a special *Taizé Epiphany Procession* on Wednesday, Jan 10 at 7 pm. The procession will begin in the Chapel.

### Interfaith Panel on the Use of Sound in Faith – Jan 14

Our Christian life—like that of virtually every other faith—is saturated with sound. Bells call us to worship, we sing our praises to God, and are moved by beautiful anthems to the accompaniment of organ, piano, and other instruments. We clap our appreciation, utter aloud prayers and liturgy, and, of course, we listen to sermons, teachers, and the words of others.

Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the Social Hall on Sunday, Jan 14 from Noon-3 pm as we explore the science and spiritual dimensions of sound in our own tradition and that of other faiths. A light lunch is provided.

### LGBTQ Ministry – Jan 14

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be on Sunday, Jan 14 at 12:30 pm. See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

### Explore the Sanctuary & Chapel – Jan 14

Join us after worship on Sunday, Jan 14 at Noon for an architectural tour of our beautiful, Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel. Our guide will discuss these architectural styles, as well as the history and symbolism of these unique spaces. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.

### Nursery Open House – Jan 21

ELPC is a community that welcomes persons of all ages. In an effort to best minister to families with young children (birth through pre-school), we are hosting an *open house* in the 1st floor Nursery on Sunday, Jan 21, during the Church School hour (9:45–10:45 am). Gather with other families in a kid-friendly space for light refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to share ideas and insights about how ELPC can best meet the needs of families with young children. Please RSVP to Gloria Knopp by Wednesday, Jan 17 so that we have enough refreshments for everyone (GloriaK@coh.net).

### Young Adult Chant and Chat – Jan 24

Young adults are invited to *Chant and Chat* on Wednesday, Jan 24. Share an evening starting at the 7 pm Taizé service, then gather in the 2nd floor Parlor to share a snack and discussion about different worship styles. Please contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

### Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life – Jan 25

What do the universe and God have in common? If evolution is true, does that leave room for God? If I believe in God, does that mean I have to deny physics? Got questions? So do we! The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join them on the fourth Thursday of each month (Jan 25) from 6:30-8 pm for a shared discussion.

### Silent Retreat – Jan 26 to 28

Setting time apart for silence and reflection is a time honored tradition for gaining insight into one's own life and deepening one's own relationship with God. Join us from Jan 26-28 to share the silence with others on the journey at Kearns Spirituality Center near North Park from dinner on Friday evening until brunch on Sunday. Registration is required and includes an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The cost is \$135, but scholarship assistance is available. Please return completed registration forms (available in the Narthex) to the office of The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.



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

Maxwell Addy's mother Lillian,  
Gloria Barber, Tim Benedict,  
Carol Chontos' father David,  
Barbara DeWitt,  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary,  
Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,  
Jan Herzer's friends Mike, Dan and Nicole,  
Morris Jordan, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,  
Lee Lewand, Rachel Mackey's stepfather Haven,  
Nicole Molinaro's mother-in-law,  
Sharon Nicholson's friend Edward,  
Gail Noden, Dominic Odom's brother,  
Heather Schoenewolf's sister Erin,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,  
Pat Valoon, Tom Whalen's friends Dan and Ed,  
and Antwone Wright.

*Congratulations to Jose Luis and Chenoa Stock Claire  
on the birth of their son Leandro Aiden.*

*Condolences to Valire Carr Copeland on her mother's passing.*

*Condolences to the friends and family of Titi Ogiri on her passing.*

*Condolences to Kalyn Stevwing on her cousin's daughter's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach.....Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 250)  
NO Personnel ..... Tuesday  
Worship, Music & Arts..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 227)

### Confirmation Class Overnight Retreat – Jan 27 to 28

Our Confirmation Class overnight retreat at ELPC will be from 3 pm on Saturday, Jan 27 until after Journey worship on Sunday, Jan 28. During our time together, we will focus on discipleship through participation in the sacraments and mission.

### DG2! (Doing Good Together!) – Jan 28

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together! (DG2!)*—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—on Sunday, Jan 28 at ELPC from 12:30–3 pm. Serve in a variety of ways, make new friends, and have fun together, all while exploring this year's theme of *Building Together*. Lunch will be served.

### Looking for a way to put your 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).

◆ Meal Providers for Club 116 in 2018 ◆

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Support OHM's Marathon Team

Are you already thinking about a New Year's resolution and springtime? Open Hand Ministries (OHM) invites you to consider participating in OHM's 2018 *Marathon Fundraising Event* as a runner, relay team member, pasta party supporter, or financial sponsor! If you want to run as an individual, you can register now.

For details about how to raise money for OHM by running in the 2018 Pittsburgh Marathon, please email Zoe Hooley ([zoe.hooley@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.hooley@gmail.com)) or Emily Rosenthal ([EJR116@gmail.com](mailto:EJR116@gmail.com)). Join OHM's Marathon kick-off party at Hotel Indigo in East Liberty on Saturday, Jan 20!

### The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market will be open from 5–7:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month, and will continue to be open every Monday from 10 am–Noon.

As the weather gets colder, donations of winter coats and boots are needed.

To volunteer, please contact Linda and Harold Deiss ([deisslh@consolidated.net](mailto:deisslh@consolidated.net)).

The  
Chapel  
Market

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “When Someone Looks Different” led by Mark Roth and the Rev. Carol Divens

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – 1 Samuel 3:1–20; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Highland Rm)** – “Walking the Line Between Faith and Politics” led by Pastor Randy Bush

**Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm)** – A discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair and Steve Evrard

**Young Adult (Room 224)** – “Prayer Time” facilitated by Wil Forrest

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

**Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Rooms, teachers and curriculum information can be found at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)**