



# 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 14, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of *voluntaries* by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. **Mendelssohn's six sonatas**, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

The visible marks of extraordinary wisdom and power appear so plainly in all the works of creation that a rational creature who will but seriously reflect on them cannot miss the discovery of the deity. (John Locke)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Until the Cognitive Revolution (circa 70,000 BCE), the doings of all human species belonged to the realm of biology. From the Cognitive Revolution onwards, historical narratives replace biological theories as our primary means of explaining the development of Homo sapiens. To understand the rise of Christianity or the French Revolution, it is not enough to comprehend the interaction of genes, hormones and organisms. It is necessary to take into account the interaction of ideas, images and [stories] as well.”  
— Yuval Harari, *Sapiens*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Grave and Adagio (Sonata II)”

### 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 (from Psalm 139)

Mario Seneca

Leader: O Lord, you know us so well; you know our sitting down and our rising up. You discern our thoughts from afar.  
People: O God, you are acquainted with all our ways. There is not a word on our lips but you, O Lord, know it completely.  
Leader: If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. There is nowhere we can go to flee from your presence.  
People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. We are wonderfully and marvelously made.  
Leader: We rejoice in God’s providential care that has been with us from the dawn of time and continues with us this very day. Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

NICAEA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Holy God, you know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have not listened to your word nor have we followed your will. We have sinned against you, one another, and ourselves. Yet we seek ears to hear your wisdom and hearts open to serving all of your creation. Help us begin again this day with renewed strength and faithfulness. Lord, hear our prayer.

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In order to create there must be a dynamic force, and what force is more potent than love? (Igor Stravinsky)

Brian Wren composed the text for the hymn *Bring Many Names* to highlight that God is with us at all stages of life, that God is revealed through both genders and through the range of experiences we navigate as we grow older. Wren is the emeritus Professor of Worship from Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) in Decatur, GA.

*Adam lay ybounden* is a 15th century text relating to the events surrounding **Adam's fall in Genesis**. It opens with Adam in bondage for 4,000 years from his death through the crucifixion of Christ. It then tells how, if it were not for Adam eating the apple, there would have been no need for redemption through Jesus Christ being born of Mary, the heavenly queen. But, since he did eat the apple, we must now sing of that blessed moment, *Deo Gratias* - thanks be to God!

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #291 (please remain seated; vs. 1 only)

SPIRIT

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

(Refrain) Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing,

**"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."** (Refrain)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:7-18

Mario Seneca

LITANY IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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 #760 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

"Bring Many Names"

WESTCHASE

HEBREW READING

Genesis 2:4b-9

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Christ and Cavemen-part 1"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

*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.*

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

*We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Adam lay ybounden"

Robert Lehman

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long;  
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady abeen heavene queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:  
Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**  
Today I give you thanks  
for breath and life, for the  
people I will see today, for  
family, neighbors, and  
friends, and for those  
whose ways are  
challenging to my  
serenity. Help me to give  
thanks especially for the  
people who pull me to  
new understandings and  
show me sides of life that  
I have not known or have  
been reluctant to  
welcome. Urge me to  
follow you today wherever  
**you may lead; in Christ's**  
name. Amen.

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**  
The Spanish Protestant  
Reformer Juan de Valdes  
published his *Dialogue  
on Christian Doctrine*  
(1529); the Continental  
Congress ratified the  
Treaty of Paris which  
established the United  
States as an  
independent, sovereign  
nation (1784); FDR and  
Churchill opened a  
wartime conference in  
Casablanca (1943); civil  
rights leader and senator  
Julian Bond was born  
(1940) and tomorrow is  
the birthday of Martin  
Luther King, Jr. (1929).

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.
Leader:	Lord, as we experience the flow of history and move through the routine of our days, may our hearts be open to your call, our hands be responsive to the needs of all, and our gifts be generously given to serve according to your perfect will and guiding spirit. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #26

"Earth and All Stars!"

EARTH AND ALL STARS

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

"Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II)"

*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  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Mario Seneca  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolyte: Charlotte Brake-Hoffman  
Beadle: Lenore Williams  
Crucifer: Aveion LaVert  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Whitfield Lobby for our Fellowship Time. 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 21* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*Jan 21* — 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

### Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Whitfield Lobby for Fellowship Time after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome! Please follow the directional signs in the front of Sanctuary, or take the elevator to level G (ground floor).

### Interfaith Panel on the Use of Sound in Faith

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 today 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 will be provided.

### LGBTQ Ministry

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

### Explore the Sanctuary & Chapel

Join us after this morning's 11 am worship service 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.

### 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* and *Sanctuary* services DOD is Susan Spangler.



### Nursery Open House — Jan 21

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).

### Special Music Next Sunday — Jan 21

Next Sunday's 11 am worship service will feature special musicians — a string quartet, violin soloist, and a flute soloist who is also a Hope Academy teaching artist. They will be performing with our choir as well as performing Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto #5* with Pastor Randy at the Prelude and Offertory. Please join us!

### Having an Energy Efficient Home: Open House — Jan 21

ELPC members Lucy de Barbaro and Ayres Freitas are holding an *Open House* for anyone interested in learning how to make their house more efficient and comfortable. Their residence, located at 2883 Fernwald Rd in Squirrel Hill, is built to Passive House standards, the most stringent energy efficiency standard in the world. Their electricity and heating bill combined was only \$79 in December. However, the same principles could be applied in smaller measures to improve existing homes. Their *Open House* for ELPC parishioners will be held from 12:30-4 pm on Sunday, Jan 21. All interested people are welcome.

### 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

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you on the fourth Thursday of each month (Jan 25) from 6:30-8 pm for a shared discussion about *Faith, Science and Our Spiritual Life*.



Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love. And no virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint; therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

— Reinhold Niebuhr, *The Irony of History*



*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,  
Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy's brother Christopher,  
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,  
Cami Teacoach's father, 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 the family of former ELPC employee  
Rob Brown on his passing.*

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

### Committee Meetings This Week

The church will be closed until 7 pm tomorrow in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Justice ..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 227)*  
Planned Giving..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Trustees' Rm)*  
Youth & Young Adult..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)*  
Session..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Makers' Space-Rm 234)*

### 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.

### 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 (8 dates still open) ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Circles East Liberty Open House – Jan 16

*Circles East Liberty* invites the community to an *Open House* on Tuesday, Jan 16 from 6-8 pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church to learn how they equip individuals and families to permanently move out of poverty. Food and childcare are provided. RSVP for this free event to Jodi (Jodi.Salant@eastliberty.org; 412.361.8061 x10).

### Support OHM's Marathon Team – Jan 20

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) will again be participating in the Pittsburgh Marathon, inviting individuals to run to support the work OHM does to work for justice in our communities through home-ownership. This year our marathon will be a *Home Run*. You are invited to our marathon kickoff event on Saturday, Jan 20 from 3–5 pm at Wallace Tap Room (Highland Ave). We'll share from our experience last year, answer any questions you may have, and provide opportunities to register. All levels of runners are welcome! There are options from 3 miles to the whole marathon. If you prefer supporting from the sidelines, volunteer in our cheer station or help with their pasta party.

There will be refreshments, door prizes, and lots of enthusiasm. For more info, please contact Zoë Huelsman (zoehuelsman@gmail.com), or check out their Facebook event.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

#### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “Racial Identification and Social Justice” led by Mark Roth and the Rev. Carol Divens

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Jonah 3:1–5,10; Psalm 62:5–12; 1 Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Highland Rm)** – “The Politics of Jesus in the Gospels” led by Dr. Tucker Ferda

**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, Pam Napier-Barnes and Judy Roberts

#### ♦ 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)