



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 21, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of new visions,
we pray for people
highly placed in power
and for the lowly victims
of those in power, that
both may always focus
their eyes on you.
Through Christ and your
Holy Spirit, bring us into
the new world that you
are shaping even as this
world is passing away.
Amen.

BLESSING:
May the God of second
chances renew your
sense of call and inspire
you to go out and share
the good news of
forgiveness and hope!

TIME OF PREPARATION

"And God stepped out on space,
And he looked around and said:

I'm lonely – I'll make me a world."

— James Weldon Johnson, *The Creation*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major, BWV 1050"

II. Affetuoso and III. Allegro

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Margaret Edgecombe

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 62)

David Carl

Leader: God is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

People: Our hope is from God, our mighty rock and refuge.

Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.

People: For power belongs to our Creator God, and steadfast love comes from the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #611

HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Forgiving God, you have known us through the ages long. You have called to us, but we do not listen. You have shown us your path, but we prefer our own way. You have desired what is best for us, but we seek what is best for ourselves, even when it harms others. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to **you, that we might ever be agents of mercy and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Though so much changes in the world around us, God is steadfast and can be counted on to preserve and protect us always. Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

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The biologist J.B.S. Haldane was asked this by a theologian: "What inference might one draw about the nature of God from a study of God's works?" Haldane replied, "An inordinate fondness for beetles."

Composer Tom Fettke's (b. 1941) frequently performed setting of Psalm 8, *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*, was composed in 1979. For many years he was a teacher and church musician in California, and now resides in Brentwood, TN.

J.S. Bach's employer received a new, two-manual harpsichord in 1719. This *Brandenburg Concerto*, with its concerto-like long cadenza in the first movement, was intended to show off the features of the new instrument. There are six *Brandenburg Concertos* in all. Bach (1685-1750) presented them to Christian Ludwig, Margrave of Brandenburg-Schwedt, in 1721.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #650 (*please remain seated*)

ANCIENT BEAUTY

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"

O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
Divine and Holy Presence, my being sings to you,
In gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
O beauty in creation, in world of sound and sight,
O beauty in the silence, in darkness as in light,
In gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
O beauty that is movement in liquid line of grace,
O beauty that is stillness in lovely form or face,
In gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
O beauty of the Spirit where love is shining through,
O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
In gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Tom Fettke

text based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?

You have given us a crown of glory and honor, and have made us a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what are we? Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, And so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HEBREW READING

Genesis 1:26-31

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Christ and Cavemen-part 2"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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. Schoenewolf

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

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major, BWV 1050"

I. Allegro

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
Anabaptists (who broke from Ulrich Zwingli and the Swiss Protestant Reformers) performed their first baptisms on this day (1525); African American Benjamin Banneker assisted in the planning of Washington, D.C. (1793); the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) broadcasted its first program from London (1929); Eric Holder, the first African American U.S. Attorney General was born (1951); and President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders (1977).

Mozart (1756-1791) wrote seventeen Church Sonatas, also referred to as *Epistle Sonatas*. They were intended to be played during the mass between the Epistle and Gospel lessons.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
Margaret Edgecombe

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:	Through all generations, O Lord, we have been wonderfully made and generously provided for. We dedicate these offerings as we dedicate our lives to you, that through them the world may know peace, healing, and grace. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #757

KINGSFOLD

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Church Sonata in D, KV 69”

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
Liturgy: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
David Carl, Margaret Edgecombe
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Monique Mead, *violin*
Brittany Trotter, *flute*
The Giambelli String Quartet:
Mairi Cooper, Tami Pederson, *violins*
Louise Farbman, *viola*
Kathleen Melucci, *cello*
Acolytes: David Bellin and Elliott Stephany
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

After 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, 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 28 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Jan 28 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.

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).

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* DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.

Nursery Open House

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 this morning 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.

Having an Energy Efficient Home: Open House

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 from 12:30-4 pm today. 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*.

ELPC to Co-Sponsor Upcoming

WQED Programs – Jan 25, 29 and Feb 27

✦ Authentic Lives

Thursday, Jan 25 at 8 pm and Monday, Jan 29 at 7:30 pm

This locally-produced special program addresses challenges, advances and setbacks faced by the LGBTQ community in Pittsburgh. It includes a feature report on Persad's Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art annual auction, and a frank, informative panel discussion on gay life in our region.

✦ We'll Meet Again: Coming Out

Tuesday, Feb 27 at 8 pm

Join Ann Curry as those whose lives were changed by the early days of the gay rights movement reunite. Tom wants to find the childhood friend who urged him to come out, while Paul seeks a fellow student who inspired him to stand up for his beliefs.

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.

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.

Special Fellowship Time – Jan 28

On Sunday, Jan 28 ELPC's Justice Committee will sponsor our Fellowship Time. There will be an opportunity to write letters to our legislators and/or petition them to reauthorize the *Children's Health Insurance Program* (CHIP). CHIP is for working families who can't afford to pay the full cost of health insurance from their employer for both themselves and their children; and provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid. Each state offers CHIP coverage, and works closely with its state Medicaid program. This program serves close to 9 million children. It was last reauthorized by Congress in 2015, but has since expired.



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

Gloria Barber,
Carol Chontos' father David,
Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy's brother Christopher,
Lee Lewand, Nicole Molinaro's mother-in-law,
Gail Noden, Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, and Pat Valoon.

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.

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

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. Lunch will be served.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Feb 11

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be on Sunday, Feb 11 at 5 pm when we will have a potluck dinner to begin our time together. See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins to Visit – Feb 11

Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins to ELPC on Sunday, Feb 11. The Rev. Hawkins will speak at a combined adult Church School class in the *Good Samaritan Room* (formerly known as the Small Dining Room) at 9:45 am, and then lead our 11 am Sanctuary worship service. He currently serves as director of the PC (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC.



Ash Wednesday Events – Feb 14

On Wednesday, Feb 14, the season of Lent will begin with our *Ash Wednesday* service at Noon, featuring the imposition of ashes, led by Pastor Randy in the Chapel. Following the service, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Heather Hartung Vacek as our guest speaker. A simple lunch will be provided. The Rev. Dr. Vacek joined the faculty at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2012, and became vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty/associate professor of church history in 2016.

That evening, please join us for a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service at 7 pm. The service will offer sung and spoken prayer, scripture reading and silence, an opportunity for individual prayer, anointing, and the imposition of ashes.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Choolaah's Grand Opening Benefits EECM – Jan 26

Join *Choolaah Indian BBQ* on Friday, Jan 26 between 11 am–10 pm for their grand opening. A portion of every purchase that day will be donated to EECM! One meal purchased during *Choolaah's* grand opening will allow EECM to provide five meals to Pittsburghers in need. *Choolaah* is located at 6114 Centre Ave (East Liberty). There is 45 minutes of free parking next door on Annie Place off Centre Ave.

Dementia Caregiver Workshop – Feb 17

There will be a *Dementia Caregiver Workshop* on Saturday, Feb 17 from 1–3:30 pm at Steel City Improv Theater (5950 Ellsworth Ave). Visit www.agreeingtoremember.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 28 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “The Invaluable Contributions of African Americans to Presbyterianism” led by The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Highland Rm) – “Were We Founded As A Christian Nation?” led by Elder Peter Gilmore

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, Linda Harrington and David Carl

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Rooms, teachers and curriculum information can be found at www.ELPC.church

Committee Meeting This Week

Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

Visit the iSERVE webpage at 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) ♦