



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 28, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dr. Gerre Edward Hancock (1934-2012) was Organist and Choirmaster at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City, for over 30 years. His *Air for Organ* was composed in 1963 and features a variety of solo sounds on the organ as well the full dynamic range available from the softest sounds to almost full organ.

PRAYER:
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Jesus Christ, teach us your new justice and unite us into one. Holy Spirit, touch the hearts of those who have power. Let them realize the greatness of the responsibility they have taken upon themselves and lead them to set right the broken relationships between people and nations. May they turn all their strength and ability toward creating a better world which provides sufficiently for all people on earth.”

— *Women of Czechoslovakia in Women of Prayer*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Air for Organ”

Gerre Hancock

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 (Psalm 111:1-3, 5, 9)

Barbara Griffin

Leader: I will give thanks to God with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Let us praise God together!

Leader: For great are the works of God, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Let us praise God together!

Leader: God’s work is full of honor, majesty and enduring righteousness. For God cares for the needs of God’s people, and has sent redemption to God’s people.

People: Let us praise God together – with thanksgiving, hope, and love!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #307

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kalyn Stewwing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kalyn Stewwing

Holy and powerful God, you heal us in our brokenness, comfort those in distress, casting out all that is destructive and offering us new life. We confess that too often we fail to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject that which is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. In your goodness, forgive us, lead us, and **make us new. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
African American sculptor Richmond Barthé was born (1901); the U.S. ended direct control over Cuba a decade after the end of the Spanish-American War (1909); American artist Jackson Pollock was born (1912); the Coast Guard was created (1915); Louis D. Brandeis was appointed to the Supreme Court, becoming the first Jewish person to serve in this role (1916); and Matthew Henson, the first African American Arctic explorer, received a medal from Congress as co-discoverer of the North Pole (1944).

Hugo Distler (1908-1942) was a German organist, composer, teacher, and conductor. *Praise to the Lord* is one of three short choral motets written in 1933.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Kalyn Stewwing

Leader: God came to us in Christ to bring freedom – from sin, from suffering, and from death. Christ offers new life to all of us. In him we are forgiven, healed and redeemed. 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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #654 (please sing 3 times; remain seated)

IN THE LORD

“In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful”

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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 #751

“From the Nets of Our Labor”

HAMILTON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Public Witness”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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. Dr. Bush

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

“Praise to the Lord”

Hugo Distler

Text based on Glory to God hymn #35, vs. 1-2.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;
praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. A-men.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER:

Holy God, you confound
the world's wisdom in
giving your kingdom to
the lowly and the pure in
heart. Give us such a
hunger and thirst for
justice and by
perseverance in striving
for peace, that by our
words and deeds the
world may see the
promise of your kingdom
revealed in Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Jean-Joseph Mouret
(1682-1738) was a
leading composer in
France during the
Baroque era. The
Fanfare-Rondeau heard
this morning is from
Mouret's first of two
Suites de symphonies
and was composed in
1729. It is best known to
modern audiences as the
theme from *Masterpiece
Theatre* on PBS.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: Gracious God, we offer these gifts and the whole of ourselves, that by
your grace we might work together for your vision of peace, justice and
love. May our witness reflect your goodness and our lives bring hope to
all who are hurting. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amen.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

McKEE

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

"Fanfare-Rondeau"

Jean-Joseph Mouret

*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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Barbara Griffin
Kalyn Stewing
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Annie Cowen and Brianna Hackett
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Aveion LeVert
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

ELPC's Justice Committee will sponsor our Fellowship Time today in the Whitfield Lobby. There will be an opportunity to write letters to our legislators and/or petition them to extend the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* (DACA) program. All are welcome! Please follow the signs posted in the front of the Sanctuary, or take the elevator to the ground floor.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Huber and Mr. Harry M. Huber.

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday.

◆ 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.
Feb 4 — 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.
Feb 4 — 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Special Fellowship Time

ELPC's Justice Committee will sponsor our Fellowship Time today in the Whitfield Lobby (ground floor). There will be a letter writing/petition signing/tweet advocacy campaign to support the DACA/DreamAct. Please join us to find out how you can best lend your support. We will have the materials you need and some light snacks.

DG2! (Doing Good Together!)

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!)—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—at ELPC from 12:30–3 pm today. Serve in a variety of ways, make new friends, and have fun together. Lunch will be served. See Sara Hackett immediately after the Sanctuary service if interested in participating.

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 **Mary Evrard**

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Rick Frederick**.



Young Adult Retreat – RSVP by Feb 1

All young adults are invited to the annual *Camp Crestfield Retreat* from Friday, Feb 16 at 6 pm to 2 pm on Sunday, Feb 18. Our time will be spent in a cozy cottage with wonderful people, meditations, nature galore, games, plenty-o-snacks, worship and much more. The focus will be our shared narratives through different perspectives. There will be a \$50 fee that includes everything (limited scholarships available). The final RSVP is Feb 1 to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Middle School Hangout Night – Feb 2

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited for *Manicures and Macaroni*, as well as general hanging out at ELPC on Friday, Feb 2 from 6–8 pm. Bring your favorite nail polish color, game, or dessert! Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

TRAIL Event: First Friday @ The “Moth” – Feb 2

The next TRAIL *First Friday* young adult event will be on Feb 2 at 7 pm at Repair the World (6022 Broad St, 15206). Kick back for an evening of personal stories and share in the tradition of *The Moth*—centered around the evening's theme of “second chances.” If you have a 5-minute story to share, please contact Wil Forrest in advance. Open mic stories will be invited as time allows.

OHM Work Day – Feb 3

Join ELPC and Open Hand Ministries (OHM) on Saturday, Feb 3 for a *Work Day!* They will rehab two properties. No special skills are needed, just a willing heart. Hope you can join us! For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

You are Invited to the WQED/ELPC Watch Brunch – Feb 3

ELPC will co-sponsor the upcoming WQED shows regarding the LGBTQ community in Pittsburgh:

✦ Authentic Lives (Monday, Jan 29, 7:30 pm)

This locally-produced special program addresses challenges, advances and setbacks faced by the LGBTQ community in Pittsburgh.

✦ We'll Meet Again: Coming Out (Tuesday, Feb 27, 8 pm)

Join Ann Curry as those whose lives were changed by the early days of the gay rights movement reunite.

Watch them when they air, or join the *Watch Brunch* from 10 am–1 pm on Saturday, Feb 3 at the home of Michele and Henk Bossers in Wilkinsburg! We'll enjoy brunch, watch the first two parts of the program, and share stimulating conversation. To learn more or to RSVP, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554; Wil@coh.net) by Jan 31. Free to all and all are welcome!

PW Bible Study – Feb 5 and 6

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Feb 5 at 7 pm and/or Tuesday, Feb 6 at 10 am for their Bible Study *In Community with the Reality of the Present!* Tuesday's session will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring your own place setting. All are welcome!

Open Hand Ministries Circles Dinner – Feb 6

ELPC will provide dinner to OHM (Open Hand Ministries) families who gather to work on their goals of homeownership on Tuesday, Feb 6. Please consider donating a side dish, salad or dessert. Meet the families, see what Circles participants do at a typical Tuesday meeting, and help serve the meal! Contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com; 443.783.7203) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net) for more details.

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.





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

Yodit Betru's mother, Carol Chontos' father David,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary and his family,
Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy's brother Christopher,
Lee Lewand, Deborah Marx's friend Chris,
Nicole Molinaro's mother-in-law,
Gail Noden, Rhonda Perroz's brother Gary,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Kalyn Stevwing's friend Megan and her family,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, and Pat Valoon.

Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund.....Monday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)
Mission Board (anti-racism plan)..Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 250)

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!

Jewish Chant – Feb 11

Join us for a time of learning, worship, and community on Sunday, Feb 11. David Goldstein will be teaching us about and leading us in *Jewish Chant*. Join us in the 3rd floor Music Room following the Sanctuary service. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome!

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, discussing recent Protestant faith responses to the challenge of mental illness. 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, join us for a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service at 7 pm, offering sung and spoken prayer, scripture reading, silence, an opportunity for individual prayer, anointing, and the imposition of ashes.



Looking for a way to put your 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).

♦ weSERVE List (in a pinch helpers) ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



The Human Library Storytelling Training – RSVP by Jan 31

Pittsburgh's *Human Library* is an initiative for social change based on the power of one's personal story. The event focuses around individuals' behavioral health experiences. Join them and listen to the stories of persons living with, in recovery from, and in support of individuals with behavioral health concerns. The next *Storyteller* training for the *Human Library* will be held on Thursday, Feb 1 at 4 pm at Carnegie Library (East Liberty Branch). Storytellers will receive a gift card, bus pass, and lunch for their time and energy. To RSVP or for more info, please contact Amanda Woodside (awoodside@consumerhealthcoalition.org; 412.456.1877 x211). Educate and impact another!

The Egyptian Church Post-Arab Presentation – Feb 3

President of the Protestant Churches of Egypt, the Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki, will speak at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave) at 10 am on Saturday, Feb 3. Dr. Zaki is a powerful, balanced voice in a complex and rapidly changing Egyptian context where the Christian churches are poised between a military government and the Muslim Brotherhood. Refreshments will follow the program. Please RSVP to wmi@pts.edu to attend, or call 412.924.1449 for more info.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 4 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Africa and the Bible” led by Pastor Patrice

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20; 1 Cor 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Highland Rm) – “Empowering the Lives of Families and Youth in Homewood” led by Rashad Byrdsong, founder of Community Empowerment Assoc

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by Steve Evrard, Michelle Bard and Liz Gonda

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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