



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)

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* is believed to have been composed at two separate times in Bach's life. The fugue was probably composed during Bach's years in Weimar (1708-1717) and later paired with the prelude, written in Leipzig around 1730. Together they create a powerful pair.

Faith is much better than belief. Belief is when someone else does the thinking. (Buckminster Fuller)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Everlasting God: You have been here from the foundations of the earth. Bless me with a sense of purpose. As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. When the day shall end, with all its gifts and failings, transform it by your grace into time spent to your purposes. Be with me in my waking and sleeping, now and forevermore. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"And now unto the One who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to God be power and authority, forever and ever. Amen."

— *Benediction often used by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 (from Isaiah 40)

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard? Has not the good news been told to us since the beginning?

People: **We affirm that those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

Leader: We affirm that those who wait for the Lord shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not feel faint.

People: **Let us worship together the God who sustains, the Christ who redeems, and the Spirit who gives us confidence, hope and joy.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366

HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Holy and all-gracious God, you intercede on behalf of all creation, comforting those in distress, and casting out destructive forces; we confess that we have been unable to do your will. We cling to what is familiar and hold back from stepping out in faith. We excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are with us and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new, O Triune God, Mother of us all. Hear now our prayers of intercession for your world...

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The *Madonna of Loretto* or *Pilgrim's Madonna* is a famous painting (1604–1606) by the Italian Baroque master **Caravaggio**, located in the Cavalletti Chapel of the church of Sant'Agostino in Rome.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought has promised to forgive you all your sin. 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 #834 (*please remain seated*)

PRECIOUS LORD

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Congregation sings verse 1:

**Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Soloist: When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Congregation sings verse 2:

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

I Corinthians 9:16-23

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 #796**

LAND OF REST

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Public Witness, Private Faith"

*** 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*)

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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William L. Dawson's (1899-1990) arrangements of African-American spirituals have become staples of the choral literature in the United States and around the world. Many of these arrangements were prepared while he was on the faculty of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

When we come to it, we must confess that we are the possible; we are the miraculous, the true wonder of this world. That is when, and only when we come to it. (Maya Angelou)

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America (1783); after the election of Abraham Lincoln, six Southern states immediately seceded and formed the Confederate States of America (1861); Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor and theologian, was born in Germany (1905); and "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" Rosa Parks was born (1913).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "There Is A Balm in Gilead" arr. William Dawson
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
 Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
 But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
 If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."*

* **DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION** OLD HUNDREDTH
The communion bread is presented by Vince Ponder and Kirk Palmer.
**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. Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Patrice L. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Dr. Bush 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 #536 SURGE ECCLESIA
 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
We give thanks to you, O God, for the blessings you share with us – as we live together in community, and as we worship you privately in our homes. Use these gifts to spread your gospel into all the world that all people may know your healing, gracious mercy. In Christ's name. Amen.

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN #372** "O For a World" AZMON

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE "Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546" Johann Sebastian Bach

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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
 Henry and Lisa Petrilli
 Soloists: Carly Noel Black
 David Jennings-Smith
 Jon Erik Schreiber
 Denise Sheffey-Powell
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
 Music Director
 Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Acolyte: Eliott Stephany
 Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Laura Ristau
 Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our Fellowship Time after the service in the Whitfield Lobby for a *Hackett Family Celebration!* Follow the signs posted in the front of the Sanctuary, or take the elevator to the ground floor. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

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 11 — 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.
Feb 11 — The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C., 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* today and next Sunday in the 2nd floor Parlor to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (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

All are invited to a special reception during today's Fellowship Time to celebrate Sara Hackett's adoption of Brianna, which was finalized in December. There will be treats and an opportunity to congratulate Sara and Brianna.

Inquirers' Classes

If you're interested in joining our faith community, join us in the 2nd floor Parlor after the 11 am worship service today and next Sunday and learn what it means to become an ELPC member or friend. These classes are a great chance to hear from church members and our pastoral staff about what it means to be a person of faith, and the ministry and vision of our church. Lunch will be provided. Call Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x122) to register for next week, or see Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service to join us in today's class.

If you attend ELPC's 8:45 am Journey service, a special *Inquirers' Class* will be held after that service on Sunday, March 4 from 9:45-10:45 am.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Tucker Ferda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



Young Adult Retreat – RSVP Today!

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. There will be a \$50 fee that includes everything (limited scholarships available). While original RSVP was due Feb 1, there is still space. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

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.

Knitting Group – Feb 6

The *Knitting Group* will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday, Feb 6. New helpers of all skill levels are welcomed. Contact Diane Jackson (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

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.



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!

DG2! (Doing Good Together!) – Feb 11

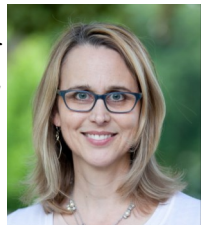
Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together! (DG2!)*—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—for a monthly service project from 12:30-3 pm on Sunday, Feb 11. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

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!

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 health. 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.



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

Yodit Betru's mother,
John Buckley's mentee,
Carol Chontos' father,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend,
David Greenberg, Joe Hajdu, Mary Ruth Johnson,
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Gail Noden,
Rhonda Perroz's brother, Erin Starzynski's mother,
Kalyn Stevwing's aunt,
Cami Teacoach's father, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Robert Brown (former ELPC employee) on his passing. A brief memorial service for him will be held on Wednesday, Feb 7 at 9:30 am in the Chapel.



*Condolences to John Buckley on his mother's passing.
Condolences to Deborah Marx on her friend's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Planning Giving..... Today, 12:15 pm (Trustees' Mtg Rm)
Justice (climate advocacy).... Monday, 2:00 pm (Trustees' Mtg Rm)
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 250)

Middle School Hangout Night – Feb 16

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited for *Manicures, Masks and Macaroni*, as well as general hanging out at ELPC on Friday, Feb 16 from 6-8 pm. Bring your favorite nail polish color, game, or dessert! Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Ashley DeTar Birt Ordination – Feb 18

Ashley DeTar Birt grew up as a member of ELPC, and has now been approved for ordination in the PC(USA). Her ordination service will be in the ELPC Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb 18 at 3 pm. Ashley will be serving as the *Pastoral Fellow for Youth and Families* at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in NYC. Please join us for this special ordination!



Explore the Sanctuary and Chapel – Feb 18

Join us following worship on Sunday, Feb 18 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.

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



Domestic Violence Panel Discussion – Feb 10

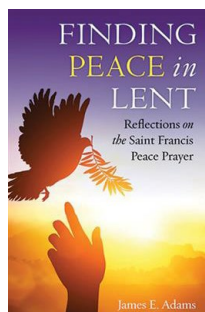
Valley View Presbyterian Church (601 N Aiken, 15206) will present *A Domestic Violence Panel Discussion* on Saturday, Feb 10 from Noon-3 pm. Lunch is provided. All are welcome to this free event. For more info, please visit <https://valleyview412.org>.

Urban League Sunday – Feb 11

Urban League Sunday will be held on Feb 11 at 3:30 pm at Central Baptist Church (2200 Wylie Ave, 15219). Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie will be the keynote speaker. All are welcome to attend this free event launching their centennial year.

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.



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS Available Feb 11

The Christian Education Committee will be providing devotionals to guide us during the Lenten season. The devotionals will be available on



Sunday, Feb 11. For more info, visit www.ELPC.church.

Congregational Meeting – Feb 25

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Feb 25 in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting in which reports and financial budgets will be reviewed. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers (elders, deacons, Centennial Fund member) will also be voted on. Copies of our *Annual Report* will be available on Sundays, Feb 18 and 25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 11 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Combined Adult Church School Class

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, our guest from the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, will speak at a combined adult Church School class in the Good Samaritan Room (formerly known as the Small Dining Room).