



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

Ludwig Maurer (1789-1878) was a conductor, composer, and violinist. He was born in Potsdam, Germany, but moved to Russia in 1806 at the age of 17. He is considered to be both a German and Russian composer. He died in St. Petersburg.

Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, your tender compassion towards me. The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labor for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(Sir Thomas More, 16th century)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is that foundational belief, I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper, that makes this country work. It's what allows us to pursue our individual dreams and yet still come together as one American family. E pluribus unum. Out of many, one."

— President Barack H. Obama

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Allegro Grazioso"  
"My Spirit Be Joyful"

Ludwig Maurer/Robert Nagel  
J.S. Bach/Harry Herforth

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50)

Kira Mukogosi

Leader: The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to gather together the loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with the Lord.

Leader: Call upon the Lord in the day of trouble. God has said, "I will deliver you and you shall honor me."

People: Let us offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving this day to honor God and **to abide in the way of the Lord's salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Callahan

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you — to hide our faces, to hide our sin — yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you — in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops — yet you have already revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The Pennsylvania Hospital opened as the very first hospital in America (1752); a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary near Lourdes (1858); the Lateran Treaty was signed and Italy recognized the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City (1929); Ruth Carol Taylor was the first black woman to become a stewardess by making her initial flight (1958); and Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity (1990).

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950) is a conductor and composer of sacred music. A native of Alabama, he has one hymn tune included in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #226.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

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!

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #656 (remain seated)

THIS FAR BY FAITH

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

**We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in the holy Word; God's never failed us yet.  
O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.  
We've come this far by faith.**

GOSPEL LESSON

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Matthew 5:22-26

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 #190

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

GENEVA

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 4:8-16

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

SERMON

"We Are Our Brother's, Our Sister's Keeper"

The Rev. Hawkins

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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. Fowler-Searcy

*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

"The Glory of Christ"

K. Lee Scott

*text from Revelation 1:12-16, alt.*

*You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your Church appearing,  
All girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing;  
Your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.*

*Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation;  
With everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation;  
You search us still with eyes of flame, you know and call us all by name:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.*

*O risen Christ, today alive, amid your Church abiding,  
Who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing,  
We join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.*

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

**BORN TODAY:**  
Lydia Maria Child,  
American author,  
journalist and abolitionist  
(Juvenile Miscellany),  
born in Medford,  
Massachusetts (1802);  
Thomas Alva Edison,  
inventor and  
businessman, whose  
inventions included the  
phonograph, the motion  
picture camera, and a  
long-lasting, practical  
electric light bulb (1847);  
Farouk I, Cairo, last King  
of Egypt (1920; reign  
dates: 1936-52); Manuel  
Noriega, Panamanian  
general and dictator,  
born in Panama City,  
Panama (1938; reign  
dates: 1983-89); and Otis  
Lee Clay, American R&B  
and soul singer, who  
started in gospel music  
and was inducted into the  
Blues Hall of Fame  
(1942).

Aaron David Miller  
(b. 1972) is Director of  
Music/Organist at The  
House of Hope  
Presbyterian Church in  
St. Paul, Minnesota. The  
tune *Deo Gracias*, also  
known as *The Agincourt  
Song* is found three times  
in our *Glory to God*  
hymnal, #189, 258, 618.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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:	Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As these offerings and gifts go forth from this place, may they serve the One who is the image of your glory, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #772

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Hawkins

POSTLUDE

"Deo Gracias"

Aaron David Miller

*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. Jimmie Hawkins  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
 The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
 Kira Mukogosi  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 Michael Painter, *organ accompanist*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
 Sam Eisenhandler, *trumpet*  
 David Gardner, *trumpet*  
 Rana Jurjus, *horn*  
 Morgan Wynn, *trombone*  
 John Caughman, *tuba*  
 Acolytes: Ian Kuchera and  
 Charlotte Brake-Hoffman  
 Beadle: Lenore William  
 Crucifer: Josh Bellin  
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our Fellowship Time after the service in the Whitfield Lobby. 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 18* — 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.  
*Feb 18* — 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*** today 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 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

### ELPC Welcomes The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins!

Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins to ELPC today. 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.

### Inquirers' Class

If you're interested in joining our faith community, join us in the 2nd floor Parlor after the 11 am worship service today 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. See Pastor Heather 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.

### Jewish Chant

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

### DG2! (Doing Good Together!)

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 today. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net) to participate.

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be today 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!

### 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. During the 11 am Sanctuary service, the DOD will be seated in the East Transept wearing a Deacon stole. Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Rick Frederick**.

### 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).

### Sewing Group — Feb 15

Join the *Sewing Group* from 3-8 pm on Thursday, Feb 15 to sew bags, clothing, baby items and other charity items. Drop by before starting dinner, or bring a brown bag meal and come from work. Stay as long as you can, or take a project to complete at home. All ages and experience levels are welcome! Please contact Diane Jackson for more info (dnjcks@verizon.net).

### 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).



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 Prince, Carol Chontos' father,  
Valire Copeland's friend McKinley,  
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary,  
Joe Hajdu, Mike Hellman's sister Renee,  
Mary Ruth Johnson, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,  
Gail Noden, Rhonda Perroz's brother Gary,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,  
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, and Pat Valoon.

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

### Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors ..... Today, 12:15 pm (Session Rm)  
Personnel..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)  
Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 227)

### 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 the Sanctuary and Chapel. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.

### Tween Game Night – Feb 23

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to *Tween Game Night* on Friday, Feb 23 from 6–8 pm to play board games and in the gym. Dinner will be served and friends are welcome! Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

### Congregational Meeting – Feb 25

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following the 11 am service 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.

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x114).

♦ Sanctuary Care Team ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Chili Dinner to Benefit Belle Voci – Feb 24

*Belle Voci* is a local community based intergenerational women's choir blending service and song to support causes that primarily affect women. They are hosting a chili dinner on Saturday, Feb 24 at Faith United Methodist Church (261 West Chapel Ridge Rd, 15238) with two seating times (4:45–5:45 pm and 6:15–7:15 pm). *Belle Voci* will perform from 5:50–6:10 pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a bowl of chili with toppings (beef, chicken or vegetarian/vegan), veggies, beverages and dessert. Carry out will be available. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at [www.bellevocipgh.com](http://www.bellevocipgh.com).

### Clean Air Council Study Group Forming at ELPC

In 2016, the American Lung Association rated Allegheny County as the 8th worst in the country for year-round pollution, and the 14th worst for the number of days with unhealthy particle levels when air quality is especially dangerous. The *Clean Air Council* is seeking participants for a small study group to be formed in ELPC. Under *CAC* guidance, the group will learn about Pittsburgh's air pollution, its history, sources, impact on health, etc., and what can be done about it. The plan is to meet once a month for 1.5–2 hours for 9 months to complete a nine month curriculum. If interested, please contact Evalynn Welling at (412.654.8486; [ewelling2011@gmail.com](mailto:ewelling2011@gmail.com)).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 18 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race” led by Jan Irvin

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Highland Rm)** – “Christianity and the Black Experience in America” led by Pastor Patrice

**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 Pam Napier-Barnes

♦ 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)