



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 25, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

For over 30 years
Dr. Gerre Edward
Hancock (1934-2012)
was Organist and
Choirmaster at
St. Thomas Episcopal
Church, New York City.
Dr. Ed Moore studied
with him at the Eastman
School of Music. The
tune *Schönster Herr
Jesu (Beautiful Savior)* is
based on a Silesian folk
song from the early
19th Century.

Truth is powerful,
and it prevails.
(Sojourner Truth)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Life is a hard battle anyway. If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me."
— Sojourner Truth

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Schönster Herr Jesu" (*Beautiful Savior*) Gerre Hancock
"Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Dan R. Edwards

*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 Kalyn Stewwing
Leader: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.
People: God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.
Leader: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.
People: **God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.**
Leader: God bids us to be obedient to divine will so we might know true freedom.
People: We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth. We root our faith in worship seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #767 SAN ANSELMO
"Together We Serve"

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Schoenewolf
God of compassion, you know how we rebel against you. You know how we doubt and fear and hold back, when you call us to freedom and to partnership in Jesus Christ. God, forgive us. Free us by the power of your cross, that we may serve you without fear. Grant us your peace, through Jesus Christ, who was faithful to the end. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:
On this journey of life,
O God, be our
companion, be our guide.
Show us where to go.
Wherever we are, in the
journey from birth to
death, grant us your
peace. We thank you for
each other, our
companions in the
journey of faith. We pray
for those with whom we
travel on this planet as it
makes its rounds of the
sun. Bring us together to
a new world of peace,
through Jesus Christ,
who lived and died that
all might be one. Amen.

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
wrote the text of *My Faith
Looks Up to Thee* in
1830 while he was
teaching in New York,
just after graduating from
Yale. This hymn was
written as a personal
response to the
realization of what Christ
meant to the author. It is
a prayer, acknowledging
that Jesus Christ is the
only source of
forgiveness, love,
comfort, and salvation.
Though the hymn
originally had six
stanzas, only four were
ever published.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #775 (*remain seated; sung a capella; vs. 1 and 2*) WALK WITH ME
“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

LITANY FOR PEACE Remembering Sojourner Truth

ANTHEM “All Good Gifts” arr. Susan T. Nelson

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Ali Fromm, Bill Laboon, Mario Seneca, Len Yoo and Sung Yoo

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.*

* HYMN #178 “The Woman Hiding in the Crowd” SIMMONS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 5:25-34 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON “Such a Long Way to Go” The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. Dr. 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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Roy Ringwald
*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.
May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.
While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll,
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I for embracing the Protestantism of her father (1570); George Washington held his first cabinet meeting at Mount Vernon (1792); Hiram Revels is elected as the first African American to the US Senate, representing Mississippi (1870); United States Steel Corporation was incorporated by J. P. Morgan (1901); Nicaraguans went to the polls in an election that resulted in an upset victory for opponents of the Communist Sandinistas, and Britain and the USA worked to ensure a peaceful transition to democratic rule (1990).

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Kalyn Stewwing

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:	Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sara, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. As we journey through life, by grace you offer us wholeness and hope. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #742

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

“We Will Walk With God”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555”

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
Sara Hackett
Kalyn Stevwing
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: David Bellin and Annie Cowan
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. A light lunch is provided. All are welcome to attend.

♦ 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.
March 4 — 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.
March 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 *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall. 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* 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

Congregational Meeting

All congregation members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following worship today in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting in which ministry reports and financial information will be reviewed. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers (elders, deacons, Centennial Fund member) also will be voted on. The biographies of the nominees for Church Officers are located in a notebook in the mail room for you to preview. *Please do not remove this notebook from the office.*

Reception for New Members and Friends

Please meet our new members and friends before today's *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall after the 11 am worship service.

Support Our Youth with 30-Hour Famine

Youth in grades 6–12 will be raising money and awareness for their upcoming *30-Hour Famine* before and after Sanctuary worship today. They will spend 30 hours fasting, praying, playing, worshipping, and learning about global hunger and poverty to raise money to support the work of Open Hand Ministries in our community.

The fast begins the morning of Saturday, March 3, (youth should arrive at ELPC at 3:30 pm), and ends following Church School on Sunday, March 4. A permission slip, our schedule, and a packing list can be found on the website calendar. For questions or to RSVP, contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Carol Sharp**.

Lenten Devotionals Available

The Christian Education Committee is providing devotionals to guide us during the Lenten season. They are available on the 2nd floor Christian Education table.

Annual Reports Also Available

Copies of the 2017 *Annual Report* are available in the church's mail room and at the *Congregational Meeting*.

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) – Sign Up to Help Today

OHM is an official charity of this year's *Pittsburgh Marathon* on May 6. ELPC is putting together a relay team to run the marathon and raise money for OHM! Sign up in the Social Hall today to help by participating in the race, or support OHM at a *Work Day* on Saturday, March 3. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Emily Rosenthal for info (EJR116@gmail.com).

Nominations for PW Moderator

The PW Leadership Team is inviting nominations for the position of PW Moderator. If you feel called to serve, please contact Sherry Anderson (412.361.4419).

ELPC to Co-Sponsor Upcoming WQED Program – Feb 27

Join Ann Curry as those whose lives were changed by the early days of the gay rights movement reunite in the WQED program *We'll Meet Again: Coming Out* on Tuesday, Feb 27 at 8 pm.

Consciousness, Creative Expression, Morphology – March 4

Michael Dodin will share insights and research into the special nature of sound as it relates to consciousness, creative expression, and physical morphology on Sunday, March 4 after the 11 am service. You also will have an opportunity to share in musical meditations/prayers using the Names of God in the vibrations of the original biblical languages. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

Tour: Explore ELPC Below Ground – March 4

Follow tour guide Tim VanFleet in an exploration of ELPC's lowest level following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, March 4. Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to more than 7,000 organ pipes! Gather at the S Highland entrance after worship and allow 30–45 minutes for the tour.

Cathedral Concerts Continue – March 4

Talented faculty members from ELPC's Hope Academy of Music and the Arts will perform at 3 pm on Sunday, March 4 in the Chapel. These artists provide private instruction to students, and now it's their turn to take the stage! The performance is free.

PW Bible Study – March 5 and 6

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

Tween Retreat at Crestfield Camp – March 10

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to join tweens from around Pittsburgh for a retreat at Crestfield Camp on Saturday, March 10. RSVP to Sara Hackett by Friday, March 2. More info (cost, scholarships, permission slip) can be found at www.ELPC.church.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – March 11

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* is March 11 at 12:30 pm when we will have lunch, welcome friends from Grove City College and have a guest speaker. See Wil to attend (Wil@coh.net). All are welcome!



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

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.

A memorial service for her will be on

Saturday, March 3 at 11 am in the Chancel.

Condolences to Mario Costanzo on his mother's passing.

NO Committee Meetings This Week

Need a Piano?

Carol Sharp is donating a Wurlitzer piano, and she is also willing to help with a portion of the moving costs. If you are interested, please contact her at 724.859.0536.

Celebrating the Gifts of Women – March 18

Please join us for a special Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, March 18 as we celebrate the *Gifts of Women*. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's sermon is titled *Pathway to Peace: Refusing to be Silenced*, and highlights the peacemaking work of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai.

Explore "Kirtan" – March 18

Ashley O'Hara will lead us as we explore *Kirtan*, a form of devotion found in the Bhakti tradition of Hinduism. *Bhakti Yoga* is all about love, service, and surrender to the Divine. *Kirtan* is mantra meditation that gets you out of your analytical mind and into your heart and the present moment. Simply put, *Kirtan* is the practice of singing and chanting the names of the Divine. When we chant together, something magical happens. Experience it for yourself on Sunday, March 18 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Join us for an afternoon of *Bhakti Yoga* philosophy, chanting, and storytelling. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

Young Adult Ministry CE Class – Through Mar 25

The Young Adult Ministry's weekly Lenten church school sessions will begin with young adult-led discussions (topics of their choosing) from 9:45-10:45 am through March 25 in Room 224.

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).

♦ weSERVEList ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



RCC Cabaret – March 3, 10 and 11

The Renaissance City Choir presents their cabaret *Sing It for the World* at ELPC at 7:30 pm on Saturdays, March 3 and 10, and a matinee performance on Sunday, March 11 at 3 pm. For tickets, please visit www.RCCPittsburgh.com.

A Celebration of Unity – March 11

Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N Highland Ave, 15206) will host *A Celebration in Unity* on Sunday, March 11 at 4 pm. The event includes song, poetry, remembrance and tribute to complement an exhibit of the historic events leading to the arm-in-arm march in Selma in 1965. All are welcome to attend. Visit www.EECM.org for info.

Tucker and Libby Ferda's Public Lectures at PTS – In March

ELPC members Tucker and Libby Ferda will lead public lectures at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in March. For details, call 412.924.1345 or email ConEd@pts.edu.

- *March 11–14: Discipleship* led by Tucker Ferda
PTS.edu/Discipleship_2018
- *March 16–17: Word Made Flesh* led by Libby Ferda and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Tony Norman
PTS.edu/word-made-flesh-2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 4 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Psalms of Lament” led by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – “The History of Christianity in South Korea” led by Kalyn Stevwing

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, Yamuna Morgenstern, Judy Roberts and Deb Newcomer

YAM (Rm 224) – Young adult-led discussions (topics of their choosing) facilitated by Wil Forrest

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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