



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)

MARCH 4, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lani Smith (1934-2015) was a graduate of the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. This arrangement is the first piece Dr. Ed Moore ever played in public for a worship service at Trinity United Methodist Church in Youngstown, OH at the age of 14.

In the Lenten week ahead, find time and **space to listen for God's** glory and loving grace as it is spoken in the world around you (read Psalm 19). And may **God's light shine upon** you, Christ fill you with wisdom and strength, and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness and compassion.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Our church is rooted in the transformative power of a relationship with Jesus. As followers of Christ, we're called to be part of God's transformation of the world. Therefore, we continue the work Jesus began and to which the church is called: sharing the Good News, seeking reconciliation in cultures of violence, and addressing the root causes of poverty. Today nearly 130 mission co-workers in 70 countries are engaged in these vital ministries."

— Mission Agency Statement, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Lift High the Cross"
"Prière"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Lani Smith
Jean Langlais

*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. 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 19)

Marva Harris

Leader: The heavens are declaring God's glory; the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

People: One day shares the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Leader: There is no speech; there are no words; their voices cannot be heard by us.

People: Yet their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth!

Leader: Let us join our voices with those of the church universal and praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610

AZMON

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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On this day in history, composer Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice (1678); the U.S. Constitution went into effect (1789); the republic of Vermont joined the U.S., making it the 14th state (1791); Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president (1861); Republican Blanche Bruce from Mississippi was the first African American elected as a U.S. Senator (1875); and the first woman Cabinet member, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, began her service (1933).

How many there are... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God. (Lottie Moon, 1887)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares in the labor of healing the enmities that separate us from God and from each other. (Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you without even knowing it. We have willfully ignored your way and followed false gods with their false commandments. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those close to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us be mission workers in your field – speaking words of blessing and kindness, turning away from violence, pride, and anger. Help us to trust in you alone and ever rest in your peace. Hear now our prayers for one another and for the world you have made and redeemed.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #399 (remain seated)

THEMBA AMEN

“God Welcomes All”

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

Gene Harris

LITANY FOR PEACE

Remembering Lottie Moon

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Child: Leandro Aiden Claire

son of Chenoa Stock and Jose Luis Claire Villarroel

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:35-42

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

“What's the Opposite of Heathen?”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* 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*)

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Lift High the Cross originally had twelve stanzas and was first used in June 1887 during a service at Winchester Cathedral. The author of the text, George William Kitchin (1827-1912), was Dean of the Cathedral at the time.

We believe that unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.
(*Belhar Confession*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))

The eight "little" preludes and fugues were previously thought to have been composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Recent research has labeled them as spurious, with some speculation that they may have been composed by Bach's student, Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780).

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Leland B. Sateren

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw all unto thee. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease, beneath the shadow of its healing peace. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is presented by Maya and Ashwin Srinivasan.

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. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #516

KINGDOM

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

God of all nations, you have fed us for the journey ahead. May we go into the world you have made, loved and redeemed. May we practice the way of life you teach and embody the hope you make real. And may it be said of us,

"How well they loved." In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558"

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
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Gene and Marva Harris
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Brianna Hackett and Juliette Young
Beadle: Liz Harris
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our Fellowship Time after the service in the downstairs Whitfield Lobby. Whether you come for a cup of coffee and to meet some new people, or to take part in the frequent post-service events (see announcements for more details), you are welcome to take the stairs or elevator down to the Ground Floor and join us! During the remaining weeks of the renovation work, our Fellowship Time **will be in the Whitfield Lobby, but we'll hopefully return back to the first floor by late April.**

♦ 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 11 — 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.
March 11 — 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 April 22 and 29 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

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.

PW Registration Table

Presbyterian Women invite you to be their guests at the *World Mission Initiative Conference: All God's Children* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on April 13-14. All women of ELPC are also invited to an overnight retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday to Saturday, April 6-7. Pick up info or sign-up for these events in the Whitfield Lobby during today's Fellowship Time.

Consciousness, Creative Expression, Morphology

Michael Dodin will share insights and research into the special nature of sound as it relates to consciousness, creative expression, and physical morphology in the 2nd floor Parlor after today's 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

Follow tour guide Tim VanFleet in an exploration of ELPC's lowest level following Sanctuary worship today. 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

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

Purchase an Easter Plant Today!

We invite you to purchase a tulip, hydrangea or daffodil plant in honor or memory of someone that will be used at our 11 am Easter worship service on April 1. All donors will be recognized in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Donation forms are available on the information tables around the church.



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.

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).

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 ASAP. More info 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!

Gathering on Parkland School

Shooting Anniversary – March 14

All are invited to gather at our Highland Ave entrance from 9:45-10:15 am on Wednesday, March 14 as a way to commemorate the one-month anniversary of the Parkland, Florida high school shooting. This event – called *Gather to Remember, Pray for Change* – will seek to honor the memory of those who were killed and recommit ourselves through prayer and action to bring about substantive change and effective gun control legislation. Please share information about this event through social media and with your friends.

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. Experience it for yourself on Sunday, March 18 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.



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

John Buckley's mentee Prince,
Carol Chontos' father David,
Valire Copeland's friend McKinley,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary and
Bobby's mother Doris, Mike Hellman's sister Renee,
Mary Ruth Johnson, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,
Gail Noden, Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
and Cami Teacoach's father Bill.

*Condolences to the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Alcorn
on her passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 227)
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 250)
Environment Wednesday, 2:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Mission Board Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 250)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – March 18 and 25

ELPC will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* on Sundays, March 18 and 25 (Palm Sunday).

"March For Our Lives" with Justice Committee – March 24

There will be marches and vigils across the U.S. on Saturday, March 24 in support of stricter gun control laws. As part of our public witness to justice and peaceful reconciliation, ELPC's Justice Committee is organizing a group to represent our own faith community in the *Pittsburgh March* (Noon at the City County Building). If you are interested in joining us, please call, text or email Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).

Young Adult Ministry's Fishy Road Trip – March 24

Young adults are invited to hit the road together and see one of the most visited sites in all of PA — the amazing *Pymatuning Spillway* where *ducks walk on fish*. Then we just might go out for a yummy fish sandwich. See Wil Forrest to get your seat in the van on Saturday, March 24 (leaving ELPC at 1 pm and returning during the evening).

Tour the Tower, See the View – March 25

Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church's central tower following the 11 am service on Sunday, March 25. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following worship. Please wear pants and shoes. The tour will take 45–60 minutes and is not ideal for small children.

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



Prime Stage Production – March 9 to 18

Book-It Repertory Theatre will perform *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, based on the book by Maya Angelou, at Prime Stage Theatre from March 9 to 18. Please visit www.PrimaStage.com for more info and tickets.

"Moms Demand Action" Meeting – March 10

On Saturday March 10 from 1-3 pm, the group *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense* will have a meeting at ELPC to discuss upcoming legislative activity and to prepare for the upcoming *March of our Lives* on March 24. Members of the ELPC congregation are encouraged to attend.

RCC Cabaret – March 10 and 11

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

Belle Voci's Spring Concert – March 11

Belle Voci's spring concert *In Primavera* will be held next Sunday, March 11 at 4 pm at First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh. The suggested donation is \$20 (\$10 for students). Visit www.bellevocipgh.com for more info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 11 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

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

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – "Living with an Attitude of Gratitude" led by Susan Muto

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, Michele Bossers, Yamuna Morgenstern, Liz Gonda

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