



# 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 25, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914) was a French operatic baritone and composer of songs. One of his most famous songs, *Les Rameaux* (*The Palms*) was included in several hymnals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Heard in an arrangement for organ this morning, the original song was made popular and recorded by Enrico Caruso, among others.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**  
Lord Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Each morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world now with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“O God, make us willing to do thy will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., prayer spoken at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL (1958)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Les Rameaux (The Palms)”

Jean-Baptiste Faure

*Join all and sing his name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation,  
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless him, who cometh to bring us salvation!*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELPC Ringers  
arr. Bill Ingram

### 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 Mark 11)

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Leader: Hear once more the story of this day. When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, he said to two of his disciples, “Go into the village ahead of you. There you will find a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.” They went away and found a colt just as he said.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

People: **With the crowds of old, we too raise up the cry “Hosanna in the highest!”**

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

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
The Council of  
Constance ended a  
period of papal schism in  
the church in which three  
rival popes ruled at once  
(1409); the first modern  
Olympic Games began  
this day in Athens,  
Greece (1896); the writer  
**Flannery O'Connor** was  
born (1925) as well as  
the singer Aretha  
Franklin (1942); and the  
Rev. Martin Luther King,  
Jr. led 25,000 marchers  
in Montgomery, Alabama  
to protest the denial of  
voting rights to African  
Americans (1965).

The text for *Beneath the  
Cross of Jesus* was  
composed by the  
Scottish hymnwriter  
Elizabeth C. Clephane  
(1830-1869) about one  
year before her death.  
She was born in  
Edinburgh and raised in  
the Free Church of  
Scotland. Her hymns  
were made famous in  
America by evangelist  
Ira Sankey.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

#197 (vs. 1 and 3)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

#196 (vs. 1 and 2)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Triumphal March”

Michael Bedford

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #792 (please remain seated; refrain only; sing 3x)

“There Is A Balm in Gilead”

BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

LITANY FOR PEACE Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Psalms 31:1-5, 14-16

Leader: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Leader: Be my strong rock, a fortress to keep me safe, for you are my rock and  
my refuge; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.

People: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you  
are my tower of strength.

Leader: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O  
faithful God.

People: **As for me, I have said, “You are my God. I have ever trusted in you,  
O Lord.”**

Leader: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and  
from those who persecute me.

People: Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-  
kindness save me.

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 #216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

Samuel Barber's (1910-1981) *Adagio for Strings* is based on the second movement of his String Quartet, Op. 11. He completed the arrangement in 1936 and it was first performed in 1938. The organ arrangement was published in 1949 with Barber's support. In 1967 Barber arranged the piece for chorus, setting the Latin text of the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. John Ferguson

*Text in Glory to God hymnal #218*

*The congregation will join in singing the fifth and final verse as directed.*

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,

I do adore you, and will ever pray you,

Think on your pity and your love unswerving,

Not my deserving.

INTRODUCTION TO PASSION SUNDAY THEME

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Nine Hours on One Fateful Day"

ORGAN MEDITATION

"Adagio for Strings" Samuel Barber/William Strickland

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*



— PASSION SUNDAY READINGS —

READING 1

Mark 15:1-15

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #209 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

READING 2

Mark 15:16-32

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HYMN #209 (vs. 4, 5)

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

READING 3

Mark 15:33-47

The Rev. Dr. Bush

\* BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*There is no Postlude today. Our service ends with the Benediction.*

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK:

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like Christ's and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustaining Spirit, Mother of us all. Amen.

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Mark and Barbara DeWitt  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
ELPC Ringers  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: 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 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, 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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barbara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

◆ WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY

*Please see a complete listing of our Holy Week worship services in today's bulletin announcements.*

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*April 1* — 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.  
*April 1* — 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Tour the Tower, See the View

Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church's central tower today. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary service. The tour will take 45–60 minutes and is not ideal for small children.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* today.

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.

### 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 (April 13-14). All women of ELPC are also invited to an overnight retreat at Crestfield Camp (April 6-7). Sign-up for these events in the Whitfield Lobby during today's Fellowship Time.

### DG2! Volunteers Today

A permission slip is required for the 4th-12th graders who are volunteering with DG2! at the African Healing Garden in Larimer. Please meet in the Harambe Room after worship.



### The Chapel Market

*The Chapel Market* is now accepting donations of new and/or gently used spring and summer clothing for women, children and men. There isn't a high demand for men's dress clothes, so please limit men's donations to basic clothing. *The Chapel Market* is also in need of volunteers the first Thursday evening monthly. To volunteer, contact Linda and Harold Deiss (deissl@consolidated.net).

### No Spiritual Life Offerings During Holy Week

Qi Gong, Mindfulness Meditation and the Science, Religion and Spirituality discussion group will not gather during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, March 29). Qi Gong and Mindfulness Meditation will resume the following Thursday, April 5, and the Science, Religion and Spirituality discussion group will meet on April 26.

### PW Bible Study – April 3 and 9

Join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 am and Monday, April 9 at 7 pm for their bible study *In Community with the Household of Faith*. Tuesday's session will be followed by a potluck lunch; bring your own place setting. All are welcome!

### Join the "Watch Party" – April 3

ELPC co-sponsored the WQED programming regarding the LGBTQ community on Jan 25 and 29. Join the *Watch Party* on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Social Hall to view *We'll Meet Again: Coming Out*, and then share in conversation. To learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554; wil@coh.net). Free to attend, all welcome!

### First Friday @ Games with Friends – April 6

Spend a Friday night playing games with friends at the TRAIL young adult event *First Friday @ Games* on April 6 at 7 pm at Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, 15213). Bring a board game! Contact Wil (Wil@coh.net).

### Youth Ministry: Mission Overnight – April 6 to 7

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the *Sr. High Mission Trip* to West Virginia this summer are required to attend the *Mission Overnight* from April 6-7. We will gather Friday night at 7 pm to learn about mission. On Saturday, we will work with *Open Hand Ministries* and plan for our upcoming *Mission Trip* until 7 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info or to register.



### Taizé Stations of the Cross

March 28 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

### Maundy Thursday (Communion)

March 29 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy



### Good Friday

March 30 — 12 pm, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

March 30 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Saturday Easter Vigil (Communion)

March 31 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush



### Easter Sunday (Communion)

April 1 — 8:45 am, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 1 — 11 am, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush



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

Carol Chontos' father David, Gabe D'Abruzzo,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary and

Bobby's mother Doris,

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy's brother Christopher,  
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,

Joel Minnigh's brother Wendell, Gail Noden,

Sandra Owen's granddaughter Rachel,

Carol Schaefer's brother-in-law Allen,

Erin Starzynski's mother Judy, Cami Teacoach's father Bill,

Pat Valoon, and Pam Walaski's mother.

## No Committee Meetings during Holy Week

### Workday with OHM – April 7

Volunteers of all ages and skills are welcome to rehab houses with *Open Hand Ministries* on Saturday, April 7 from 9 am-3 pm. For more info, please contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

### Climate Realities Presentation – April 8

Former Vice President Al Gore has been rallying people to address climate change for more than a decade. As climate change wreaks havoc around the world, the urgency to address it is growing bigger. What can we as individuals and as a community do? Join us for a *Climate Realities Presentation* and lunch on Sunday, April 8 from 12:15-2 pm. Contact the Pastor Patrice for info (PatriceFS@coh.net).

### The Art of Song Cathedral Concert – April 8

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season will continue on Sunday, April 8 at 3 pm with a performance by singers from the ELPC Music Ministry. Celebrating the interaction of the visual arts with the vocal arts, our talented singers will take us on an international journey through art and song. A freewill offering will be received.



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



If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2), or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

*Your help is needed with:*

- ◆ Being a member on Church Committees ◆
- ◆ Volunteer at Vacation Church School ◆
- ◆ Serve as a New Member Host ◆
- ◆ Join the WeSERVE List ◆

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Rev. Dr. Randy Bush Preaches at St. James – March 30

Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach at the St. James AME church on Good Friday, March 30 as part of their 12-3 pm service remembering the *Seven Last Words* spoken by Jesus from the cross. He will preach in the final segment on the 7th word of Christ: *It is finished*.

### Make Breakfast for EECM Residents

Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. However, the 5th Sunday of the month needs to be filled (April 29, July 29, Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

## No SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

### Healthy Blood Pressure for All – April 11

The program *Healthy Blood Pressure for All* hosted by Membership & Outreach starts on Wednesday, April 11 at 10 am in the Good Samaritan Room. By taking better control of your blood pressure, many chronic diseases can be avoided. Registration ends April 4. Please contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363; crlcoles@aol.com) for info.

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – April 14

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be on Saturday, April 14 at 1 pm. See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

### Crises Unresolved – April 15

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting the *6th Annual PDEC Forum* on the problems of Sudan and South Sudan, featuring representatives from the U.S. State Dept Office of the Special Envoy, ENOUGH: The Project to End Genocide and Crimes against Humanity, Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur and the Alliance of Civil Society for Darfur. The event will be on Sunday, April 15 from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Music Room. A light luncheon will be prepared by members of the Sudanese community. RSVP by April 10 (jumphook@gmail.com; 412.892.8842).

### Officer Ordination and Installation – April 22

During Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 22, the incoming classes of ELPC elders and deacons will be ordained and installed to their new church roles.

### Vacation Church School – Register Now!

Vacation Church School will be held June 25-29. Registration and volunteer forms are available online ([www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)) and on the 2nd floor Christian Ed table. Contact Gloria Knopp for info (GloriaK@coh.net).