



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)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

The titles of the three sections of Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) *Fantasia in G Major* are written in French, *Très vite*, *Gravement*, and *Lentement*. One of Bach's most popular works for organ, it is often referred to as *Pièce d'Orgue*.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who... endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Faith means trusting in advance what only makes sense in reverse." — Philip Yancey

"They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Fantasia in G, BWV 572"

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Lift Up Your Heads (from *Messiah*)" George Frideric Handel/

Mark Schweizer

"Allegro Maestoso"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen!

People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado!

He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah Wilson

Leader: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.

* HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

* OPENING PRAYER FOR EASTER (remain standing)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

People: **Loving Lord, Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too,** have been given new life. We confess our utter dependence on you, not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. You lift all things out of the dust; you call us into communion with you and one another; you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever.

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OLD & NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 118:14-24

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

I Corinthians 15:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

There is no Extended Session program this morning. There is Nursery care for children under 3.

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APRIL FOOLS' DAY:
Traditionally a day
celebrated with practical
jokes and spurious news.
Mark Twain wrote, "This
is the day upon which we
are reminded of what we
are on the other three
hundred and sixty-four."

Handel's oratorio
Messiah was first
performed in Dublin on
April 13, 1742 and in
London the following
year. The librettist
Charles Jennens
arranged the text of the
oratorio to follow the
liturgical year. *Worthy Is
the Lamb* and the lengthy
Amen chorus that follows
are the final movements
of Handel's masterpiece.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
Holy God, Creator and
Mother of us all, I go
forward this day toward
encounters with family
and friends, work and
play, and all that will bring
me into contact with
strangers, certain that you
are with me. Lead and
guide me in the way of a
resurrected life. Help me
to see the risen Lord
today; in Jesus' name.
Amen.

* HYMN (please see insert) "Go and Tell Mary and Martha"

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Running With Good News"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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

George Frideric Handel

from *Messiah*

Revelation 5:12-14

"Worthy Is the Lamb"

"Amen"

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by the Dudley-Morrissey family.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ, all crea-tures
here be - low. Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. (Interlude) A - men.

April 1 • Resurrection of the Lord

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The U.S. House of Representatives convened in New York City for its first meeting, with Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania elected the first Speaker of the House (1789); born on this day were the following: composer Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873), Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai, the first black woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize (1940), the soap opera *General Hospital* (1963), and a little electronics company called "Apple Computer" (1976).

Charles-Marie Widor was born in Lyon, France on February 21, 1944. In 1870, at the age of 26, Widor was appointed temporary organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a post he held for 64 years, having never been given the official title of titular! **Widor's fifth symphony** was composed in 1879. The fifth and final movement of the symphony, the famous *Toccata*, is one of the most recognizable organ compositions and has been featured at numerous royal weddings.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the communion of bread and grape juice; gluten free wafers are also available. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Children are welcome to receive communion as a special reminder of how God's love includes them.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Choral Anthem

"This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. Charles Wood

Hymn #515

"I Come With Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the promise of resurrection life, made real through the rising of Christ Jesus, our Lord. May we run the race set before us with perseverance, hope and gratitude this day and always. Amen.

* HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphony V"

Charles-Marie Widor

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Isaiah Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist and Music Director*
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
Maya Waller, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
Brian Kelley, *tuba*
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*
Acolytes: David Bellin and Quinn Seif
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Josh Bellin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

No Extended Session on Easter

There will be no Extended Session program for preschool children on Easter. Please visit the *Kid's Corner* for hands-on activities designed to engage children in worship.

Nursery Care Available

There is Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) in the 1st floor Nursery every Sunday.

♦ 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 in the urns are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Corwin.

Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our flower donors.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 8 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.
April 8 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

♦ 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

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift and some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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.

GO AND TELL MARY AND MARTHA

1. Go and tell Mar - y and Mar - tha, Go and
 (2.) tell John and Pe - ter, Go and
 (3.) tell all the a - pos - tles, Go and
 (4.) tell ev - 'ry bod - y, Go and

tell Mar - y and Mar - tha, Go and
 tell John and Pe - ter, Go and
 tell all the a - pos - tles, Go and
 tell ev - 'ry bod - y, Go and

tell Mar - y and Mar - tha:
 tell John and Pe - ter:
 tell all the a - pos - tles: "Yes,
 tell ev - 'ry bod - y:

Je - sus is ris - en from the dead!" 1.-3. 4. 2. Go 3. Go from the dead!" 4. Go

Text: Negro spiritual

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TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Visitors' Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift, a sweet treat and information about ELPC's many programs and ministries.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Carla Coles**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.



The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need 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* also needs volunteers the first Thursday evening monthly. To volunteer, contact Linda and Harold Deiss (deisshl@consolidated.net).

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

Join the *Watch Party* on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Social Hall to view *We'll Meet Again: Coming Out*, an ELPC co-sponsored WQED program, 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. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info or to register.

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

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 Kate Carlson for info (KateC@coh.net).

The Art of Song Cathedral Concert — April 8

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season continues 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.



Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut's New Book On Sale — April 8 + 15

Copies of *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again*, The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut's recently published book, will be on sale during Fellowship Time on Sundays, April 8 and 15. This is in preparation for his visit and presentation during Adult Sunday School from 9:45–10:45 am on Sunday, April 29. Dr. Chesnut is ELPC's pastor emeritus, having served ELPC from 1988–2002. The book costs \$16.

Healthy Blood Pressure for All — April 11

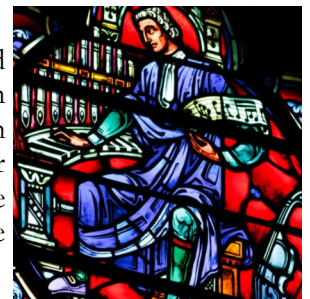
If you are taking prescription medicine for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, etc., that may not be enough to protect you from a heart attack or stroke. By attending the *Healthy BP For All* classes you will learn natural and safe ways to prevent, treat and reverse hypertension. Classes begin April 11 at 10 am. Contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363; crlcoles@aol.com) to register.

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!

Stained Glass Tour — April 15

Join tour guide Steve Evrard following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 15 for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary following worship.





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 and Aunt Faye,
Nancy Fultz, Maria Elena Hernandez, Morris Jordan,
Lee Lewand, Joel Minnigh's brother Wendell,
Gail Noden, Sandra Owen's granddaughter Rachel,
Jan Pressman and her family,
Carol Schaefer's brother-in-law Allen,
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan on the passing of her husband, Al Valentine.

Condolences to Pam Walaski on her mother's passing.

Learn About Café Justo — April 15

Do you know why ELPC serves only Café Justo fair trade PLUS coffee? Come to a special Fellowship 'Time after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 15 in the Whitfield Lobby to learn more about how Café Justo keeps families together and decreases the need for immigration from Café Justo founders and border missionaries Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado. We will be serving Café Justo coffee and selling pound bags of the coffee too.

Crises Unresolved — April 15

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting the *6th Annual PDEC Forum* on the problems of Sudan and South Sudan 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).

DG2! Good Deeds Day — April 15

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together! (DG2!)*—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—on April 15 by helping with a classic 50s themed *Senior Prom* for the residents of Charles Morris Nursing and Rehab Center. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net) to join.

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, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Your help is needed with:

*Be a member on a church committee • Join the WeSERVE List
Volunteer at Vacation Church School • Be a New Member Host*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Performance: "Discovery: A Comic Lament" — April 15

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave) is hosting the play *Discovery: A Comic Lament* at 7 pm on Sunday, April 15. The performance is about the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. Donation is \$10-\$20. *Sponsored by Pittsburgh Mennonite Church and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.*

Committee Meeting This Week

The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 2.

Personnel..... Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

Register for Vacation Church School!

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



Inquirers' Classes — April 22 and 29

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on April 22 and 29 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch is provided. Contact Gloria to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

All-Church Retreat — May 4 to 6

All are welcome to our intergenerational retreat at Crestfield Camp from May 4-6 (Marathon Sunday weekend). More details at www.ELPC.church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

April 8 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — "These Living Stones Cry Out" led by Tina Whitehead

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) — "Jewish Mysticism: An Introduction to Kabbalah: Medieval Kabbalah Part 1" led by Rabbi Doris Dyen

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, Pam Napier-Barnes, Deb Newcomer, Bill Newcomer

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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