



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)

APRIL 8, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Violinist and composer **Friedrich "Fritz" Kreisler** (1875-1962) was born in Vienna. At the height of his performing career, he was performing over 260 concerts in a year. Kreisler attributed many of his compositions to be composed by other earlier composers, as he did with his *Praeludium* and *Allegro*, but they were actually his own compositions. He revealed this hoax to the music world in 1935.

The text to the Easter hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* was written by the famous Methodist hymn writer Charles Wesley — one of over 6000 hymns he composed. The tune name of LLANFAIR refers to the village in Montgomery County, Wales whose name is the longest word in any language (58 letters long, beginning "Llanfairpwllgwyngyll."). Llanfair itself simply means "the church of St. Mary."

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The highest love of all finds its fulfilment not in what it keeps, but in what it gives...It is the business of the Church to be the candlestick in which that Light ever shines, the holy lamp wherein that flame ever burns."

— Fr. Andrew, SDC (aka Henry E. Hardy) 1869-1946
British clergyman and founder of Society of Divine Compassion
(which worked with the poor of East London)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Praeludium and Allegro"

Fritz Kreisler

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 1 John 2)

Phyllis Coontz, Elaine and David Bellin

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: We proclaim the new commandment given to us by Christ that we are to love one another as Christ has loved us.

People: The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

Leader: Whoever loves those around them is living in the light; in them there is no cause for stumbling.

People: Whoever abides in Christ shall walk just as he walked.

Leader: Let us joyfully worship Christ the risen Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #245

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

You have shown yourself to us, O risen Lord, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood; yet we struggle to fully believe the good news you give us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us this day and enter into our lives. Cast out our fear that we may trust in you and have life in your holy name. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Ponce de Leon named
his new discovery *Florida*
since the discovery
happened near the
Easter feast
(Pasqua Florida) (1513);
two great painters died
on this date – El Greco
(1614) and Pablo
Picasso (1973); and
Hank Aaron hit his 715th
home run breaking Babe
Ruth's record (1974).

The *Gavotte en Rondo*
from J.S. Bach's
(1685-1750) third partita
for violin is one of the
selections included on
the *Voyager* Golden
Records. These records
were on board the
Voyager spacecraft when
it was launched into
space in 1977.

The authorship of the
three short New
Testament letters
attributed to John
(1 John, 2 John, 3 John)
remains a mystery. The
author of the latter two
letters is called "the
elder" while ancient
sources often claimed
that John the gospel
writer also wrote 1 John.
Since all three letters
appear to date from 100
CE, it is most likely that
they were composed by
an heir to the apostle
John's teachings.

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN (*chorus only; remain seated; sing twice*)

RESURRECTION

"Because He Lives"



Text: Gloria Gaither, b. 1942 and William J. Gaither, b. 1936.
Tune: William J. Gaither, b. 1936; arr. By Nolan Williams, Jr, b. 1969.
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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Partita No. 3, BWV 1006"
III. Gavotte en Rondo

Johann Sebastian Bach
Cody Conley, *violin*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:15-23

Elaine Bellin and Phyllis Coontz

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 #254

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 1:1-7

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Walking in the Light"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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. 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.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

William Billings (1746-1800) was an American composer from Boston who is credited with creating a style of composition that is considered to be uniquely American. His music, including the *Easter Anthem*, inspired the Sacred Harp singing tradition in the rural south.

PRAYER OF PRAISE:
You, Lord Christ, are worthy of all trust and honor and praise.
You, who abides deeper than our greatest failings;
You, who flows stronger than our most hard-hearted guilt;
You, who blows fresher than our stalest sin;
You, who is present before us and with us here on this earth or beyond;
to You, we now and always pray, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend.
Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Easter Anthem”

William Billings

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruit of them that slept.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
And did he rise? And did he rise? Did he rise?
Hear, O ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose,
He burst the bars of death, and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then, then, then I rose.
Then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light,
And seized eternal youth.
Hail, all immortal hail, hail, heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to all,
Thine's all the glory, ours the boundless bliss.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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

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:	Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love. As your Spirit breathes within us, strengthen our faith and use these gifts for gospel work and witness in the world. Let us ever tell the glad tidings of the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Christ Lag In Todesbanden, BWV 625” Johann Sebastian Bach
(*Christ Lay In Death's Fetters*)

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
Phyllis Coontz, Elaine & David Bellin
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Cody Conley, *violin*
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
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, 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.
April 15 — 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.
April 15 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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 **Tucker Ferda**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Carol Sharp**.

Climate Realities Presentation

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 from 12:15-2 pm today in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

The Art of Song Cathedral Concert

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season continues today 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

Copies of *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again*, The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut's recently published book, will be on sale during Fellowship Time through April 22. 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.



Climate Ribbon Project – Through April 22

ELPC's Justice Committee invites you to celebrate Earth Day by participating in *The Climate Ribbon Project*—an arts ritual to affirm our solidarity as we unite to fight against *climate chaos*. On Sundays, April 15 and 22, ribbons will be available for you to write about what you love most in the environment and want to keep safe. The ribbons will be collected and used in a processional during Sanctuary worship on Earth Day Sunday, April 22. Then, the ribbons will be on display during fellowship time, where you can read them and choose one or two to take with you as a visual reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our common home.

PW Bible Study – April 9

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, April 9 at 7 pm for their bible study *In Community with the Household of Faith*. All are welcome!

Healthy Blood Pressure for All – April 11

If you have high blood pressure (hypertension) and you are not willing to change your lifestyle to lower it, then you may need to take drugs, and deal with their side effects and complications, for the rest of your life. The worst risk factor is simply *not knowing* about better options. By attending the *Healthy BP For All* program, you will be given tools to equip you in reversing this disease. Classes will start this Wednesday, April 11 at 10 am in the Good Samaritan Room. 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.

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.

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.

The YAM CE class on April 15 from 9:45-10:45 am will welcome Mark and Miriam. Join them in Room 224.

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).

Register for Our All-Church Retreat

Now is the time to register for our *All-Church Retreat* at Crestfield Camp from **Friday-Sunday, May 4-6** (*Pittsburgh Marathon weekend*). Our theme is *We are the Church Together*. Persons of all ages are invited to this intergenerational retreat. Registration forms are available in the Whitfield and Highland lobbies.

Note: ELPC will have no worship services on Sunday, May 6.





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,
Nancy Fultz, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,
Joel Minnigh's brother Wendell,

Gail Noden, Jack Phillips, Jan Pressman and her family,
Betty Rieley's son and Laura Ristau's brother Tom,

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, Rev. Al Valentine.*

Condolences to Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy on her aunt's passing.

Condolences to Pam Walaski on her mother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Christian Ed..... Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Parlor)

Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 224)

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.

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 Knopp to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

Grief Support Group – Begins April 23

ELPC will host a *Grief Support Group* on Monday evenings beginning April 23 from 6:30–8 pm through May 21. The group is co-facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada, licensed psychotherapists, and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is offered free of charge. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions. Contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507) for info.

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 • Be a New Member Host

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Diabetes Prevention Program – April 12

The University of Pittsburgh is offering ELPC members a chance to screen for enrollment in their *DPP Research Study* hosted at Vintage on Thursday, April 12. If you are overweight or obese; or have risk factors for Type 2 Diabetes, you may be eligible to participate. For more info or to schedule a pre-screening interview, call 412.647.1845.

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.*

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit NCM – April 28

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and help support the work of Northside Common Ministries from 4:30–7 pm on Saturday, April 28 at Northmont Presbyterian Church (8169 Perry Hwy, 15237). Gluten free pasta and take outs available. Learn more at www.ncmin.org.

Mentoring Day @ PNC Park – May 15

The *Mentoring Program* is proud to team up with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Pirates Charities to host *Mentoring Day @ PNC Park* for the May 15 game against the Chicago White Sox at 7:05 pm. For info on free tickets, contact Kristan Allen (kallen@mentoringpittsburgh.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

April 15 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Presbyterian Faith-Based Investing” led by Dr. Ron Stone

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – “Jewish Mysticism: An Introduction to Kabbalah: Lurianic Kabbalah Part 2” 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, Katlyn Dougherty, Liz Gonda, Michele Bossers

Young Adults (Rm 224) – Breakfast with Café Justo Founders

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church