



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)

MAY 13, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP MOTHERS' DAY / SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Giovanni Gabrielli
(c. 1555-1612) was
an influential Italian
composer and organist
in Venice.

André Campra
(1660-1744) was a
prominent French opera
composer and, from
1694 to 1700, music
director at Notre Dame
Cathedral in Paris.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Loving God, your
embrace has been with
me this entire day. I've
known ups and downs,
joys and
disappointments, yet
through it all, my heart
knows this good news —
that you rule. So I
continue to put my trust
in you. Send your Holy
Spirit to weave forward
threads from today that
you can spin into
beautiful things
tomorrow. My prayer
goes out to you through
Jesus Christ, who reigns
with you, one God now
and forever. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Not only does power tend to corrupt, but so does powerlessness, and the absoluteness of both corrupts absolutely. There is no getting around the fact that if you act at all in the world, you are dealing with the dynamics of power...So you have to be patient and unafraid of power, as we are reminded in I Corinthians 4:20 "The kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power."

— Patrick Gray, *Why Liberal Churches Are Growing*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Giovanni Gabrielli/Robert King

"Canzona per Sonare No. 2"

"Rigaudon"

Andre Campra/Michael Allen

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 Psalm 1)

Sandy Edgecombe

Leader: The Psalm says, "Happy are those who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night."

People: **There is truth in the saying, "This is the day that the Lord has made; we are to rejoice and be glad in it."**

Leader: Those who seek after the Lord are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield the fruits of the spirit in due time; and their leaves, their lives, do not wither or grow weak.

People: Together we gather to worship our Creator God, to follow our Savior Christ, and to open ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord bless our time this day and always!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #687

ST. ANNE

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

May 13 • 7th Sunday of Easter

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The spiritual used as the tune for *In Christ There Is No East or West* was arranged by noted African American composer Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). Born in Erie, PA, he studied at the National Conservatory of Music in New York, where he was a student of Anton Dvorák. Burleigh's singing of African American spirituals stimulated Dvorák's interest in them and possibly influenced the major themes in his *New World Symphony*.

We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Christ in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, when we are no longer alone. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet too, even with a crust of bread, where there is companionship. (Dorothy Day)

The *Book of Hours, Sarum, 1514* was a book of prayers and Christian worship resources in the Roman Catholic Church that was collected by the clergy at Salisbury Cathedral in the south central part of England. *Sarum* is the abbreviation for *Sarisburium*, the Latin word for Salisbury.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #698 (*remain seated; sing 2 times*)

TAKE ME AS I AM

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 1
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Barbara Griffin
Kira Mukogosi

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 #317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1, 6-11

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Joint Custody”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Members: Elizabeth Albright, Jo Ellen Aleshire, Kristy Borza, Dana Carl, Lynn Clifton, Maureen “Molly” Davidson-Welling, Sarah “Sam” Ditka, Delenn Fingerlow, Emily Fraser, Tim Goodall, Adell Kitchens, Thomas Morton
Friends: Adrienne Booker, Cathleen Malmstrom

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Delenn Fingerlow and Adell Kitchens
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

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

“God Be in My Head”

Andrew Carter
Text: *Book of Hours, Sarum, 1514*

*God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking,
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:

The first hundred colonists landed at Jamestown, VA, establishing the first permanent British settlement in North America (1607); Alice Paul organized a **Women's Suffrage march** to Washington (1913); the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were printed (1918); Winston Churchill famously declared in the House of Commons that **"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat"** (1940); and a confrontation between Philadelphia law enforcement and the MOVE group ended in a fire in their headquarters and 11 deaths (1985).

Andrew Carter (b. 1939) is a well-known English composer, conductor, and arranger. His organ and choral compositions are widely performed. His *Trumpet Tune* was written in 1991 for a wedding, reflected in the quieter middle section, labeled *love song*.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and
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.
Leader:	Lord Christ, as you have claimed us and given us insight into your truth, grace, and love, may we, as your disciples, go forth into the world you have also claimed, redeemed, and loved. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to God's service and to the glory of your holy name.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Andrew Carter

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
Sandy Edgecombe
Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
Carrie McCormack, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
John Caughman, *tuba*
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*
Acolyte: Elliott Stephany
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Beginning today, our Fellowship Time will be in the newly renovated spaces on the 1st floor leading to the South Highland Ave entrance. Join us there following the 11 am service for a reception honoring our new members and friends that includes light refreshments. All are welcome!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Joe Kennedy III, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

◆ WORSHIP ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
May 20 — 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. Mike Tomaro and his Jazz Combo will provide special music.
May 20 — The Rev. Dr. 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 (*Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC. *Newly Reopened!* Available everyday

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 newly renovated spaces on the 1st floor. 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 Sunday, July 8 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.



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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Special Fellowship Time (and a new location!)

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Do You Need to Register to Vote?

After today's 11 am worship service, *New Voices Pittsburgh* will be available to help anyone with registering to vote or any voter questions in the South Highland Ave lobby.

Order Your ELPC Shirt Today

Colorful ELPC tie dyed t-shirts are available for \$10 in a variety of sizes from small to XXXL and, for the first time, in a variety of styles, such as tank top, V-neck trim, adult and youth. Please order on-line at <https://elcprideshirts.wufoo.com/forms/mbwsbh0edqt1u> or if you don't have internet access, contact Amy Bialek (amyebialek@gmail.com; 412.758.1600). Pre-orders will be taken until May 15, with shirts arriving before Pride events.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Tucker Ferda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Antwone Wright**.



Spiritual Life Programs in May Cancelled – May 13 and 20

The Spiritual Life Committee regrets that the following programs have been cancelled:

- ✦ Buddhist Chant (Today at Noon)
- ✦ Pentecost Half Day Retreat (May 20 at 12:30 pm)

Facing Systemic Racism Series – May 19

Please join us for the program *Systemic Racism: A Historical Timeline* on Saturday, May 19 from 6–8 pm, led by ELPC members Jen Hykes Willson and Eddie Willson, who are part of the *Anti-Racism Transformation Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery*. We will share a potluck dinner together at 5:30 pm (bring a side or dessert to share). More details are on the info tables. Sponsored by the Mission Board.

ELPC Gardening Day – May 19

Please join us on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30-10:30 am to clean-up and plant on the front circle and courtyard. Please bring work gloves; tools are supplied. Call or text Carol Bonner for more info (412.654.6268).

Pentecost Sunday – May 20

This year, Pentecost Sunday on May 20 is extra-special because we will confirm a group of young people and celebrate the final stage of our year-long building renovation project. The bulk of the work is finally done! We will celebrate the excellent renovations and improvements through special words, music, and events. Mike Tomaro and his jazz combo from Duquesne University will be with us during 11 am worship, and then there will be opportunities for you to tour the building, hear from hosts at different locations about the improvements, and offer your own prayers for God's architectural blessings. Join us as we celebrate our past, rejoice in the present improvements, and look forward to beginning our 200th year of ministry in East Liberty!

Climate Action Brainstorming – May 20

To continue the momentum from the *Climate Reality Presentation*, the Environment Team from the Justice Committee will hold a follow up brainstorming on Sunday, May 20 in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service. You are invited whether you attended the presentation or are concerned about climate change. For those who could not attend the presentation on April 8, we will send you a mini presentation that you can review before May 20. Contact Lucy de Barbaro (lucyna.debarbaro@gmail.com) or Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net) for info.

Final concert of
the 2017-2018
Cathedral Concerts
free series at ELPC

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS AT ELPC PRESENTS
THE BRASS ROOTS AND ORGAN:

BACK TO THE MOVIES



"IN THEATER" FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018 | 7:30 PM



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

Gina Anderson's son Rohun,
John Buckley's mentee David, Aimee Caldwell,
Kate Carlson, Carol Chontos' father David,
Gabe D'Abruzzo, Wil Forrest's mentee Dan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary
and Bobby's mother Doris,
Dennis Hare, Maria Elena Hernandez,
Jan Herzer's friend Leslie, Diane Jackson's niece Sarah,
Morris Jordan, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Paul Martin's wife Danielle,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay and his family,
Gail Noden, David Phillips' mother,
Jan Pressman and her family,
Betty Rieley's son and Laura Ristau's brother Tom,
Carol Schaefer's brother-in-law Allen,
Pastor Heather's friend Drew and son Noble,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, Antwone Wright, Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Jean Kennedy
and Joe Kennedy IV
on the passing of husband and father
Joe Kennedy III.*



Our condolences to Joel Minnigh on his brother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)
Session Tuesday, 6:30 pm (former 1st fl Library)
Mission Board..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 250)

YAM CE Class: Celebration and Prayer Time – May 20

Over breakfast on Sunday, May 20 from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 224, young adults will celebrate graduations and transitions, then end with group prayer time. Remember to get your copy of the summer YAM schedule!

Youth Mission Trip Meetings – May 23 and 27

Senior High Mission Trip — Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in going on the mission trip to Hampden, West Virginia from Aug 4–10 are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, May 23 from 5–7 pm to screen-print t-shirts, plan devotionals and choose meals.

Middle School Mission Trip — Parents and youth in grades 6–8 who are interested in going to *Mission Possible* at Crestfield Camp (July 8–13) are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, May 27 at Noon. Lunch included. Registration forms and deposits are due Sunday, June 3. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – May 27

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be on Sunday, May 27 at 12:30 pm (new date). See Wil to attend.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Importance of Jerusalem – May 14

The Rev. Naim Stifan Ateek, a Palestinian Anglican priest and founder of *Sabeel*, will address the status of Jerusalem on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 pm at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206). *Sabeel* is a grassroots Christian movement working for peace and justice in Israel-Palestine. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more info, please contact Mary Alice Lightle (412.682.1504; MALightle@hotmail.com).

“A Crisis of Criminality and Policing” Discussion – May 24

Join ELPC member Wesley Oliver, associate dean and professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law, and Elaine Frantz, professor of history at Kent State University, for an in-depth look at crime (organized and otherwise), law enforcement, corruption, and the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in Prohibition-era America at the Heinz History Center on Thursday, May 24 at 7 pm for the event *A Crisis of Criminality and Policing*. Prior to the program, attendees will receive access to the *American Spirits* exhibition from 6–7 pm. After the program, the authors will sign copies of their books, available to purchase. To register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

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 Knopp for info (GloriaK@coh.net).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

May 20 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — “Ask a Theologian” led by Pastor Randy Bush

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) — “Lessons from the Early Church” led by The Rev. Jane Duffield

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, Shirley Fair, Linda Harrington and Bill Newcomer

YAM (Rm 224) — Celebrate graduations and transitions led by Wil Forrest

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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