



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 20, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP PENTECOST SUNDAY

Humans have two eyes.
One only sees what
moves in fleeting time;
the other sees what is
eternal and divine.
(Angelus Silesius)

We are such stuff as
dreams are made on;
and our little life is
rounded with a sleep.
(William Shakespeare,
The Tempest)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Hope is but the dream of those who wake."

— Matthew Prior

"Who is narrow of vision cannot be large of heart."

— Chinese proverb

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Every Day (I Thank You)"

Pat Metheny

"Prayer For Peace"

Bob Mintzer

"Amazing Grace"

John Newton

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

Wil Forrest

Leader: God declares this good news:

People: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

Leader: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

People: The young shall see visions and the elders shall dream dreams.

Leader: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

People: We call upon the Lord this day. Come, Holy Spirit, and enliven our worship today!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #305

DARWALL'S 148TH

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, even as we know too well our constant failure to do as you have commanded. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture. Empower us to hold fast to your word. Keep us in your care and guide us in the ways we should go. For we trust in your Spirit of truth, which will show us all things and give us both courage and peace.

Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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!

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Mike Tomaro has been the Director of the Jazz Studies Program at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University since 1997.

Jesus did not leave us without hope but sent the Holy Spirit to nurture faith and love in this world. Live this vision in all that you do: respond to rancor with kindness, be patient where there is pain, and let your dreams become reality. Peace be with you always.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gather The Spirit”

Jim Scott

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:5-15

Lenore Williams

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 Sonya Degenholtz and Aveion LaVert**Profession of Faith**Act of Baptizing***RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS — 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS***Sonya Degenholtz, Brianna Hackett, Aveion LaVert, Kira Mukogosi, Kiara Rockeymore**** HYMN #66**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PENTECOST

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Dare to Dream”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This Affirmation of Faith was written using excerpts of the personal Statements of Faith presented by the members of the Confirmation Class.

I believe in God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

I believe that God is love.

I believe that Jesus frees us from sin.

I believe that the Holy Spirit lives through us, and is with us.

God is the creator of all things. God has been important in my life by pulling me out of the darkness and putting me in the light. Thinking about what God has done for me helps me get through tough times. God has taught me that even if things get hard they won't be hard forever. God's presence is love.

Jesus is God personified. He was and is a teacher who taught everyone that they are capable of love and being loved. Jesus' sacrifice taught the world about selflessness. Accepting Jesus as one's personal savior means you always have someone there through the rough parts of your life.

The Holy Spirit is the omnipresent version of God – everywhere and in everything.

This church absorbs God's enigmatic message and interprets it in the most loving and inclusive way possible.

To be part of the Church is to be part of God.

To be part of Christ.

To be part of a whole

A community.

A family.

To be part of love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & DEDICATION OF RENOVATION PROJECT

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

Christopher Columbus died in poverty, having completed a book of biblical commentary (1506); a patent for riveted-pocket denim pants was granted to Jacob Davis and Levi Strauss (1873); Charles Lindbergh left New York and landed at Paris 33 hours later for the first transatlantic flight (1927); Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic (1932); a white mob attacked a busload of civil rights "Freedom Riders" in Montgomery, AL (1961); and Communist officials ordered CBS and CNN to stop their on-site reports from Tiananmen Square (1989).

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

"So Much to Sing About" Richard Jeffrey/Mark Kellner

Text: Jaroslav Vajda

So much to sing about, so much to praise you for, So much I cannot live without and so much more:

At which display of majesty the very stones are moved to shout.

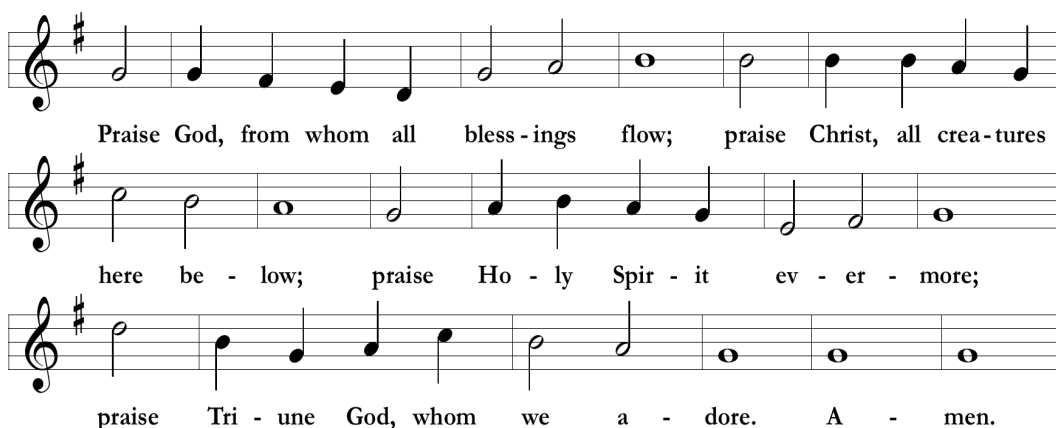
So much to sing about, once orphaned and alone, How could I dare believe the news that you would come to live and die, for me, for me! And so make sure my welcome shout.

So much to sing about: your wisdom, might, and love, that even threescore years and ten are not enough to count your gifts and search beneath the surface of your treasure trove.

So much to sing about: all I have seen and heard, your glory in my talents' use, my best reward: That others see what I have seen and sing with me: "It is the Lord!"

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



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. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: **Y también contigo.**

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.**

Leader: Holy God, we celebrate your presence behind, before, above and within us. We thank you for the wonder of this day and the promise of tomorrow. Bless these gifts to your ongoing ministry in the world, and let us be blessed in this ministry as well. To you be all glory, honor and praise. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**It is right to give God
thanks and praise.**

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #295

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Alegria"

Mike Tomaro

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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
Wil Forrest
Lenore Williams
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush,
Piano Accompanist
ELPC Chancel Choir
Mike Tomaro, sax, Eric Susoeff, guitar
Paul Thompson, bass
David Throckmorton, drums
Acolytes: Lydia Delp and Claire Mattila
Beadle: Erich Stein
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our Fellowship Time today includes an invitation to explore the newly renovated spaces in our church. Included in your bulletin is a guide to nine different locations, where hosts will be present near balloon displays to tell you more about the renovation improvements. Refreshments will be available on the ground floor, 1st and 2nd floors. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact 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.
May 27 — 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.
May 27 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Pentecost Sunday

The *Pentecost Offering* will be received at both worship services this morning. Please see today's bulletin insert for more info. Thank you for your generosity.

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Climate Action Brainstorming

To continue the momentum from the *Climate Reality Presentation*, the Environment Team from the Justice Committee will hold a follow up brainstorming session in the McKelvy Room after today's 11 am service. You are invited whether you attended the April 8 presentation or are concerned about climate change. Please contact Lucy de Barbaro (lucyna.debarbaro@gmail.com) or Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net) for more info if you are unable to attend today's session.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Henry Petrilli**



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. Please contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Nametags

We ask that folks wear a nametag so we can greet one another by name. Pre-made nametags are on the hooks in the Narthex **including the nametags that used to be hung in the Highland Lobby**. *Don't have a nametag yet?* If you wish to have one made for you, please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (*where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag*).

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS AT ELPC PRESENTS
THE BRASS ROOTS AND ORGAN:

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

BACK TO THE MOVIES

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

Youth Mission Trip Meetings — May 23 and 27

Senior High Mission Trip — Youth in grades 8 to 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 to 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).

**We begin our *Summer Worship Schedule* on Sunday, June 10
and will have one Sunday worship
service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.**

**From the first Sunday in July through
Labor Day weekend, we will hold our
summer worship service at 10 am in
the Courtyard (weather permitting).**



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 Meeting This Week

PeaceThursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

Tour the Tower – May 27

Join tour guide Steve Evrard following the Sanctuary service next Sunday, May 27 to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather at the information desk at the South Highland Ave entrance after worship.

Youth Sunday – June 3

Our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship on Sunday, June 3. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps in their life journeys. This year, students completing third grade will be presented with a Bible as a gift from ELPC.

Facing Systemic Racism Series – June 9

Please join us for the program *Systemic Racism: Discovering Our Implicit Bias* on Saturday, June 9 from 6–8 pm. 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.

In our

Community



RCC Pride Concert: Joined by Heart – June 2 and 3

The Renaissance City Choir presents its Pride Concert *Joined by Heart: Love Will Always Win* on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 at 4 pm in the ELPC courtyard. Tickets are available online at www.rccpittsburgh.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*. To register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

First Friday @ Kavsar

Join friends for an authentic Uzbek and Russian dinner while staying here in Pittsburgh as we visit Kavsar Halal Restaurant. Go to <http://www.kavsar.net/> to explore the delicious menu options. RSVP to Wil by May 27 to make sure we have proper reservations or if you want a ride from ELPC leaving at 6:30pm. Friday, June 1 at 7:00pm, 16 Southern Ave in Mt. Washington. This is a TRAIL young adult event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

May 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – "Christian Contributions to Politics: Freedom and Resistance Part I" led by John Burgess, James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – "Symbols, Icons, and Priestly Faith in America Today" led by Pastor Randy Bush

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, Steve Evrard, Judy Roberts, and Liz Gonda

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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