



# 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)*

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) composed the tune LAUDES DOMINI for the hymn text *When Morning Gilds the Skies* in 1868.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Gentle Jesus, you call us to live in your name with honor and respect, fully known to you and precious in your sight. Draw us near to you each day as you teach us how to live with one another, sharing your goodness and mercy with humility, integrity and forbearance. Through you, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right side or your left side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition. But I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Adagio in A”  
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
César Franck  
arr. Robert Lind

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Upon this gathering of your people,  
People: Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.  
Leader: Be near to us and speak to us,  
People: And we will proclaim your glory.  
Leader: Lead us into your realm of life,  
People: And bless us with your peace.  
Leader: Let us worship God!

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

God, you are our strength and our savior. You know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. You move us toward better lives of worth and righteousness, but sadly we move slowly and stumble often along the way. Forgive us, gracious God. Through humility, sustained by your grace, may we ever seek for ourselves and for one another a life of justice, peace and love. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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To worship is to quicken  
the conscience by the  
Holiness of God, to feed  
the mind with the Truth of  
God, to purge the  
imagination by the  
Beauty of God, and to  
devote the will to the  
Purpose of God.  
(Archbishop William  
Temple)

The worth of a State, in  
the long run, is the worth  
of the individuals  
composing it.  
(John Stuart Mill,  
*On Liberty*)

Moses George Hogan  
(1957-2003) was born in  
New Orleans and studied  
at the Oberlin  
Conservatory of Music  
and Juilliard School of  
Music. His arrangements  
of spirituals, over seventy  
in number, are performed  
regularly by choirs  
around the world.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #469

CHILDREN PRAYING

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and offers us  
new life and fresh hope. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!  
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:13-20

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Presentation of Children*

Lila Castle, daughter of Brian and Jen Castle

Parker Gilroy, son of Crystal Gilroy

*Profession of Faith*

*Act of Baptizing*

\* HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Arguments & Answers: Being Worthy”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

*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. Fowler-Searcy

*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

arr. Moses Hogan

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace”

We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
*For Jesus himself will be our leader.*  
*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*  
We will meet our loved ones there.  
We will meet our loved ones there.

*For Jesus...*

There will be no trials there.

There will be no trials there.

*For Jesus...*

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

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* premiered in Vienna (1791), and George Gershwin's opera *Porgy and Bess* opened in Boston (1935); African-American student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try to register for classes at the Univ. of Mississippi (1962); Roberto Clemente reached 3000 hits (1972); thousands of East Germans began emigrating to the West under an accord between the Soviet Union and NATO (1989); and the birthday of tennis star Martina Hingis (1980) and Pittsburgh-born actress Maddie Ziegler (2002).

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

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.
Leader:	Your gift of life, O God, is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. Take these gifts of our lives; refine us, purify us, and let us be truly worthy for your work in the world, now and always.	
People:	Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #804

MARION

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon"

André Campra

*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. Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

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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  
Henry and Lisa Petrilli  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Annie Cowan  
Charlotte Brake-Hoffman  
Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the Fellowship Room, hosted by the Deacons.

*If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x118).*

#### ◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

#### ◆ 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. World Communion Sunday.

Oct 7 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. World Communion Sunday.

Oct 7 — 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 110B.

#### ◆ 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 (*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.

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 Fellowship Room. 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* after worship today and on Oct 7 from 12:30-2:30 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Bush immediately after worship to attend today.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



## TODAY AT ELPC

### Sanctuary and Chapel Tour

Learn about intricate design details in our *Sanctuary and Chapel Tour* today. Join the tour guide at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

### YAM Event: Getting Your Just Desserts

After worship today, young adults are invited to spend the afternoon together by going to the *Melting Pot* at Station Square for some delicious chocolate fondue (and perhaps more). See Wil Forrest immediately after the service to see if there's any space available (Wil@coh.net).

### ONC Needs Your Suggestions

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church's mission and who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. You can help us to develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church's mail room on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

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

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



### Facility Administrator Position Available

With the retirement of both Pam Kimmel, Business Administrator, and Luke Stevens, Projects Manager, and a change in our Engineering staff, ELPC is seeking to reimagine how our wonderful church building will be managed. In addition to the work done by Allen Miller and Paul Martin, we need another person – a Facility Administrator – to complete our property team. Could you be that person or might you know a likely candidate? Please read the position description on our web site ([tiny.cc/ELPC-jobs](http://tiny.cc/ELPC-jobs)) and address any questions to Pam Kimmel ([pamelak@coh.net](mailto:pamelak@coh.net)).

### Bible Study – Oct 1 and 2

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study on Monday, Oct 1 (7 pm), and Tuesday, Oct 2 (10 am). Monday's group will meet for Bible study and fellowship in the Harambe Room. Tuesday's group will meet for Bible study in the 2nd floor Parlor, followed by a potluck lunch. Soup will be provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting.

### Food 4 Thought Begins – Oct 4

*Food 4 Thought* is a no-cost learning support and enrichment program for youth in grades 6–8, which equips and encourages them by exploring and enjoying food. For more info about how your child can participate in our *Food 4 Thought* program, call Sara Hackett (412.673.2926). The program begins Oct 4 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Call Wil Forrest (412.260.2554) if interested in becoming an adult mentor.

### First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House – Oct 5

Young adults are invited to the TRAIL event *First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House* (300 39<sup>th</sup> St, 15201) on Oct 5 at 7 pm. Bring money to try the house beverage and an engaging question for the group to discuss.

### Blessing of the Animals Service – Oct 6

Our service of the *Blessing of the Animals* will be held on Saturday, Oct 6 at 3 pm. Please bring your pets (on leashes!) to the Penn Ave steps of ELPC. A part of the service will be devoted to our pets who are no longer with us. You are encouraged to bring a collar or toy to be blessed. Water will be provided. In case of rain, our service will move into the Narthex. There will be an opportunity to make a donation that will go to *Humane Animal Rescue*. At this time, we are seeking food donations for cats or dogs (can food or dry food), and old blankets and towels.

### Tower Tour – Oct 7

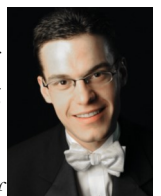
Climb the heights of our central tower at the *Tower Tour* on Sunday, Oct 7. Join the tour guide at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

### World Communion Sunday – Oct 7

ELPC will join sibling congregations around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ as we partake of the bread and cup at the Table and receive the *Peace and Global Witness Offering* on *World Communion Sunday*, Oct 7. After the 11 am service, Kendall Pelling, director of land recycling at East Liberty Development, Inc., will give an update on the redevelopment in our community. A light lunch will be served and a limited number of seats will be available for a short tour of our community.

### Cathedral Concert – Oct 7

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series kicks off with Grammy Award-winning artist Nathan Laube in concert on Sunday, Oct 7 at 3 pm. This concert will be presented in cooperation with the *Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* (OAS). Complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Edward Alan Moore (EdM@coh.net). A freewill offering will be received.







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

Michele Bossers' cousin Laura,  
David Carl's aunt Yvonne,  
Kate Carlson's niece's friend Kaitlyn,  
Carol Chontos' father David,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren,  
Lee Lewand, and Russ Overfield.

## Committee Meetings This Week

Justice ..... Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 227)  
Nominating..... Monday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)  
Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 227)  
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

## Malawi/South Sudan Delegation in Pittsburgh – Oct 10-23

Every other year, we welcome our partners from Africa to Pittsburgh. This year is the 25th anniversary of the ELPC–Balaka CCAP partnership. The delegation will be with us Oct 10-23. Consider hosting a delegate during their stay. Contact Kay Shissler to volunteer (kshissler@juno.com).

## Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints – Oct 14

To help you on your faith journey, the Spiritual Life Committee is offering a new quarterly program as an opportunity for dialogue, called *Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints*. Join us at our first meeting on Sunday, Oct 14, following the 11 am service. Come together with others who have been carrying around secret doubts and questions, talk about the wide breadth of theology within the Presbyterian church, and explore how your personal faith might be more complete.

## Meet Our Missionaries from Malawi – Oct 15

Presbyterian Women invite you to share lunch with visitors from Malawi on Monday, Oct 15 at Noon. Reservations are required; contact Kate Carlson (412.441.3800 x116; KateC@coh.net).

## LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Oct 20

All are invited to the next LGBTQ Ministry monthly spiritual gathering on Oct 20 at 2 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

## Cathedral Rummage Sale – Nov 3

We will accept donations of clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry, toys, books, DVD's, records, Christmas items, and more beginning Oct 19 for our *Cathedral Rummage Sale* on Saturday, Nov 3 in the Social Hall.

For more info, contact Lora Bethea (ljazzzbo@aol.com) or Tony Richardson-Eckes (overthepond\_50@hotmail.com).



## In our COMMUNITY

### “God’s Acre” and Other Stories by Bill Wade – Oct 18

Bill Wade presents *God's Acre and Other Stories*, a multi-media projection of photographs and video that brings together the interests of art, history and health. This free one night event is on Thursday, Oct 18, beginning with a Homewood Cemetery tour at 6 pm. The rest of the program begins at 7 pm, which will be held in the chapel of Homewood Cemetery (1599 South Dallas Ave, 15217, Point Breeze). Contact wbillwade@verizon.net, or Homewood Cemetery (412.421.1822) for more info.

### Book Discussion – Oct 25

The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of Eliza Griswold's 2017 book *Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America* at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct 25. Griswold writes of the devastating impact of fracking on two small communities near Washington, PA. We will discuss the first half of the book and set a date for further discussion. The book is available at Carnegie Library and in bookstores. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Oct 7 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Room)** – “Theology for Presbyterians: The Bible” facilitated by the Contemporaries Steering Committee

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Job 1:1, 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “The Church and Community Development” led by Pastor Patrice and Kendall Pelling

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A concluding discussion of chapter two of *Surrender to Love* by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard, and Shirley Fair

### ♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

**Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor** – Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

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

If you have something to share, visit the **iSERVE** LOVE IN ACTION 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).

### ♦ Needed: Meal Providers for Club 116 this Fall ♦

Dates still needed: Oct 10, Nov 28 and Dec 5 + 12