



# 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)*

## NOVEMBER 4, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

George Shearing (1919-2011), the famed blind jazz pianist, recorded himself improvising several of his favorite hymns at the piano. These recordings were then transcribed from tape to paper and, with the help of organist Dale Wood, arranged and published for the organ.

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.  
(Eleanor Roosevelt)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." — *Henri Nouwen*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Love Thee, My Lord"  
"Amazing Grace"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
George Shearing  
George Shearing

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.  
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### 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

Barbara Griffin

Leader: Come, let us worship our God – the one who turns mourning into dancing; the one who forgives our sins; the one who offers new life.

People: **We gather together to pray and praise, to comfort and learn, to be emboldened by God's Spirit to answer our call to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: As a people of hope, let us praise the Living God.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #308

NOEL

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #466

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

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Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace; help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children...will rejoice in our common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.  
(The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Leader:** In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life.

**People:** **You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new.**

**Leader:** For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks. For those who have completed, with courage, their earthly walk and now dwell with you in the heavenly home prepared for them by Christ, we give you thanks. Today we remember:

Mary Elizabeth Alcorn, Mark Benedict, Fay Benedict, Regina Bour,  
Robert Brown Jr., Blanche Buckley, Virginia Costanzo, Gabriel D'Abruzzo,  
Joyce Gilliland, Garland Hawkins, Joseph Heckel, Joseph Kennedy III,  
Krista Kreger, Gail Noden, Larry Orndoff, Reginald Plato, Doris Riethmiller,  
Eugenia Smith, Donna Stephens, the Rev. Al Valentine, Sara Weber-Striplin,  
Julia Williams

*Other loved ones who have died and are named on our hearts are remembered as well.*

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**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 146:1-10

Derail Holcomb

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 12:28-34

Kira Mukogosi

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Sara Hackett

*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 #726**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Esther 4

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SERMON**

"Big Themes, Little Books: Powerful Voices"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**\* 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*)**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Stewardship

David Carl

**OFFERING INVITATION**

David Carl

*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.*

Words: So innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.  
(Nathaniel Hawthorne)

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

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's (1840-1893) *How Blest Are They* is from the communion hymn in the funeral liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Organist and composer Wilbur Held (1914-2015) served on the faculty of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH for thirty years. The text of *For All the Saints* was written by the Anglican Bishop William Walsham How and published in 1864. Comprised of 11 verses, this text was originally sung to the hymn tune SARUM by Joseph Barnby. Since the publication of the *English Hymnal* in 1906, the text has been associated with the tune SINE NOMINE (meaning "without name") by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"How Blest Are They"

Pyotr Tchaikovsky

*How blest are they whom thou hast chosen and taken unto thee, O Lord!  
Their memorial is from generation to generation. Alleluia!*

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is presented by Tim and Joanne Goodall.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## — SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Callahan

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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf and The Rev. Callahan

### SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

*After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.*

### COMMUNION HYMN #525

LET US BREAK BREAD

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Derail Holcomb

**Nurture us by this meal that we might be strengthened to build up the work  
of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign.  
For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #730

GRAND ISLE

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"

Wilbur Held

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
David Carl  
Barbara Griffin  
Sara Hackett  
Derail Holcomb  
Kira Mukogosi  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Lydia Delp and Marley Ervin  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stufft  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Room for our *Fellowship Time*. 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 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.  
*Nov 11* — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Nov 11* — 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* on **December 2 and 9** from **12:30-2 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

### EECM Food Bags Distributed

We will distribute empty grocery bags at our worship services today for the EECM Thanksgiving food drive. If you would like to participate, please take a bag and fill it with the requested items (stapled on the bag). Return your bag of donations (and pledge cards) on **Stewardship Sunday, Nov 11**.

### Walking Each Other Home

Please join us in the 2nd floor Parlor today at Noon when James Finley, former Trappist monk and student of Thomas Merton, through the film *Jesus and Buddha*, will guide us on a journey to the shared heart of Christian and Buddhist traditions where together we experience the boundless mystery and love of God in every prayer, and in every breath. Discussion and meditation facilitated by Rev Mary Lynn Callahan and Susan Spangler. A light lunch will be served. *Offered by the Spiritual Life Committee.*

### Church Tours — Today and Next Sunday

Explore ELPC's cavernous basement following today's Sanctuary worship service to see the giant boilers that heat our church home and the blowers that feed air to more than 7,000 organ pipes! Following 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 11, learn about Sanctuary and Chapel design. Please gather at the Highland Ave Hospitality Desk after the service to participate in today's tour.



### Bible Study — Nov 5 and 6

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study *God with us in our Discouragement* on Monday, Nov 5 at 7 pm and Tuesday, Nov 6 at 10 am. Monday's group will meet 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.

### Chatham Baroque in Concert

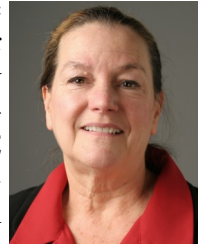
**Saturday, Nov 10 • 8 pm**

The 8th season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Saturday, Nov 10 at 8 pm with a performance by Chatham Baroque in our intimate Chapel. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Ed Moore. *Note: performance date change from Nov 17.*



**Say *Thank you!*  
to Pam Kimmel with Cookies  
Sunday, Nov 11**

Please join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 11 for food, cookies, laughs and maybe a few tears as we celebrate and thank Pam Kimmel for her 20 years of service as ELPC Business Administrator. Pam, who is stepping down from the post (but will remain with the church and the Chancel Choir, to be clear!), has been vital to the growth and outreach of ELPC and a humble, knowledgeable and gracious leader whose calm and pleasant demeanor has been appreciated not only by staff but all who have worked and interacted with her. You can help show your appreciation by contributing to the cookie table that will be set up in Pam's honor; please drop off homemade cookies (already plated if possible) in the Social Hall before the 11 am service.



### Opportunity to Serve Our Neighbors — Nov 6

Support *Open Hand Ministries* and the neighborhood families it serves by providing dinner for the OHM Circles gathering of families on Tuesday, Nov 6. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed. For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Frank Bauerle (frbaurele@yahoo.com).

### Retreat: In the Shelter of Each Other — Nov 10

*A half day retreat of meditation, qi gong, and mindful movement*  
Wear comfortable clothes and, if possible, bring a simple bag lunch. Fruit, tea, light refreshments and meditation and qi gong instructions will be provided. Our retreat begins at 9 am and ends at 1 pm on Saturday, Nov 10 in the 2nd floor Parlor. Contact Susan Spangler (sspanglerlcs@gmail.com; 240.285.6507) to RSVP.

### Bowling, Bingo & Board Games — Nov 10

The Christian Education Committee invites folks of all ages for an evening of bowling, bingo and board games on Saturday, Nov 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Pizza will be provided, please bring a side or salad to share







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

Harvey Adams, David Carl's aunt Yvonne,  
Carol Chontos' father David, Sam Ditka's friend Jennifer,  
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren, Kathy Kiewra,  
Lee Lewand, Jon Nelson's friend Dan, Sandra Owen,  
Ashleigh Parker, Rhonda Perroz, Henry Petrilli,  
Cameron Teacoach and her friend Celina,  
and Chris Wharton's grandmother Mary Lou.

*A celebration of **Gail Noden's** life will be held on  
Tuesday, Nov 20 at 10 am at ELPC.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 211)  
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)  
Worship, Music & Arts..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland)  
Environmental Taskforce..... Wednesday, 1:30 pm (Trustees)  
Mission Board ..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

### Combined Young Adult & Happy Wanderer Event — Nov 10

The Happy Wanderers and the Young Adults will spend the day together on Saturday, Nov 10 from 11 am-1:30 pm! After meeting at ELPC in the Garth Overlook Room, they will go to the Pittsburgh Glass Center for a tour and demonstration, then return to ELPC for lunch. The cost is \$10 per person for transportation, tour, demonstration and lunch. Contact Martha DeMarzi (412.362.2058) or Kelli Booher (kjbooher@gmail.com) for info or to attend.

### Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints — Nov 11

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 in the 2nd floor Parlor following the 11 am service on Nov 11. A light lunch will be served right after the service, but the program will not start until 12:45 pm so that those wishing to attend the retirement celebration for Pam Kimmel can do both. All are welcome!

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Nov 17

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Saturday, Nov 17 at 2 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

### Annual Thanksgiving Feast — Nov 18

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 18 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up on the bulletin board near the Highland desk today).

### Youth Ministry Events in November

- ✦ *Doing Good Together!* service project at ELPC with Rodef Shalom youth — today at 12:30 pm
  - ✦ *Youth (gr 6-12) Retreat @ Crestfield* — Nov 16 and 17
  - ✦ *Tween Night Scavenger Hunt* — Nov 30 from 6-8 pm
- Contact Sara Hackett for more info on these events or to RSVP (SaraH@coh.net).

## In our COMMUNITY

### Dr. Ed Moore in Recital — Today!

Today at 4 pm, Dr. Ed Moore will be in recital at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church (300 Glenshaw Ave, 15116). His performance will re-dedicate the church's newly rebuilt Austin Organ, Opus 1575, which was originally built in 1928. A light reception follows the concert.

### Supper with Scholars — Nov 14

ELPC's Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy, a recipient of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church *Howard C. Scharfe Fellowship Scholarship*, will share over dinner and through worship her experiences related to her D.Min. studies and how her studies impact her practical ministry at 6 pm on Wednesday, Nov 14. To attend the event, please contact Shadyside Presbyterian Church (412.682.4300).

### Two Volunteer Tutoring Opportunities

- ✦ Help adults improve reading comprehension, math skills, prepare for the GED or learn English as a second language. Call 412.632.1855 or email [tutor@goodwillswpa.org](mailto:tutor@goodwillswpa.org).
- ✦ *Literacy Pittsburgh* is offering free training workshops in Shadyside in November. Pre-registration required (412.393.7645; [rhatcher@literacypittsburgh.org](mailto:rhatcher@literacypittsburgh.org)).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 11 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Room)** — “Christian Perspective on the Opioid Crisis” led by Karen A. Plavan, Ph.D.

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** — “Enhanced Christians: Technology or Grace?” led by Ron Cole-Turner

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** — A beginning discussion of chapter five of *Surrender to Love* by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Judy Roberts

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

**iSERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2), or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

♦ **STILL looking for Club 116 Food Team Member**  
(some Wednesdays from 3-6 pm) ♦