



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 18, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) was a famed German organist and composer. The tune of *Now Thank We All Our God* is used more as a structural device in this piece, never being easily recognizable to the listener.

BLESSING FOR THE DAY:
May the God who hears our needs and answers the cries of our hearts, be with you today and always, a sure and certain strength and comfort throughout the ages. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Freedom has always been an expensive thing. History is fit testimony to the fact that freedom is rarely gained without sacrifice and self-denial...The trail blazers in human, academic, scientific, and religious freedom have always been in the minority."
— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Matthew Cates

"Now Thank We All Our God" (*Marche Triomphale*) Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 (*from Psalm 16*)

Libby Ferda

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; it is you, O God, who upholds my life.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me; because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.**

Leader: My heart is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body shall ever rest in hope.

People: **For you show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. You have set us free to love and serve you always.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #321

AURELIA

"The Church's One Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those in need, those who have little while we have much. We fail to appreciate the gifts you have given us — our health, our comfort, our freedom, our life itself. Too often distractions and doubts had led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, merciful Lord, and lead us on a new and humble path of freedom. In Christ's name we pray this day. Amen.

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Those who expect to
reap the blessings of
freedom must undergo
the fatigue of
supporting it.
(Thomas Paine)

Philemon is the shortest
of Paul's letters, written
from prison to a church
member living near
Colossae. In it Paul asks
for clemency for a
runaway slave named
Onesimus. Both Luther
and Calvin quote this
letter as an illustration of
Christian love.

The text of *Be Thou My
Vision* is often attributed
to Saint Dallán (c. 530-
598), an early Christian
Irish poet. Ned Tipton is
former Canon for Music
and Organist at the
American Cathedral in
Paris and currently
serves at Grace
Episcopal Church in
Asheville, NC.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: 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

Hebrews 10:16-25

Ray Anthony

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 Child: Jack Overholt, son of Trey and Alanna Overholt
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing*

* HYMN #653

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

MORNING SONG

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philemon 1-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Big Themes, Little Books: The Cost of Freedom" The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Edward J. "Ned" Tipton

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my battleship, sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, thou my high Tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:


The Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome was consecrated (1626); abolitionist Sojourner Truth was born (1797); a toymaker in Brooklyn named the teddy bear after Theodore Roosevelt (1902); Mickey Mouse premiered in the sound cartoon "Steamboat Willie" (1928); Jackie Robinson was named the National League's MVP (1949); and "Calvin and Hobbes" debuted in newspapers (1985).

How shall freedom be defended? By arms when it is attacked by arms; by truth when it is attacked by lies; by democratic faith when it is attacked by authoritarian dogma. Always by dedication and faith.
(Archibald Macleish)

Virgil Fox's (1912-1980) setting of *Now Thank We All Our God* is an arrangement of the third movement of Bach's *Cantata No. 79*. In the original, the chorus is singing the hymn tune.

* 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. 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:	Living God, we offer these pledges and gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth, breaking the chains that bind us so we may be free to love and serve after the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #336 "We Gather Together"

KREMSE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Virgil Fox



for your generosity in supporting the EECM Food Drive last Sunday.

Over 100 heavy boxes and bags of groceries were organized by our *Food 4 Thought* teams and delivered to the EECM Food Pantry. Also, thank you

for your generous response to Stewardship Sunday.

After one week, we have received 174 pledges totaling \$553,093. Please turn in your pledge cards so we can finalize the 2019 budget and shorten the list of church members receiving follow-up phone calls from the Stewardship Committee!

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 Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Ray Anthony
Libby Ferda
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Sam Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*
David Gardner, *Trumpet*
Rana Jurjus, *Horn*
Morgan Wynn, *Trombone*
John Caughman, *Tuba*
Acolyte: Annie Cowan
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us after worship in the Social Hall for our annual *Thanksgiving Luncheon*. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Miss H. Cornelia McCombs and Mrs. Anna L. Dickey.

♦ 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 25 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Nov 25 — 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 annual *Thanksgiving Luncheon* in the Social Hall. 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. Contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more information (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

November 18, 2018 • 26th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY AT ELPC

Special Musical Guests

Our resident ensemble, *The Brass Roots*, will provide special music at today's 11 am worship service.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service for a turkey luncheon! All are welcome!

Glass Items for Sale

Purchase special jewelry/ornaments that were made locally by Sarah Cohen in honor of our church's Bicentennial anniversary, which we'll celebrate next May! Items will be available in the Social Hall after the Journey service and during the Thanksgiving Feast.



Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.



Hanging of the Greens – Nov 25

In preparation for the Advent season, volunteers are invited to stay after worship next Sunday to help us decorate our Sanctuary with the trees, wreaths, and garlands that symbolize the good news of Christ's promised presence in our world. Please join us!

Thank Offering Received – Nov 25

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessing by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The *Thank Offering* funds provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women, and so much more. You are invited to participate in the *Thank Offering* in worship on Sunday, Nov 25.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN THE NAME OF LOVE



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES™

Tuesday, Dec 4 • 6 to 8 pm

If you shop at Thousand Villages (5820 Forbes Ave) on Tuesday, Dec 4 from 6 to 8 pm, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the ELPC Deacons.

Call ELPC
Deacon Tucker
Ferda for info
406.249.9811.

This event offers a great opportunity to support those artisans far away, while also supporting those in our midst who are most in need this holiday season.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale – Nov 25

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during next Sunday's *Fellowship Time*. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers. Check or cash only.

Tween Night Scavenger Hunt – Nov 30

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to enjoy dinner and an epic scavenger hunt around the church on Friday, Nov 30 from 6–8 pm. Friends are welcome too! RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Facing Systemic Racism Event – Dec 2

Please join us for the final event in our *Facing Systemic Racism Series* on Sunday, Dec 2 at 12:30 pm as we discuss where we, as a church, go next to address systemic racism. Your reflections and input will help guide future events, action, and programs at ELPC. A light lunch will be served. Call 412.441.3800 x140 for childcare.

Toymakers' Annual Sale – Dec 2

The ELPC Toymakers' annual sale will be held following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Dec 2 in the Fellowship Room. Available will be a sampling of the toys they make for distribution to women's shelters and mission trips, as well as ornaments, shelf elves, and Nativity puzzles.

Church Tours – Dec 2, 16 and 30

All are welcome to attend a church tour after the 11 am worship service on the following dates:

- ✦ Dec 2 — Stained Glass
- ✦ Dec 16 — Trinity Chapel
- ✦ Dec 30 — Sanctuary/Chapel

TRAIL Event: First Friday @ Shadracks – Dec 7

Young adults are invited to the TRAIL event *First Friday @ Shadracks* on Dec 7. Meet at ELPC at 7 pm to drive to Butler for the *world's largest drive-through, fully synchronized, LED Christmas light and music show of its kind!* RSVP to Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800) to save your seat in the van.

Jr. High Service Project – Dec 8

Following our Christmas Pageant rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 8, youth in grades 6–8 will share lunch, then spend the afternoon shopping for Christmas gifts for children who are in foster care through Project STAR, a program of the Children's Institute.

Mini-Retreat on the Incarnation – Dec 9

All are welcome to join us after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Dec 9 from 12–3 pm as we focus on entering into the reality of the Incarnation. Lunch will be provided. *Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.*



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

Harvey Adams, Tim Benedict's aunt Lois,
David Carl's aunt Yvonne,
Carol Chontos' father David,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren, Lee Lewand,
Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Darlania,
Jon Nelson's friend Dan,
Rita Nordquist, Sandra Owen's sister Carol,
Ashleigh Parker, Henry Petrilli,
Cameron Teacoach and her friend Celina,
Pat Valoon's friend Patti,
and Chris Wharton's grandmother Mary Lou.

Condolences to Karen Overfield on her mother's passing.

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



Committee Meetings This Week

*The church office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Monday
for the Thanksgiving holiday. ELPC pastors and staff wish
our ELPC family a blessed Thanksgiving!*

Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Fellowship Rm)
Renovations..... Wednesday, 7:30 am (2nd fl Library)

Christmas Pageant: A Story of Unity – Dec 9

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec 9 at 10 am as the children of our church tell and enact the Christmas story. Written once again by the Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt, narrators will remind us of how Christ's birth drew unlikely people together in joy and hope. *There will be a dress rehearsal for all participants on Saturday, Dec 8 from 9:30–11 am, followed by a Christmas party for the children who are participating.*

Christmas in East Liberty – Dec 14

Our *Christmas in East Liberty* Cathedral Concert will take place on Friday, Dec 14 at 7:30 pm, with performances by The Brass Roots, organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Saxophonist Mike Tomaro, and the ELPC Chancel Choir! A freewill offering will be received.

Support the Christmas Giving Tree

Stop by the *Giving Tree* near the Hospitality Desk on Sundays, Dec 2 and 9, or Wednesday, Dec 5 and select a gift tag. Deacons will be on hand to offer assistance. Wrapped gifts, with tags securely attached, are due back in the church office no later than noon on Sunday, Dec 16. To participate by donating money, please make checks out to *ELPC Giving Tree* and deliver it to the church office.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Nov 20

Third Presbyterian Church (5701 Fifth Ave, 15232) will host an *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, Nov 20 at 7:30 pm. One of the guest speakers will be Mayor Bill Peduto. All are welcome!

Fair Trade Shopping Event – Dec 1

Uniquely the Same, Inc. is sponsoring a *Fair Trade Shopping Event* on Saturday, Dec 1 from 10 am–2 m at EECM (6140 Station St, 15206). Free admission, coffee and donuts!

Belle Voci Performances – Dec 6, 14 and 15

Hear Belle Voci of Pittsburgh perform live with River City Brass on Thursday, Dec 6 at 7:30 pm at Carnegie Music Hall (Oakland). Belle Voci will also perform their annual *A Natale* concert on Friday, Dec 14 at 7:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church (261 W Chapel Ridge Rd, 15238) and on Saturday, Dec 15 at 7:30 pm at (First Baptist Church of Pgh (159 N Bellefield Ave, 15213). Visit www.bellevocipgh.com for tickets and info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 25 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Chapel) – combined with Seekers

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — 2 Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 132:1–18; Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37
facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Chapel) – “Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania, 1770–1830” led by Dr. Gilmore

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A beginning discussion of *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda and David Carl

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

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LOVE IN ACTION

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2, or contact **Jim DiGiorgio** (JimD@coh.net).

♦ THANKS to all who are volunteering today to make the Thanksgiving Feast happen! ♦