



# 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)*

## DECEMBER 23, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

British choral conductor, organist, and composer David Willcocks (1919-2015) was well known for his years as director of music at King's College, Cambridge from 1957-1974.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:  
Giver of light, in the light of Christ I see myself clearly as your child. I rise to live this day in your wisdom, without fear, without acrimony, but with charity toward those I meet and toward myself when I find I am wanting. Lead me into your desire for me this day, O Lord. Let me know your love is deep and abiding; in Jesus' name. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you." — L. R. Knost

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Prelude on Once in Royal David's City"

David Willcocks

*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. 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 / ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Matt, Katie, Olivia and Russell Sebastian

Leader: Isaiah spoke to a people called Chosen, to a tribe called Israel, offering a light of hope. Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, offering a light of joy. Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable now called a nursery, offering a light of love.

*The first four candles are lit.*

Leader: As we light our fourth Advent candle, we rejoice with Mary, for God's love has taken human flesh.

People: Come to us, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Love.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #140

IRBY

"Once in Royal David's City"

### PRESENTATION OF THEME: LESSONS, CAROLS & STORIES

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

English hymn writer Charles Wesley was born (1707); the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified (1865); **Tchaikovsky's** *The Nutcracker Suite* premiered in St. Petersburg (1892); and the Rev. Jesse Jackson founded his civil rights organization *Operation PUSH* in Chicago (1971).

*Lessons & Carols* services date back to 1880, when the first Bishop of Truro devised a service of Nine Lessons with Carols as a way to invite his flock into worship while a new cathedral was being built. The service was later codified by the **Dean of Cambridge's King's College in 1918.**

The story *The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me* comes from Jeanette **Winterson's** *Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days* – a delightful collection of stories, memories and recipes from a noted British author.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Presentation of Members:* Kyleigh Graham  
Brendan and Lesley McCaskey  
John and Whitney Solvay

*Reaffirmation of Faith*

*Prayer of Welcome*

Leaders: For our welcome this day, we offer our thanks. May you always welcome one another and everyone you encounter.

People: As followers of Christ, we shall ever rejoice in the Lord. We will seek to imitate what we have learned and received and heard and seen. And we will share this good news with all.

Leaders: May this day mark a new beginning in all our lives, as we go out in hope, loving God and loving neighbor, that God's Holy Spirit may reap in us a harvest of righteousness.

People: We are never alone. The grace of the Lord sustains us, the mercy of the Lord uplifts us, and the love of the Lord fills our hearts with joy and our lives with purpose. Alleluia! Amen!

CHAPTER 1: THE CHOSEN ONE

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 9:2-7 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
*Hymn #102 (vs. 1, 4)* NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND  
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

CHAPTER 2: A STABLE FOR THE NIGHT

*Scripture Lesson* Micah 5:2-5a The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
*Hymn #108 (vs. 1, 4)* "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

CHAPTER 3: THE COMMOTION OF BIRTH

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 11:1-9 The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
*Hymn #93* "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

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.*

CHAPTER 4: THE DONKEY'S SONG

*Scripture Lesson* Luke 2:1-7, 8-14 The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
*Hymn #110* "Love Has Come" The Rev. Schoenewolf  
BRING A TORCH

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 CAROLS

*Hymn #146* "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM  
*Hymn #123 (vs. 1, 4, 5)* "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

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ADVENT BENEDICTION:  
Proclaim and live the  
great good news that  
Christ hosts a welcome  
table where all may  
gather in peace to listen,  
speak, and sing. May the  
blessing of God,  
the Welcoming Word,  
the All-Cleansing Spirit,  
and the Radiance of  
Original Love rest and  
remain with us always.  
Amen.

Craig Phillips (b. 1961) is  
Director of Music at All  
Saints' Church, Beverly  
Hills and a graduate of  
the Eastman School of  
Music.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* 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:	God of every good and perfect gift, receive now the gifts we offer. Use them according to your purposes and plans. And whatever part we are invited to play in the drama of faith, may we ever raise our voices in songs of praise to you and to your Son, our Savior, born in Bethlehem so long ago. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

CHAPTER 5: DEPARTURES INTO AN UNEASY NIGHT

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:13-18

Hymn (see insert)

"Lully, Lullay, Thou Tiny Child"

COVENTRY CAROL

CHAPTER 6: A DONKEY'S BENEDICTION

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Antioch"

Craig Phillips

*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 Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Matt, Katie, Olivia and  
Russell Sebastian  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
Acolytes: Suraya and Zaida Collins  
Beadle: Laura Ristau  
Crucifer: Devan McNamee  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*. All are welcome!

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

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of the Honorable Andrew W. Mellon and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beatty Mellon.

*If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma Meyer (412.441.3800 x111).*

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

*There is no Journey service on Dec 30.*

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Dec 30 — The Rev. Jim Davidson 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

*(Available daily through New Year's Eve)*

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 *(No service on Dec 26)*

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 Feb 3 and 10 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp for more information about future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

# LULLY, LULLAY, THOU TINY CHILD

1. Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou ti - ny child,  
 2. Her - od, the king, In his rag - ing,  
 3. That woe is me, Poor child for thee!

By by, lul - ly, lul - lay. Lul -  
 Char - ged he hath this day His  
 And ev - er morn and day, For

lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,  
 men of might, In his own sight,  
 thy part - ing Nei - ther say nor sing

By by, lul - ly, lul - lay.  
 All young chil - dren to slay.  
 By by, lul - ly, lul - lay.



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## Church Events and Announcements

December 23, 2018 • 4th Sunday of Advent

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's *Fellowship Time*. It makes a great last-minute gift for that coffee lover in your life! 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. *Note: Café Justo will be sold on the 4th Sunday of each month in 2019.*

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

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Peta Harrigan Cole**.



#### Ushers and Greeters for Christmas Eve

If you will be attending either of our Christmas Eve services, and have a heart for ushering and greeting, please contact David Carl (412.378.4735; [dbcaryl333@gmail.com](mailto:dbcaryl333@gmail.com)) or Sherry Anderson ([mishand408@comcast.net](mailto:mishand408@comcast.net); 412.361.4419) to express your interest.

#### No Taizé Sung Prayer Service – Dec 26

Please note we will not have a Taizé sung prayer service on Wednesday, Dec 26.

### Christmas Eve Worship Services

Join us in the Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship services tomorrow. Both services will feature the celebration of the Lord's Supper and candle lighting.

#### Friends & Family

##### Service at 5 pm

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach.

##### Candlelight

##### Service at 11 pm

Special prelude music begins at 10:30 pm.  
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach.



**The Labyrinth will be available daily from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve in the Social Hall.**

#### Has Your Address or Phone Number Changed?

Please contact Kate Carlson ([KateC@coh.net](mailto:KateC@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x116) in the church's Business Office if you have had a change in address, name or phone number so our member records are current.

#### Love to Cook or Bake?

If you enjoy cooking or baking, you can put your talents and gifts to use by providing a hearty meal for *Club 116*, which still needs food providers in 2019! Many dates are available from Jan 9 through May. Please contact Jim DiGiorgio to sign-up or with questions ([JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net)).

#### DG2! (Doing Good Together) Project – Dec 27

Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather together on Thursday, Dec 27 from 3-8 pm to make and serve dinner to the residents at East End Cooperative Ministry. Contact Sara Hackett for info ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

#### Tween Movie Night – Dec 28

Youth (grades 4–6) will enjoy pizza, popcorn and a movie at *Tween Movie Night* from 6-8 pm on Friday, Dec 28. Bring a friend and send your movie suggestions to Sara Hackett!

#### College Reunion for Young Adults – Dec 30

College-age young adults are invited to catch up over lunch following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Dec 30. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Sara Hackett (412.673.2926).

#### Take Home Christmas Decorations – Dec 30

Well-used church Christmas decorations will be free to a good home! While they cannot be utilized at church anymore, you may find crafty re-uses of them at home. Please see the selection available on Sunday, Dec 30 after the 11 am worship service. Enter the doors to the right of the Chancel in the West Transept where items will be available outside the Christmas Room.

#### Church Tours – Dec 30, Jan 6 and 27

All are welcome to join any of our church tours following the 11 am worship service on these dates:

- ✦ Dec 30—*Sanctuary and Chapel*
- ✦ Jan 6—*Sanctuary and Chapel*
- ✦ Jan 27—*Stained Glass*





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

Sue Bailey, Kelli Booher, Henk Bossers,  
Carol Chontos' father David,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Laura Dobrich's nephew,  
Katelyn Haas' friend's mother Pamela,  
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle,  
Emily Mohn-Slate's mother-in-law Karena,  
Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Darlania,  
Henry Petrilli,  
Pat Valoon's friend Patti and her family and Jerry Wrzosek.

### No Committee Meetings This Week

*The church office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday,  
Dec 25 and 26. The ELPC pastors and staff  
wish you and yours a blessed Christmas!*

### World Healing Day — Dec 31

Join us in body or spirit from 6:50–8 am on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec 31 for meditation and a walk on the labyrinth in the Social Hall. Add your love and light to the healing of this world. We invite you to then stay for the Spiritual Life Committee's *Year-End Examen Mini-Retreat* beginning at 9 am in the 2nd floor Parlor.

### Year-End Examen Mini-Retreat — Dec 31

Find God in your life as you review the year ending and consider intentions as you look forward into the year ahead at our *Year-End Examen Retreat* on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec 31 from 9 am–Noon in the 2nd floor Parlor. Continental breakfast provided.

### Chatham Baroque in Concert — Jan 5

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues at 8 pm on Saturday, Jan 5, with a performance by Chatham Baroque in the Chapel. Regarded as one of the country's most distinguished period ensembles, Chatham Baroque has excited local, national, and international audiences for nearly 30 years with dazzling technique and lively interpretations of 17th and 18th century music, played on instruments of the time. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Edward Alan Moore.



**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

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

**Club 116 meal  
providers for Spring 2019**



Contact Jim DiGiorgio for more info ([JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net))

### Winter Rally Day — Jan 6

As we gather for Church School on Sunday, Jan 6, after our Christmas break, the Christian Education Committee invites you to a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Room beginning at 9:30 am. Please bring a breakfast bread to share. Grab a bite to eat on your way to class, and wish your friends a Happy New Year!

### Bible Study — Jan 7 and 8

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women as they continue their Bible study titled *God With Us When We're Powerless* on Monday, Jan 7 at 7 pm, and Tuesday, Jan 8 at 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.

### Do You Enjoy Crafts? — Jan 8, 9, 23 and 28

Consider joining one of our "hands on" groups to use your skills to care for others. We share lots of fellowship, along with our patterns, problems, and projects. All ages and skills are welcome. Contact Diane Jackson ([dnjcks@verizon.net](mailto:dnjcks@verizon.net); 412.441.6021) for more info about these groups.

- ✦ *Knitting Group*—Tuesday, Jan 8, 1–3 pm
- ✦ *Toy Makers*—Wednesday, Jan 9 & 23, 9 am–12 pm
- ✦ *Sewing Group*—Monday, Jan 28, 2:30–6 pm

### Tween Night — Jan 13

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to a night of bowling, pizza, trophies, and fun at *Tween Night* on Sunday, Jan 13 from 4–6 pm. Please bring a beverage or snack to share, and your friends! Contact Sara Hackett for more info ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

### Young Adult Ministry Events — January

Contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries ([KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net); 405.501.0711) for details about these young adult ministry events:

- ✦ Friday, Jan 4: "REcipe" *First Friday Potluck*, 7 pm
- ✦ Sunday, Jan 6: "RESolution, RESponsibility, or RELuctance" *YAM Sunday School Class*, 9:45 am
- ✦ Tuesday, Jan 15: "REjoice" *Ringin' in the New Year with Handbells*, 7 pm
- ✦ Sunday, Jan 27: "REflect" *Stained Glass and Mosaic Class*, 12:30 pm

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Jan 20

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Jan 20. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*There will be no Church School classes on  
Sunday, Dec 30 for a Christmas holiday break.*