



# 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)*

## JANUARY 6, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This jubilant setting of *In You is Gladness* is found in the "New Year" section in Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of 46 chorale preludes. Bach's original plan was to include 164 chorale preludes in this collection spanning the liturgical year. The chorales in this collection were composed between 1708-1714, when Bach was living and working in Weimar, Germany.

In Epiphany, the magi make their great journey to see the Christ Child, which reminds us of how Jesus draws all creation to the divine life revealed in him and offers reconciliation to all creation. In this New Year, what allows you to stay peaceful, courteous, and respectful of differences? How do you stay open to God's reconciling love in the world?

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Toddler Christ, whose light shines out not from a palace but from a village woman's lap, shine on us today through the youngest and the least, that we may open our treasures and give to them precious gifts, shared in your name." — *Brian Wren*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
"In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615" Johann Sebastian Bach  
(*In You is Gladness*)  
"Prelude for the Introit of Epiphany" Maurice Duruflé

### 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

Dee Flaherty

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.  
People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord of glory, revealed in the child of Bethlehem.  
People: Let us proclaim God's praise among all the nations!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #147 "The First Nowell"

THE FIRST NOWELL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #158 (vs. 1 and 2 only)

MARY'S CHILD

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"



1 Born in the night, Mar-y's Child, a long way from your home;  
2 Clear shin-ing light, Mar-y's Child, your face lights up our way;



com - ing in need, Mar - y's Child, born in a bor-rowed room.  
Light of the world, Mar - y's Child, dawn on our dark-ened day.

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In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Yet we hold to the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins and shadows. Thanks be to God.

The world "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revelation." The Feast of Epiphany, dating back to the 3rd century in the Eastern church, celebrated the baptism of Christ. But by the 4th century CE, it was associated with the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi and celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas. Since the time of William the Conqueror, the King or Queen of England still presents gifts of gold sovereigns, frankincense and myrrh in the Chapel Royal on the Feast of Epiphany.

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-7

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #145

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-15

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## SERMON

"Darkness and Light"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### \* 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*)

## 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 "Three Kings from Persian Lands"

Gustav Holst

*In Bethlehem, that noble place, of Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
Within a stable all forlorn, the Saviour of the World is born.*

*Be we merry in this feast,  
In which the Savior Christ is born.*

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar following the distant star:  
And this the quest of travelers three, where the new-born king may be.*

*The star shines out with steadfast ray, the kings to Bethlehem make their way;  
And there in worship they bend the knee, unto the child they'd come to see.*

*The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting-place:  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring so give thy heart unto the King.*

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Bob and Carol Forloines.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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

On this day in history were born the following people: Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans (1412); the artist Gustave Doré (1832); the character Sherlock Holmes (1854); and the poet Carl Sandburg (1878). Also on this day, George Washington married the wealthy widow Martha Custis (1759); Albert Einstein married Mileva Maric (1903); and future President George H.W. Bush married Barbara Pierce at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rye, NY (1945).

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) was a meticulous composer, constantly revising his music, which resulted in a smaller output of compositions than many of his contemporaries. This perfectionism resulted in pieces of the highest quality, which are held in high regard in the organ literature.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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 #534 (please sing 3x)

Now

"Now the Silence"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Glorious God, you led three magi of wisdom to bring gifts honoring Jesus, your Holy Child, our Lord. At this table, you share the gifts of Jesus, our crucified King, our Savior. Let us receive from your generosity the full measure of your love, that we may be your light that shines in the darkness today. In Christ's name. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #150

DIX

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Michael Painter, *organ*

"Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral"

Maurice Duruflé

*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  
Dee Flaherty  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Michael Painter, *Organist*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the 1st floor Fellowship Room. 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

*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.  
*Jan 13* — The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Jan 13* — The Rev. Dr. Randy 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 **February 10 and 17** 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](http://www.ELPC.church).





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## Church Events and Announcements

January 6, 2019 • Epiphany of the Lord

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Church Tour

All are welcome to join the *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour after this morning's 11 am worship service, led by Steve Evrard. Please gather at the Hospitality Desk at the S Highland Ave entrance to participate.

#### 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.

The *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **David Cowan**.



#### 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).

#### 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; 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 invite your friends and bring a beverage or snack to share. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Young Adult Ministry Event — Jan 15

What better way to ring in the New Year than to literally *ring* in the New Year? Young adults are invited to join Dr. Ed Moore when he will lead an introductory handbell lesson in Rm 313 on Tuesday, Jan 15 at 7 pm. No experience is required. Contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114) for more info.

#### Environmental Book Club Meeting — Jan 17

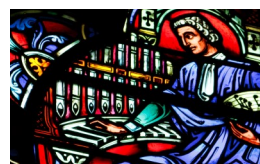
The Justice Committee's Environmental Group invites you to a meeting on Thursday, Jan 17 at 7 pm. Bring one of your favorite books or articles about nature or climate change to discuss and select for the group to read together in the future. For details, please contact Nancy Heastings (N.Heastings@comcast.net).

#### 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).

#### Does Science Threaten Belief? — Jan 26

Plan on joining us for an opportunity to look more closely at your faith as we spend the day with ELPC member Kevin Seybold on Saturday, Jan 26 in the McKelvy Room from 9 am–4:30 pm. Kevin will lead us through a day of study and reflection based on a video series that uses interviews with world renowned theologians and scientists to explore *Test of Faith: Does Science Threaten Belief?*



#### Church Tour — Jan 27

All are welcome to attend the *Stained Glass* tour following the 11 am worship service on Jan 27. Penn Hackney will lead the tour.

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

Please contact Kate Carlson (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.

#### Honoring Gail Noden

Several friends of Gail Noden contributed to a gift in her honor, adding her name to the plaque in the Garth in thanksgiving of her memory, with remaining funds donated to the *Cathedral Concerts* series at ELPC. For those who couldn't attend the service in celebration of Gail's life, a video is available. Contact Gloria Knopp for details (GloriaK@coh.net).



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

Carol Chontos' father David,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Laura Dobrich's nephew,  
Katelyn Haas' friend's mother Pamela,  
Lee Lewand,  
Emily Mohn-Slate's mother-in-law Karena,  
Jon Nelson's daughter's friend Abby, Jane Sampson,  
Pat Valoon and Jerry Wrzosek.

*Our condolences to Aidevo Hughes-Ihonde  
on her mother's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Fellowship Rm)  
Worship, Music & Arts..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 213)  
Mission Board ..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 203)  
Environmental Group ..... Friday, 1:15 pm (Rm 211)

### Presbyterian Women's Diaper Drive Begins

Families with limited income and resources have great difficulty providing for the diapering needs of their infants and toddlers. When children are inadequately diapered, negative social responses can be damaging to the growth of healthy minds and bodies. Our faith family has been generous in its response to this need. We thank you for your renewed commitment. Look for a donation box near the Highland entrance.

### Please Welcome Debbie Banton

It is a pleasure to welcome Debbie Banton as ELPC's new facility administrator. A native of Jamaica, Debbie has lived the past 17 years in Harrisburg, where she has worked for many years in the hotel and hospitality industry. She will work closely with Wil Forrest, director of church operations; Paul Martin, project manager; and Allen Miller, lead engineer; as well as our hospitality, security, and housekeeping staff to ensure ELPC is well-kept, well-organized, and well-prepared for the wide range of ministries and events that take place within our church. Take time to welcome Debbie to our faith family as you see her!



**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

Welcome Desk  
Help Needed on  
Thursdays, 6:30-8pm



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Spirit of King Award Ceremony— Jan 10

The Kingsley Center (6435 Frankstown Ave, 15206) will host the 2019 *Spirit of King* award ceremony on Thursday, Jan 10 at 10 am. Please RSVP to 412.566.5320.

### Food Pantry Brunch Challenge — Jan 19

Purchase tickets for the 7th annual *Food Pantry Brunch Challenge* on Saturday, Jan 19 at 11 am at the New Hazlett Theater (Northside). This event features delightful delicacies from 10 local chefs and high energy Bollywood themed music and dancers. Purchase tickets at [www.ncmin.org](http://www.ncmin.org), or by calling 412.323.1163 x7. All proceeds benefit the operations of the Northside Community Food Pantry.

### Celebrating Our Bicentennial in 2019

On April 12, 1819, a group of donors pledged their contributions for the first church building associated with the East Liberty congregation, along with a gift of land from Jacob and Barbara Ann Negley. A centennial celebration for ELPC was held in April 1919, and plans are underway for a similar series of events to mark our church's 200th anniversary in 2019.

Mark your calendars for May 12–19. We will have special Sunday services in that week, as well as a gala event on the grounds of Frick Museum on Saturday, May 18. In addition, we are making plans for a special choir concert on Sunday, March 24, and other community events, concerts, church tours, ice cream socials, and hopefully a *Light Up Night* celebration when we complete the lighting improvements in our tower.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 13 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** — “Faith and Church Finances” led by Gene and Marva Harris

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Isaiah 43:1–7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14–17; Luke 3:15–22 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** — “The Christian Roots of Anti-Semitism” led by Pastor Randy Bush

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** — A discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Judy Roberts

### ♦ 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)

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