



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 13, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Bruce Neswick's *Partita on Winchester New* is based on the hymn tune of the same name. The tune is found twice in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #42, #96. The partita was composed in 2000 for the 90th anniversary of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Come unto me, all ye
that are laborers, beat
down and burdened
because of the problems
of modern life. Come
unto me and I will give
you rest that will carry
you through the
generations. I will give
you a peace that the
world can never
understand. God, grant,
by your mercy and
grace, that we will be
able to live amid the
tensions of life today.
For thankfully you are
with us forever.
(Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

Well-spring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness; make us whole."

— Sylvia Dunstan (1987)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Partita on Winchester New"

Bruce Neswick

Chorale-Meditation-Bicinium-Aria-Trio-Toccata

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

Frances and Isaiah Wilson

Leader: Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

People: **Entrust yourself to the waters of life.**

Leader: Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!

People: **Eat your fill of the bread of life.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary. Receive the welcome of our Lord!

People: **Let us worship together and find rest for our spirits in God's house.**

Leader: Indeed, let us gather to worship and trust in God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #490

BEACH SPRING

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Callahan

Loving God, you have named us precious in your sight, but too often we forget that we are your beloved. Our love can be fickle and inconstant. We are prone to following selfish goals, denying that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and desire to be washed clean. Create in us a new heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

The state of Georgia began to be colonized by James Oglethorpe and 116 colonists (1733); composer Stephen Foster (1864) and novelist James Joyce (1941) died on this date; Robert Weaver became the first African-American cabinet member, serving as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for President Lyndon Johnson (1966); and NASA selected its first team of women astronauts, which included in the group of eight Sally Ride, Judith Resnik, and Kathryn Sullivan (1978).

God sometimes takes us into troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us.

BAPTISM SUNDAY
BLESSING:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you. May the love of God, who calls us beloved children, bless you. May the power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #408 (vs. 1 only)

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 30

Frances and Isaiah Wilson

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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 #96

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Waters of Trust"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM VOWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush, The Rev. Callahan

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You make us members of your body, the church, and call us to be your servants in the world. Renew in this congregation the covenant you first made in their baptism that they may continue the good work you began in them and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

As friends and members of this congregation, as beloved children of God, do you turn away from evil and its power in this world?

People: I do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ, accepting him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: To you, almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and our Sustainer, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Shall We Gather at the River was composed by American hymn writer and Baptist minister Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Aaron Copland (1900-1990) included the tune in the second set of his *Old American Songs*, in an arrangement for solo voice. It was premiered in 1958 with William Warfield as soloist and Copland at the piano. This morning's anthem is an adaptation for SATB chorus of Copland's original.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

Diego De La Fuente Duran is a native of North Huntingdon and currently a freshman organ major at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He is with us during the month of January while home on break, assisting with accompanying and playing during worship.

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

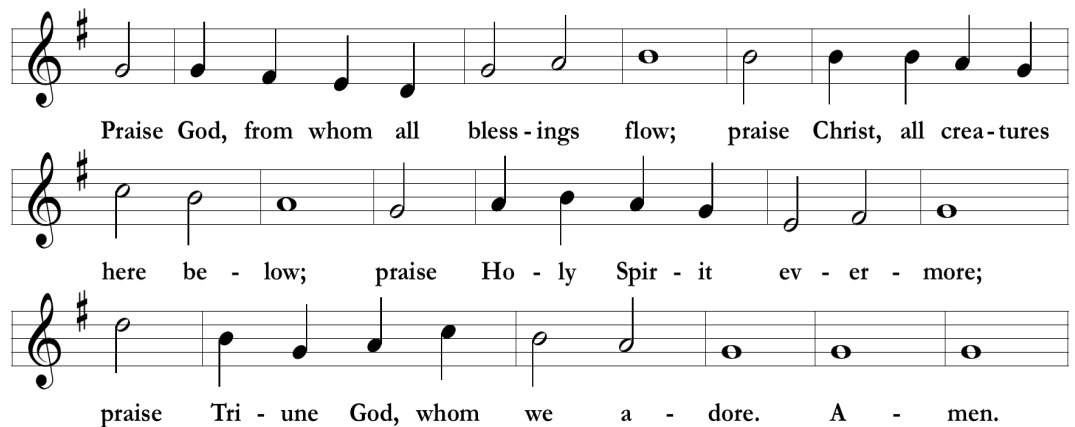
"At The River"

Aaron Copland/R. Wilding-White

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Ere we reach the shining river lay we every burden down,
Praise our spirits will deliver and provide our robe and crown.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

* 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. Fowler-Searcy

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: Gracious God, may these gifts and offerings we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism and trusting ever in the power of your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #485

ENGELBERG

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Diego De La Fuente Duran, organ

"Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II)"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Frances and Isaiah Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Diego De La Fuente Duran, organist
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Annie Cowan
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Anthony Robinson
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the ground floor Whitfield Lobby. 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 20 — 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.
Jan 20 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.



TODAY AT ELPC

Unhanging of the Greens

Please join us after today's Sanctuary service for *Unhanging of the Greens* when we will pack away our Christmas decorations for future use. Any amount of time you could help would be most appreciated! Thank you!

Today's Fellowship Time

Today's Fellowship Time will be held in the ground floor Whitfield Lobby as some adjustments are being made to the Fellowship Room.

Tween Night

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to a night of bowling, pizza, trophies, and fun at *Tween Night* today 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).

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



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 Hastings (N.Hastings@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).

Club 116 Meal Providers Needed

If you enjoy cooking or baking, you can put your talents and gifts to use by providing a hearty meal for 40–60 kids at Club 116. Many dates from Feb through April are still needing a volunteer to provide a meal. Please consider helping and offering a meal for this group. Contact Jim DiGiorgio to sign-up or with questions (JimD@coh.net).

Freedom Rising Sunday – Jan 20

Next Sunday, Jan 20, ELPC will join Pittsburgh Presbytery in celebrating *Freedom Rising Sunday*. *Freedom Rising* is the name of a ministry which originated in Pittsburgh, calling our denomination to work together to address the worsening plight of the African American male. The General Assembly of the PCUSA adopted this overture in 2016, and *Freedom Rising* is being piloted in five cities, including Pittsburgh. A combined church school class will be hosted by Contemporaries and Seekers, so that we can learn more about *Freedom Rising*, and hear how we might actively engage in this important ministry. We will emphasize *Freedom Rising Sunday* in our 11 am worship, and will receive a special offering that will go directly to Pittsburgh Presbytery's *Freedom Rising* Ministry. To learn more, visit www.pghpresbytery.org/ministry_teams/freedom_rising.html.

Help Plan the Next Facing Systemic Racism Series – Jan 24

We are beginning to plan the 2019 *Facing Systemic Racism* series and welcome all input. The planning kick-off begins with an *Open Meeting* on Thursday Jan 24 from 6:30–8 pm in the Garth Overlook Room. Last year we began to learn about systemic racism and its impact. Many ideas for the next steps were discussed and it's time to put words into action by planning ELPC's 2019 *Facing Systemic Racism* series. Please come and share your thoughts! Contact Pastor Patrice (patricefs@coh.net) or Becky Gloninger (rag15@verizon.net) for more info.

Test of Faith – Jan 26

Make plans now to join us on Saturday, Jan 26 from 9 am–4:30 pm as we explore a *Test of Faith* with ELPC member, Kevin Seybold, Ph.D. We will be examining the interaction between science and theology using the video series *Test of Faith* as a starting point. We will explore our faith in relationship to many scientific disciplines including: cosmology; biology; neuroscience; and transhumanism/posthumanism. The *Test of Faith* material comes from the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, an academic research enterprise based at St. Edmund's College in Cambridge, England. Dr. Seybold is a professor at Grove City College teaching in the areas of Physiological Psychology, Learning & Cognition, History & Systems, Research Methods, Sensation & Perception, Science & Religion, and Psychology of Religion. He is the author of many scholarly articles and two books: *Explorations in Neuroscience, Psychology and Religion* (Routledge Science and Religion Series) and *Questions in the Psychology of Religion*. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please let Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan know if you plan on attending (412.441.3800 x141).



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,
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,
Paul Martin's friend Marty,
Emily Mohn-Slate's mother-in-law Karena,
Jon Nelson's daughter's friend Abby, Jane Sampson,
Pat Valoon and Jerry Wrzosek.

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Committee Meetings This Week

PW Leadership Team..... *Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*
Session..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)*
Mission Board *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Garth Overlook)*

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.

Young Children's Ministry Potluck – RSVP by Jan 27

Join us for a potluck dinner for families with children from birth through age three on Saturday, Feb 2 from 4:30-7pm. This will be an informal time to get to know other families of young children at ELPC, share a meal, and talk about what ELPC offers (or could offer!) for young children and their families. We'll gather in the Nursery Suite so that there is plenty for kids to play with, and will have activities planned for older siblings. ELPC will provide spaghetti, and families are asked to bring a side-dish or salad to share. (But if bringing a side dish is too difficult with everyone and everything else you are bringing, please just bring yourselves! We get it!) Please RSVP to Gloria by Sunday, Jan 27 (GloriaK@coh.net).

Updating our Church Photo Directory!

If you have joined ELPC after the last update of our *Church Photo Directory* in 2015 and we don't have a photo of you on file, or if you would like a current photo of yourself to be placed in the *Church Photo Directory*, please contact Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x122; gloriak@coh.net) to schedule a time to have your photo taken by Diana Armstrong after the 11 am service on Feb 3, 10, or 17 in the McKelvy Rm. This is an in house project – no outside company and no sales pitch to purchase anything.



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



IN OUR COMMUNITY

"All of Us" Research Program – Jan 20

The *All of Us* Research Program is a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the U.S. to accelerate research and improve health. By taking into account individual differences in lifestyle, environment and biology, researchers will uncover paths toward delivering personalized medicine. If you would like to participate in this research program, please call 1.800.664.0480 to schedule an interview appointment, and receive a \$25 gift card upon completion of your visit. More info is available at www.JoinAllofUsPA.org.

A research program representative will be available during ELPC's Fellowship Time next Sunday, Jan 20 with additional info. All are welcome!

OHM Mission Opportunity

ELPC's mission ministry partner, Open Hand Ministries (OHM) is once again a registered charity with the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon and is looking for folks to participate in a marathon relay team, or any of the marathon races (5K, half or a full marathon) to raise money to support OHM programs. If interested, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Zoë Huelsman (zoehuelsman@gmail.com; 402.517.5080).

This year OHM has an addition to their marathon team: Matt Maclair of Trust the Plan Coaching (and an accomplished triathlete himself). He will offer monthly group workouts, monthly seminars on topics related to running (like mobility and nutrition), and weekly workout plans available on your phone to follow between group workouts. The first seminar will be on Tuesday, Jan 22. Contact Zoë Huelsman (info above) for more info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 20 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – combined with Seekers

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (McKelvy Rm) – "Freedom Rising" led by the Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe, Lenore Williams and Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard, and Yamuna Morgenstern

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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

Contact Jim DiGiorgio for more info (JimD@coh.net)