



# 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)*

## FEBRUARY 17, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:  
Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, joyfully; to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.  
(St. Francis of Assisi)

BORN ON THIS DAY:  
Famed opera singer Marian Anderson (1902); singer Bobby Lewis (Tossin' & Turnin') in Indianapolis, Indiana (1933); and Mary Frances Berry, the first black woman to head a major research university, in Nashville, Tennessee (1938).

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Now we are in the twenty-first century. We are improving on the innovations of the twentieth century and continuing to improve our material world. While of course there are still a lot of poor people who do not have adequate food, generally the world is now highly developed. The problem is that our world and our education remain focused exclusively on external, materialistic values. We are not concerned enough with our inner values....Mind and heart. Materialistic values cannot give us peace of mind. So we really need to focus on our inner values, our true humanity."

— *The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams, Lasting Happiness in a Changing World, The Book of Joy*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
"This Little Light of Mine" arr. Charles Callahan  
"Give Me Jesus" arr. Richard Billingham

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 (Psalm 1)

David Carl

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.  
People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.  
Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.  
People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.  
Leader: Let us worship God! Hallelujah and Amen!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see insert) "This Is the Day"

THIS IS THE DAY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of your heart and spirit. We put our trust in things and in the world's empty promises, rather than your promises which are always sure. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you more fully and find strength in giving of ourselves to others, as you have given yourself to and for us.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Columbia, SC burned down during the Civil War (1865); Golda Meir was sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of Israel (1969); U.S. House of Representatives broke the electoral college tie, choosing Thomas Jefferson as President over Aaron Burr (1801); Albert C. Richardson of South Frankfort, Michigan was awarded patent number 446,470 for inventing a new and improved churn (1891); the first minimum wage law in the U.S. took effect in Oregon (1913); and the U.S. House of Representatives accepted Law on the civil rights (1964).

Born in Athens, GA, Hall Johnson (1888-1970) was a champion of the African-American spiritual. His arrangements have been performed and recorded by some of the world's finest singers.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #288 (sing 2x)

LIVING GOD

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 17:5-10

David Carl

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Good Lord Done Been Here"

arr. Hall Johnson

David Jennings-Smith, soloist

*My good Lord done been here,  
Blessed my soul and gone away.  
My good Lord done been here,  
Blessed my soul and gone.*

*When I get up in the heaven  
And my work is done,  
Going to sit down 'side Sister Mary,  
Going to chatter with the darling Son.*

*I'm going to hold up the Baptist finger,  
Hold up the Baptist hand,  
When I get up in the heaven,  
Going to join the Baptist band.*

*Now you may be a rich man,  
Pure as the drifting snow,  
But if your soul ain't been converted,  
Straight to \_\_\_\_\_ you're bound to go.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"A Reversal of Fortunes"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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. Schoenewolf

*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.*

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

Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933) was a Methodist minister and composer whose father was a slave but mother was free. Tindley was pastor of Tindley Temple United Methodist Church in Southwest Center City, Philadelphia. Dr. Barbara Wesley Baker arranged Tindley's hymn *The Storm Is Passing Over* for SATB choir and piano. An active composer, conductor, and clinician, she was for many years the choral director at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

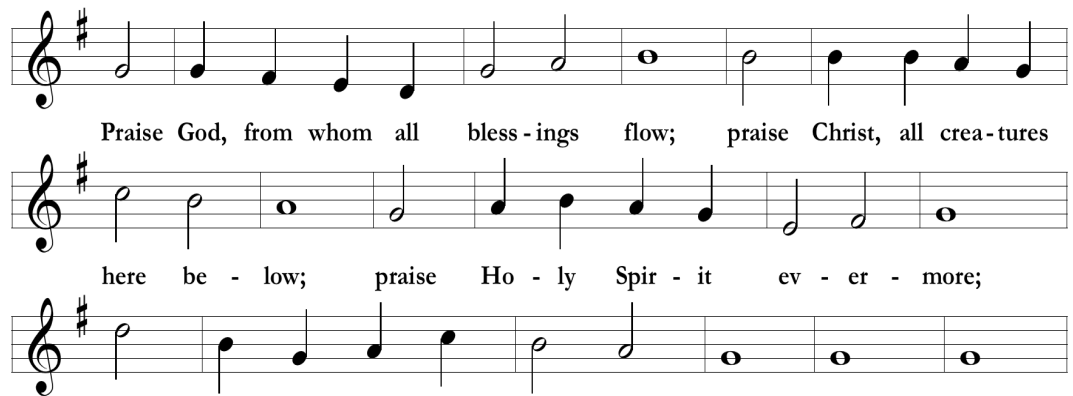
"The Storm Is Passing Over"

Charles Albert Tindley  
arr. Barbara Baker

*Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on.  
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over, Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
The storm is passing over,  
Hallelu.*

## \* 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: Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves and the treasures you have entrusted to us may bear fruit daily.

People: **Amen.**

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #379

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## POSTLUDE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Charles Callahan  
McKEE

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) adapted the tune McKEE in 1940 for use with the text *In Christ There Is No East or West*. He named it for Rev. Elmer McKee, rector of St. George's Church in New York City, where Burleigh was baritone soloist for 52 years. The postlude is a fanfare based on this hymn tune.

*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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
David Carl  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
David Jennings-Smith, *Soloist*  
Acolytes: Quinn Seif and Sonora Valencheck  
Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the first floor Fellowship Room, sponsored by the Deacons. 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.  
*Feb 24* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. *Gifts of Women* will be celebrated.  
*Feb 24* — The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett 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* **today** 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. Please see Pastor Heather Schoenewolf immediately after the service if you would like to attend today.

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

February 17, 2019 • 6th Sunday after Epiphany

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Reports Available

Copies of the 2018 *Annual Report Summary* and the *ELPC Corporation Packet* are available at the S Highland Ave entrance, by the monitor display area. Please take one copy per family.

#### Want to Become Part of our Faith Family?

If you're interested in becoming an ELPC member or friend, stay for our *Inquirers' Class* following Sanctuary worship today. Please see Pastor Heather Schoenewolf immediately after the service if you'd like to attend today's class in the 3rd floor Music Room. Contact Gloria Knopp for info about future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

#### Fun and Fitness and Open Hand Ministries!

Interested in participating in the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon and raising money to support the programs of Open Hand Ministries? OHM is once again an official charity of the Pittsburgh Marathon, and ELPC has opportunities to get involved in the fun as race runners, race walkers, and cheer station volunteers. Full or half marathon runners/walkers can register for free. Group training is also available. Join us after today's service in the Fellowship Rm to learn more and get the brochure. Please contact Molly Davidson-Welling (mollydw@yahoo.com) or Emily Rosenthal (ejr116@gmail.com) for details.

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm when they will begin planning the upcoming book discussion of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. No previous reading is needed to engage the conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for more info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

#### ELPC Winter Food Drive

ELPC Deacons are sponsoring a *Winter Food Drive* in cooperation with EECM to assist our neighbors who experience food insufficiency during the winter months. The list of requested, non-perishable canned food items will be distributed today. Items are due on Sunday, Feb 24.

#### Updating our Church Photo Directory

Diana Armstrong will take your photo for the new *Church Directory* after today's 11 am service in the McKelvy Rm.

#### Church Tour

All are invited for the *Trinity Chapel* tour after today's Sanctuary service. Please gather in the front of the Sanctuary.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



#### Chapel Market Needs Volunteers

The *Chapel Market* is seeking volunteers for Monday mornings (10 am-Noon). If interested in helping, please contact Linda and Harold Deiss (724.443.1826; deisshl@consolidated.net).



#### Youth Overnight – Feb 23

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to an overnight at ELPC on Saturday, Feb 23, beginning at 7 pm. We'll play games, eat snacks, and pray for our families and neighbors. On Sunday morning, we will wake up early to serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House before our Church School classes and worship. A permission slip is available on the 2nd floor and at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church). Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Welcoming Dr. Diane Moffett – Feb 24

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the new executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), as our guest preacher on Sunday, Feb 24. She will also lead a combined adult Church School class in the Chapel. Dr. Moffett was most recently pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, before being called to head the PMA—the largest of the six program agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



#### WORSHIP SERVICES WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**12 NOON** — Following the Noon service led by Pastor Heather, all are invited to attend a presentation by Ruth Farrell who will discuss her ministry with Casa San Jose. A simple lunch will be served.

**7 PM** — ELPC's weekly Taizé Prayer service with Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan with sung and spoken prayers, silence and anointing.





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

Joseph Adjaye, Cecil Birt, David Carl's co-worker's sister,  
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray and cousin Elma,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
MeShawn LeVert's mother Gwen, Lee Lewand,  
Clay and Kathy McQueen, Henry Petrilli,  
David Phillips, Pat Valoon and Frances Wilson.

*Condolences to ELPC employee Carol Chontos  
on her father's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of Rev. Robert Hewett on his passing.  
Rev. Hewett was ELPC's pastor from 1981-1985.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed until  
7 pm tomorrow for Presidents' Day.*

Finance ..... Today, 12:15 pm (Trustees Rm)  
Session ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)

### Congregational Meeting – Feb 24

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall after the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Feb 24 to review reports and financial budgets. Lunch will be provided. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on.

The biographies of the nominees for Church Officers are located in a notebook in the Balaka Rm for you to preview. Please do not remove the notebook from there.

### Sewing Group – Feb 25

Join the *Sewing Group* on Monday, Feb 25 from 2:30–6 pm to use your skills to care for others. All ages and skills are welcome. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (dnjcks@verizon.net; 412.441.6021).

### Young Adult Ministry Remember Sewing Project – Feb 25

YAMs are invited to participate in a sewing project with ELPC's *Sewing Group* on Monday, Feb 25 at 6 pm. Don't think you can sew? You would be surprised at all the skills involved in sewing. Cut, count, pin, sew, or learn a new skill all for good works! Childcare will be available. Please contact Kelli Booher for more info (KelliB@coh.net).

### Luncheon for New Members and Friends – March 10

New members and friends who joined over the last year are invited to a *New Members and Friends Luncheon* on Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room. Come and get to know other new members and learn about ELPC's Spiritual Life offerings. RSVP to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).



**Club 116 Food Team is  
seeking additional helpers  
on Wednesday nights**



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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### EECM Dinner Crew Needs Volunteers

East End Cooperative Ministry's *Thursday Night Dinner Crew* is seeking volunteers to help serve dinner and food providers. The *Dinner Crew* meets the 1st Thursday of even months (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec). Contact Jim Russ (jr06@andrew.cmu.edu; 412.421.7630) for info.

### Spanish for Beginners – Feb 26

The Carnegie Library (East Liberty branch) is offering *Spanish for Beginners* on Tuesday, Feb 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The class is free and you do not need to register. This class is for adults, but young people are welcome. Please call 412.363.8232 for more info.

### Cathedral Concert – March 24

The ELPC Chancel Choir presents an inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms at the next Cathedral Concert, *From One Generation to Another—A Celebration of the Psalms*. Featured on the program will be the premiere of a new composition by jazz vibraphonist and composer Cecilia Smith, *The Essence of Psalms* — in celebration of the 200th anniversary of ELPC.



### Sing in the Anniversary Choir – May 19

You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and The Brass Roots on Sunday, May 19 as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations. Music will be provided and you will need to attend rehearsal on either (or both) Thursday, May 2 or 9, as well as on Thursday, May 16. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net) for details.

### Presbyterian Women's Diaper Drive

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. Look for a donation box near the S Highland Ave entrance.

## COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feb 24 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

The Rev. Dr. Dianne Moffett will lead a combined adult class about the ministry of Presbyterian Mission Agency next Sunday in the Chapel.

## Save the Date for Vacation Church School!

June 24 to 28, 2019

Our theme will be *Who is My Neighbor?*