

Our Lenten Journey Begins

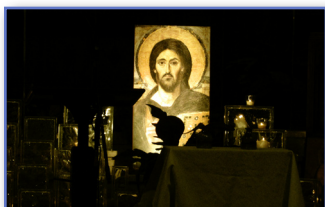


Noon Ash Wednesday Service

Lent is a special season in the Christian calendar—a time of intentionally looking at our own faith and lives. Join us in the Chapel on **Wed., March 6**, 12 pm, as our journey begins. Pastor Heather will lead our Ash Wednesday service, featuring the imposition of ashes.

Lunchtime Presentation with Guest Speaker

Following our service, join us in the Fellowship Room on the First Floor for a discussion led by Ruth Farrell (pictured) and lunch. Ruth will speak about her ministry at Casa San José. ELPC member Linda Harrington will join Ruth to talk about her experience teaching the English Second Language classes for Casa San José.



Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

As we begin our observance of Lent, join us as the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan leads a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service, 7 pm. The service will offer sung and spoken prayer, scripture reading and silence, an opportunity for individual prayer, anointing, and the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Devotionals

To support you on your Lenten journey, two resources will be made available as a gift to you—one from ELPC's Children and Family Ministry Team; another from ELPC's Mission Board.

- A Lenten Calendar for persons of all ages will encourage intentional practices throughout this season of reflection. Participants will be invited to pray for and serve alongside our longstanding mission partners, as we celebrate our Bicentennial and serve our neighbors together.
- In conjunction with our weekly study of *The Belhar Confession* (see page 3), the Mission Board is offering a daily devotional booklet: *30 Days with The Belhar Confession: Reflections on Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice*. This devotional explores Belhar's three themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice, inviting us to examine those things that divide us and prevent us from seeking relationships of wholeness and equity.

Sunday Services

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

Theme: Surrender

March 3* Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

March 10 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

March 17 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

March 24 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

March 31 Rev. Ingrid Kalchthaler

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

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March 10 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

March 17 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

March 24: Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

March 31 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 7 am–1 pm

Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Livestream available at ELPC.church

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

God Created You. God Loves You. Be Yourself.

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to our monthly Spiritual Gathering on **Sun., March 24**, 12:30 pm.

To learn more about our LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x118**.



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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



Is Christian faith all-sufficient? The surprising answer is “no.” Faith in God, revealed in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, is certainly important—even fundamental for our lives. It is the foundation upon which we stand in an ever-changing world. It is the compass guiding our path as we journey into the future. It is the motivational voice reminding us to “love God and love our neighbor as ourselves” wherever we go. But that is not the same as saying that faith is all-sufficient.

To be all-sufficient, faith would need to remove us from the choices, dilemmas and paradoxes of daily life. It would need to surround us like a bubble or full-body armor so that nothing of this world can trouble or disturb us. But that is neither the intent of faith nor the biblical definition of faith. Faith is embracing God’s “Yes” in a world that shouts “No” in unrelenting ways. Faith is trusting in that which is unseen, believing that God’s reality exists beyond the limits of our five senses and that it is truly trustworthy. Faith is about living, as opposed to simply surviving.

During the month of Lent, the sanctuary worship sermons will explore the theme of “Faith Plus.” Jesus calls us to lives of faith plus something more. Some of the examples we’ll explore include “faith + meditation,” “faith + justice,” or “faith + free will.” This is an idea straight out of the scriptures. Jesus didn’t send Peter and Andrew off into a life of isolation in the desert; he sent them into the world to combine their faith with their identity as fishermen-followers-of-Christ. The Holy Spirit at Pentecost didn’t compel the first disciples to huddle indefinitely in the Upper Room, Spirit-filled yet isolated. No, it literally propelled them out into the crowded streets—to talk and communicate with others, miraculously overcoming human barriers to spread the gospel of Christ into all the lands.

Moral philosophers have theorized how the beating of a butterfly’s wings here in America can affect air currents that will change the weather patterns in China. As hard to conceive as that might be, it is true that we live in a wildly interconnected world. Our daily routines influence the lives of people and animals halfway across the world, just as natural disasters or outbreaks of dangerous viruses in distant lands now have ripple effects that extend to our homes here.

Christian faith can never be something designed solely to serve our spiritual needs in isolation from the spiritual and physical needs of others. It may be articulated within our church walls in the language, liturgy and rituals of the Presbyterian tradition, but that is not the whole story. That is why we constantly apply the formula “faith plus” in our lives—asking how “faith + sadness or grief” can offer us comfort in times of loss, or how “faith + laughter” lifts our spirits even on rainy Pittsburgh days. May this season of Lent be a time when you tally up the many ways “faith + something else” has made the good news of Christ an active, life-giving part of who you are each and every day.

Randy Bush

Mission Matters

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Associate Pastor for Mission Ministries

OHM Pittsburgh Marathon Team: Run for a Reason

Want to support mission while being physically active? OHM is looking for folks that would like to participate in a Pittsburgh Marathon relay team or any of the races (5k, half marathon, or full marathon) to raise money to support OHM programs. If you are interested, contact Emily Rosenthal at EJR116@gmail.com, or Zoe Huelsman at zoehuelsman@gmail.com or **402.517.5080**.



Earth Care Challenge Kick Off Event

Want to help to protect our Earth for future generations? On **Sun., March 10**, 12:15–2:15 pm, The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to the Social Hall to learn about steps you and your family can take now to help save our planet from the harsh effects of climate change.

Environmental activist and documentary filmmaker Mark Dixon will speak about actions we can take to make a difference in climate change. He is currently

working on *Inversion: The Unfinished Business of Pittsburgh's Air*. Pastor Randy will shine a light on environmental stewardship as "Faith in Action." You will be challenged to join other ELPC members and friends who are pledging to take personal actions over the next six months.

Lunch and childcare provided. For more information, contact Nancy Heastings at n.heastings@comcast.net.

Facing Systemic Racism: A Theological Grounding

Please join us for a six-week study of *The Belhar Confession* on Wednesdays, 5–7 pm, during Lent. This series will provide a theological grounding for our congregation's anti-racism work, and provide an opportunity for the congregation to learn about the Presbyterian Church's newest confession that addresses unity, reconciliation, and justice. Study materials and a light meal of soup and bread will be provided. Read *The Belhar Confession* at tiny.cc/belharconfession.

Childcare is available through reservation by calling **412.441.3800 x140**.

March 6

Introduction:
Setting the Stage

March 13

Apartheid and the Belhar Confession:
It Happened in the Church

March 20

What Does it Mean
for a Church to Confess?

March 27

The Belhar Confession and
the Book of Confessions

April 3

The "Liturgy" of Belhar and What That
Means for the Unity of the Church

April 10

Belhar, the Unity We Seek, and the
Mission of the Church

ELPC Session Updates

At its recent meetings, the Session

- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee related to an improved employee pension plan;
- Welcomed a group of 15 new members and friends;
- Discussed the joint trip with Temple Sinai members to Israel/Palestine in November 2019; and
- Reviewed the financial details related to the successful completion of the "Building our Future" Renovation Project.

Tour the Holy Land

ELPC and Temple Sinai are working together on a shared study mission to Israel, taking place **Nov. 10–18**, led by Pastor Randy and Rabbi Jamie Gibson.

You're invited to join them and discover the Holy Land and Palestinian Territories. On the adventure together, you will:

- Tour the Holy Land through the eyes of a Jewish and Arab guide;
- Retrace the ministry of Jesus, including biblical sites such as Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Nazareth, and Bethlehem;
- Discover the hidden disputes within Israeli society;
- Visit Ramallah and Bethlehem and see how residents are dealing with the current situation in the area;
- Meet with Israelis and Palestinians to understand their points of view on the current struggle for peace;
- And so much more!

If you're interested in learning more about the tour itinerary and pricing, visit tiny.cc/pittsburghinterfaith.

Note: Prices listed include tour and housing costs, and are based on a minimum group size. Roundtrip airfare and other travel-related expenses are not included. A \$500 deposit is required.

Christian Education

Note: Classes are on Sundays, 9:45 am.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Contemporaries *McKelvy Room*

Facilitator: Contemporaries Steering Committee

March 3: The Role of Christianity and Government

Former British citizen Tony Richardson-Eckes will discuss the intersection of American politics and “the church,” and contrast our system with countries that have state churches.

March 10: How to Pray

On this first Sunday of Lent, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead our class on an exploration of the various ways to pray and help us identify the best way for each of us to enter into a closer relationship with God during this holy season.

March 17 | 24: Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life

Written from a spiritual point of view by a gerontologist and a retired pastor, this book looks at aspects of aging such as: living with limitations; doing inner “soul” work; living in and out of community, loss, and suffering; and leaving a legacy. Carolyn Russ, an elder law attorney and definitely in the last third of her life, will team up with Hollen Barmer, whose parents are in the last third of their lives. Together, they will explore what it’s like to already be there, and to deal with parents who are on their way. The book is available from Carolyn (attorney.russ@gmail.com) for \$10. Read ahead!

March 31: Is Hospice Just Another Word for Dying?

Tony Richardson-Eckes, a hospice chaplain, will talk about the role of hospice in the 21st century. He will encourage us to think about incorporating the benefits of hospice into the care of our loved ones well before the very end.

Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

Facilitators: Jan Lyle Irvin, Lora Bethea, and Members

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.”
—Psalm 32:1

Happiness consists of a willingness to share in God’s joy in dispensing salvation through forgiveness. A joint partnership with risk and rewards! To let go of hurts, to accept oneself, to love the lost, even reckless. Come join us this Lent to reflect on unbounded forgiveness and joy embodied.

March 3: Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–43a

March 10: Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16;
Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13

March 17: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35

March 24: Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8;
1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9

March 31: Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Seekers *Garth Overlook Room*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

March 3: Finding Joy in our Lenten Traditions

The season of Lent is often presented as a time in the wilderness, set aside for solemn prayer, reflection, fasting and self-denial. ELPC member Jim Davidson, a retired Presbyterian minister, will lead our class in looking for the joy inside the Lenten traditions. Materials will include the book of Jonah and a sampling of recent Christian writers.

March 10: The Black Panther Party of the 1960s

In the 1960s, the Black Panther movement was under surveillance by the U.S. government, including the FBI, and considered to be a possible threat to our society. What were the truths about the movement? T. Rashad Byrdsong will tell us about his experience as part of the Black Panther party and help us separate truth from fiction. T. Rashad Byrdsong is founder and CEO of the Community Empowerment Association in Homewood.

March 17: Passover: Jewish Festival of Freedom

Rabbi Doris Dyen will discuss Passover as a biblical festival, how and why the holiday evolved after the fall of the Second Temple, and the way Jews observe Passover today.

March 24: 21st Century Challenges: Living Faithfully in a Global/National World

A recent book by Yuval Harari notes that three major challenges facing our world involve technological advances, nuclear weapons, and climate change. Do people of faith have answers to offer to these challenges? Should we think nationally or globally in our responses? Pastor Randy will lead a discussion of this important topic for our generation.

March 31: The Religious Factor in U.S. Foreign Policy *1 of 3*

ELPC Elder Ron Stone will begin a three-part series examining the role religion plays in foreign policy. Our first topic will explore “Religion in Wars and the Growth of our Nation from its Origins to the 20th Century.”

Soul Food *Good Samaritan Room*

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Hajdu

March 3 | 10 | 17: Meditations of the Heart

We will continue and conclude our discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, with additional information about Thurman and African-American spirituality from *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*, by Barbara Holmes. New participants are always welcome and books are quickly available.

March 24 | 31: The Cry of the Earth

We will begin discussing essays in our next book, *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*.

Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Sun., March 3: DG2! 12:30 pm

Youth in grades 4–12 will partner with youth from Rodef Shalom to host a bake sale during the Empty Bowl dinner, the money raised will support The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and Just Harvest.

Sat.–Sun., March 16–17: Tween Retreat @ Crestfield

The Tween Retreat, held at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock, is a time to join other tweens in grades 4–6 from around Pittsburgh to learn about God's Word and how it relates to everyday life, grow as a church group, have FUN in God's outdoor creation, and worship. More information including cost, scholarship information, and permission slip can be found online on the church calendar.

30-Hour Famine | April 6–7

Calling all youth in grades 6–12. You can help raise money and awareness for our 30-Hour Famine by asking family, friends, and ELPC members to sponsor you. We will be collecting sponsorships before and after worship on **Sun., March 24 and 31**. Money raised will support ELPC's sister church, Balaka CCAP, in Malawi, as well as our youth team traveling there this summer.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sara Hackett or Anthony Williams.

Young Adult Ministry

Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



Fri., March 1: RElocate 7 pm

Jolina's Mediterranean Cuisine is named for the daughter of owners Randa and Antoine Ghassa, who relocated to Pittsburgh from Syria eight years ago. The couple used to have a vast restaurant in Hims, Syria, where they served many of the dishes that are on the menu now. Let's travel out to Brookline for dinner! RSVP to KelliB@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x114** and let me know if you need a ride.

Sun., March 3–24: REgret, REalize, REassurance, RESurrection 9:45–10:45 am

Join us in Room 213 during the Church School hour for a series examining these subjects within the Bible, our own faith journeys and experiences, and the world around us.

March 30: REuse, REcycle, REduce 2–5 pm

Let's learn different ways we can reuse, recycle, and reduce waste on a tour of Construction Junction and the Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse (214 N. Lexington St.). We will tour both places, create our own creative re-purposed project, and shop! The cost is **\$10/person**, which includes both tours, supplies for the craft activity, and a free bulk bag to shop and fill at PCCR. We will leave from ELPC at 1:45 pm.

Children & Youth CE Classes

Sundays, 9:45 am

Infants–Age 2 Nursery

Pre-school/Ages 3–5 Room 110 B

Kindergarten–Grade 1 Room 206

Grades 2–3 Room 205

Grades 4–5 Room 211

Middle School (grades 6–8) Room 207

Senior High (grades 9–12) Room 217

club one sixteen

Wednesdays, 3:30–7:30 pm

Youth in grades 7–12 will explore the theme **Who am I? Life at the Crossroads** this winter and spring. This month, we will focus on our topic: **Impact**.

club one sixteen is our Wednesday night youth group for children and youth in grades 1–12. Students enjoy fellowship and recreation, a nutritious home-cooked meal, a craft or special activity, and an interactive Bible study.

Our schedule is as follows:

- 3:30 pm: Gathering Time/ Homework Help/Open Gym
- 4:30 pm: Opening Worship
- 5 pm: Dinner
- 5:30 pm:
 - Older Youth: Bible Study and Gym
 - Younger Youth: Crafts and Gym
- 7:30 pm: Dismissal

Food 4 Thought

Thursdays, 4:30–6:30 pm

Food 4 Thought is a no-cost learning support and enrichment program for youth in grades 6–8, which equips and encourages them by exploring and enjoying food. For details, call Sara Hackett at **412.673.2926**.

2019 RCC Cabaret

All are invited to the 2019 Renaissance City Choir Cabaret on **Sat., March 2**, 7:30 pm, or **Sun., March 3**, 3 pm. Themed *Telling Our Stories*, the cabaret will feature works by the LGBTQIA+ and allies community.

For details, visit RCCPittsburgh.com.

Tour ELPC in March

Throughout the year, ELPC offers a variety of tours for members, friends, and visitors following Sanctuary worship on Sundays.

Sun., March 10: Sanctuary and Chapel

How well do you know the details—large and small—that can be found in our Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel, as well as the history and symbolism of these beautiful, unique spaces? The tour will be led by ELPC member Tim VanFleet.



Sun., March 24: Tower Tour

Join ELPC member Steve Evrard to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction. High above the bustle of the streets below, you will have an opportunity to view the entire East Liberty valley and beyond.



The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children.

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study | God's Promise: I am with You

Mon., March 4 7 pm | **Tues., March 5** 10 am

All women at ELPC are welcome to our Bible study. This month's lesson is titled "God with Us as Emmanuel." Monday's group will meet for Bible study and fellowship in the Harambe Room. Tuesday's group will meet for Bible study in the Second 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.

PW Diaper Drive Continues

A diaper donation box is placed near the Highland entrance. Contributions support families who have great difficulty providing for the diapering needs of their infants and toddlers. Thank you for your generous, ongoing commitment.

PW Spring Retreat | April 5–6

This year's Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat at Crestfield Camp is designed as a healing and restorative retreat in which we seek to experience God's presence through mindfulness practices. Please register by **Fri., March 29**. A registration form can be found at tiny.cc/pw2019retreat.

Guided by Susan Spangler, we'll create a peaceful refuge through deep relaxation, guided meditation and prayer, communing with the natural world, soulful reflection and dialogue, deep listening, faithful silence, healing laughter, storytelling, and the gentle opening to God's moment-to-moment blessings in the shelter of one another.

Spiritual Life

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries

Sun., March 17: Spirituality, Writing, and Resilience Workshop 12–5 pm

The Spiritual Life Committee continues to look at how our spiritual practices build resiliency—an attribute so needed in our world. Join us after Sanctuary worship as poet, essayist, teacher, and ELPC member Emily Mohn-Slate encourages us to use writing as a way of getting in touch with and expressing our spirituality. No writing experience is necessary. It is about prayer, not product. But it is St. Patrick's Day, so an Irish-themed lunch will be served!



Pilgrimage to France | Sept. 19–Oct. 2

Bonjour! Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan invite you to join a pilgrimage to France (and especially Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France). The itinerary has been designed to take in sites of some of the earliest monasteries, as well as two contemporary movements. We will look at the ebb and flow of these monasteries to find a pattern of daily life and faith practice that can inform both our understanding of the condition of the church today and our own spiritual life. Our days will be shaped by prayer and devotion, but also will include less-intense experiences (like wine tasting, lace making, and a spa experience). For details on the itinerary and costs, visit PTS.edu/pilgrimage-2019.

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest at the Pittsburgh Public Theater



In February, more than 1,000 students competed in Pittsburgh Public Theater's 25th annual *Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest*. Hope Academy students performed 30 monologues and 5 scenes during the preliminary rounds.

The field was winnowed down to 38 students. Of this group, three Hope Academy students were selected as finalists for their monologue (**Burke Keener** as Malvolio from *Twelfth Night*) and scene (**Zaida Collins** as Juliet and **Madeleine Mocker** as the Nurse from *Romeo and Juliet*).

The Showcase of Finalists was held on Mon., Feb. 18. Results were not known in time for the printing of this newsletter.

Lend Your Voice to Our Anniversary Choir

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

iSERVE Ministry

Jim DiGiorgio, Coordinator of iSERVE Ministry



Asking 4 Help

I recently served dinner on a Thursday night at East End Cooperative Ministry and I left feeling so lifted from all the dinner guests' spirits and gratitude. There I was helping serve apple sauce and bringing out more casseroles for these folks staying at EECM, and I walked away being lifted from them. I love that part about serving and volunteering. What part of serving others do you enjoy and love?

If you are interested in volunteering *somewhere* and doing *something*, then please reach out to me, Jim DiGiorgio, and I will point you in the right direction to volunteer. Here at ELPC, we are always serving and lending our open hands to help others, but always need extra help. Most of our volunteer opportunities happen once a month. Let's get you connected to help serve others in need.

Contact Jim DiGiorgio at JimD@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x139**. To read about other service opportunities, visit ELPC.church/programs/iSERVE.

Feeling Crafty?

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. Questions? Contact Diane Jackson at dnjcks@verizon.net or **412.441.6021**.

- The **Knitting Group** will meet on **Tues., March 5**, 1–3 pm, in the Maker's Space.
- The **Sewing Group** will meet on **Mon., March 18**, 2:30–6 pm, in the Sewing Space.

ELPC People

If you have news to share, please call Gloria Knopp at 412.441.3800 x122.

Good News

- Congratulations to **Juniper Selekmán**, daughter of Elisabeth Heffner and Zachary Selekmán, who celebrated her baptism on Feb. 10.

Prayers

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of those who recently passed away:

- Marie Bellin, mother of Elaine Bellin, passed away at home on Jan. 23.
- Craig Bennett, husband of Suzanne Bennett, passed away on Jan. 27.
- Farley Whetzel, an ELPC member for 12 years, passed away on Jan. 27.
- Nicholas Mellinger, nephew of Craig Cannon, died unexpectedly on Jan. 30.
- Beverly Kreger, and ELPC member for 28 years, passed away on Feb. 1.
- David Dirlé, father of Carol Chontos, passed away on Feb. 12.
- The Rev. J. Robert Hewett passed away on Feb. 14. Rev. Hewett served as ELPC pastor from 1981–1985.



“...inviting all to join our diverse, inclusive family of faith, transcending boundaries of race, class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity to become one in Christ.”



It's time to spring forward!
Make sure to set your clocks forward by one hour on **Sun., March 10**. We'll see you bright and early for worship!

New Members' Luncheon

If you have joined ELPC as a member or friend in 2018 or 2019, the Membership and Outreach Committee invites you to be their guest at a luncheon on **Sun., March 10**, 12:30 pm, in the Music Room on the Third Floor. Please RSVP to Gloria at GloriaK@coh.net or call **412.441.3800 x122**.

Celebrating Our Bicentennial

Our faith family is preparing to celebrate our church's 200th anniversary! To mark this exciting milestone, a series of events will be taking place. More detailed information will be available soon.

To read updates, as well as see photos and videos from our church's past, visit tiny.cc/elpcbicentennial.

From One Generation to Another: A Celebration of the Psalms



The eighth season of ELPC's Cathedral Concerts series continues on **Sun., March 24**, 3 pm.

The ELPC Chancel Choir will present an inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms. Featured on the program will be the premiere of a newly commissioned choral piece, titled *The Essence of Psalms*, by jazz vibraphonist and composer Cecilia Smith in celebration of ELPC's Bicentennial.

A freewill offering will be received.

Mark Your Calendars for VCS

Vacation Church School will take place **June 24–28**. This year's theme will be: *Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus*. Through crafts, music, activities, games, worship, reflection, and Bible study, we will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Kids age 4 (as of June 24, 2019) through grade 5 are welcome as campers. Spots fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. Youth in grades 6–12 and adults are needed to serve as volunteers to help make VCS a success.



Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at tiny.cc/vcs2019.