



# 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)*

## MARCH 10, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Sew Forward education and employment program is a sewing lab that provides technical education with access to professional machines, jobs, and entrepreneurship training. The program is designed for individuals seeking skills in the diverse fields of sewing, tailoring, and fashion design. WorkForce Sewing Studio serves as a local, and national design consulting firm as well as a sewn trade supply chain. We are looking forward to build more partnerships to serve underserved, and under represented populations.

Our ELPC connection to Sew Forward is through member Hannah Moon.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"My son has taken up meditation. At least it's better than sitting doing nothing."  
— Max Kauffman

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
"Audi, benigne conditor"  
Gerald Near  
*O Kind Creator, bow thine ear to mark the cry, to know the tear,  
Before thy throne of mercy spent in this thy holy fast of Lent.*

ELPC Ringers  
"O For a Thousand Tongues"  
Raymond Haan

### 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

The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.  
People: **We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.**  
Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.  
People: **Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.**  
Leader: For God is beside us during our Lenten journeys and surprises us with resurrection hope even today.  
People: **Let us worship God together!**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #265

DUKE STREET

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

### DEDICATION OF HANDBELL COVERS

#### HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Antiphonal Praise"

Michael Bedford

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

**O God, you are our refuge and our fortress. Forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We are swayed by false words and distracted by false priorities. We choose our ease and comfort over your claims to be servants of words and deeds. Too often we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Listen as we call to you and show us your salvation this day.**

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Poet Dante Alighieri settled into exile in Venice (1302); Daniel Boone forged the Wilderness Road through Kentucky (1775); Alexander Graham Bell sent the first telephone message (1876); the U.S. government issued paper money for the first time (1892); and Robert Vann published the first edition of "The Pittsburgh Courier" (1910).

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Loving God, I trust that you are with me. May I see signs and wonders of your presence in the world today, for you alone are God. May this day afford me opportunities to celebrate and share with others the abundance of your grace and love. For you are my dwelling place; in the light of day and when the shadows fall, I rest in you. Amen.

Meditation is not the means to an end. It is both the means and the end.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

Leader: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. So, friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!**

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #551 (remain seated)

LAND OF REST

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (D) F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (Bm) Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: Traditional liturgical text.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984.  
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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lenore Williams

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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 #543 (vs. 1, 2 and 5 only)

GREEN TYLER

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

GOSPEL LESSONS

Mark 5:38-42

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Luke 7:11-15

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

John 11:38-44

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Faith + Meditation"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Gymnopédie no. 1"

E. Satie (excerpt)

"Piano Concerto no. 2 – Andante"

D. Shostakovich (excerpt)

"Prelude, op. 23, no. 4"

S. Rachmaninoff

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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.*

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

Howard Goodall (b. 1958) is an award-winning composer of choral music, stage musicals, film and TV scores. His setting of Psalm 23 gained prominence in the 1990s as the theme music to the BBC TV series *The Vicar of Dibley*.

If we have not quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot. (John Bunyan)

The eight "little" preludes and fugues were previously thought to have been composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Recent research has labeled them as spurious, with some speculation that they may have been composed by Bach's student, Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780).

## 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.*

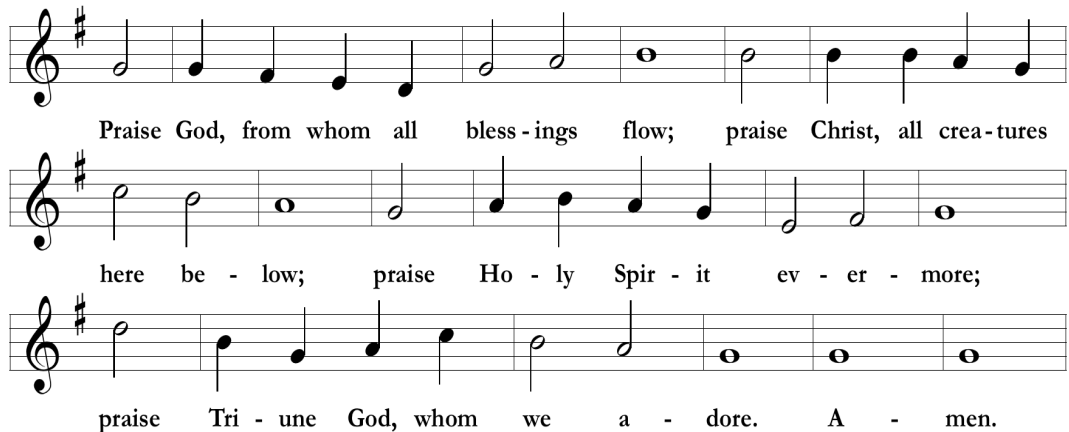
## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Howard Goodall  
text from Psalm 23

## \* 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. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	<b>Y también contigo.</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	<b>Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.</b>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	<b>Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.</b>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>
Leader:	Gracious and generous God, thank you for food that sustains us on our journey, for times of companionship that lift our spirits, for moments of quiet reflection that remind us of your ever-present love. Use these gifts for food, companionship, and comfort for others. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	<b>Amen.</b>	

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #735

NEED

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organ*

"Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554"

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

*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  
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes  
Lenore Williams  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
ELPC Ringers  
Acolyte: Elliott Stephany  
Beadle: Matt Stuftt  
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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

*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**

Today's Chancel flowers are given with gratitude for the lives of Elizabeth Capon and Paul Capon, mother and brother of Frances Irvin.

♦ **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.  
*March 17* — 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.  
*March 17* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. 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 **Sundays, April 7 and 14** to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (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

March 10, 2019 • First Sunday in Lent

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Luncheon for New Members and Friends

New members and friends who joined over the last year are invited to a *New Members and Friends Luncheon* today 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.

#### Sanctuary and Chapel Tour

A *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour will be led by ELPC elder Tim VanFleet after today's 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome! Please gather at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

#### Earth Care Challenge Event

Please join the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee in the Social Hall after today's 11 am service 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. Pastor Randy Bush will shine a light on environmental stewardship as *faith in action*. You will be challenged to take personal actions over the next six months. Lunch and childcare provided.

#### Lenten Devotionals Available

To support you on your Lenten journey, two resources are available as a gift to you—one from ELPC's Children and Family Ministry Team; another from ELPC's Mission Board. They are available in the Highland Ave hallway.

- ♦ A *Lenten Calendar* for persons of all ages will encourage intentional practices throughout this season of reflection.
- ♦ 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.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **David Cowan**.



#### Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group — Mondays

All are welcome to join the new *Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group* on Mondays in the Makers Space through May 13 from 6-7:30 pm with Tony Richardson-Eckes. No experience is necessary! For more info, contact Tony (overthepond\_50@hotmail.com).

#### Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series — Wednesdays

Join us for a six-week Lenten study of *The Belhar Confession* from 5–7 pm through April 10. This series will provide a theological grounding for our congregation's anti-racism work. Study materials are included and a light meal of soup will be served. This week's lesson materials, titled *Apartheid and The Belhar Confession: It Happened in Church*, can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/ELPCBelharLent>, or please scan this QR code.



#### Environmental Book Club Discussion — March 14

The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, the encyclical letter from Pope Francis on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm. The book draws all Christians into a dialogue about our common home. Contact Nancy for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).

#### Art of Justice with Max Gonzales — March 16

Hope Academy invites young people and their grownups to experience what it's like to be a street artist, led by Max Gonzales, on Saturday, March 16 from 9 am–Noon. Please contact Karly Threats for more info (KarlyT@coh.net).

#### Tween Retreat at Crestfield — March 16 to 17

The *Tween Retreat*, held at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock from March 16-17, is a time to join other tweens in grades 4–6 from around Pittsburgh to learn about God's Word. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Church Photo Directory — March 17, 24 and 31

March 17, 24 and 31 are the final dates to have your photo taken for the new church directory. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) to schedule your session.

### Cathedral Concert : A Celebration of the Psalms

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* at 3 pm on Sunday, **March 24**. 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.



*If you would like to help at this Cathedral Concert by being a greeter/usher, please contact Mary Evrard (412.400.0145; mcfiglar@aol.com). Volunteers need to arrive at 2:15 pm.*



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

Joseph Adjaye, David Carl's co-worker's sister,  
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy, Doris Dick,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Jan Herzer's friend Jake, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,  
MeShawn LeVert's mother Gwen,  
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen, Ashley Parker,  
David Phillips, Cassandra Sawtelle's son Elias,  
Heather Schoenewolf's uncle Jim, and Frances Wilson.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Children & Family Ministries..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 211)*  
PW Leadership..... *Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*  
Happy Wanderers Plan..... *Monday, 11:00 am (Highland Rm)*  
Personnel..... *Wednesday, 4:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*  
Mission Board..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*

### Sewing Group – March 18

The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, March 18 from 2:30–6 pm in the Sewing Space. Please contact Diane Jackson for more info (dnjcks@verizon.net).

### Spirituality, Writing, and Resilience Workshop – March 17

Join the Spiritual Life Committee after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, March 17 from Noon-5 pm 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!

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – March 24

All are invited to the monthly *spiritual gathering* of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 pm when they begin the book discussion of Matthew Vine's God and the Gay Christian. Previous reading not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

### YAM Event: REuse, REcycle, REduce Tour– March 30

Learn different ways we can reuse, recycle and reduce waste at the YAM event on Saturday, March 30 from 2-5 pm! We will leave ELPC to drive to Construction Junction & Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse (214 N Lexington St), tour both places and then remain at PCCR to create our own creative re-purposed project! The cost is \$10/person, which includes both tours, a bulk bag to fill at PCCR and the craft activity. Please RSVP by March 17 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).



Please visit our webpage  
for current volunteer  
opportunities!



[www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2](http://www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Dr. Ed Moore in Concert – March 13

Dr. Ed will be playing a 30-minute organ concert this Wednesday, March 13 at noon at Coraopolis United Methodist Church (1205 Ridge Ave, Coraopolis, 15108). A free-will offering will be accepted, and lunch will be served downstairs immediately following the program.

### Pilgrimage to France – Sept 19 to Oct 2

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan invite you to a *Pilgrimage to France* (and especially Taizé) from Sept 19-Oct 2. Details can be found at [www.pts.edu/pilgrimage-2019](http://www.pts.edu/pilgrimage-2019), or contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan (MaryLynn@coh.net).

### EECM Dinner Crew Needs Volunteers

East End Cooperative Ministry's *Thursday Night Dinner Crew* is seeking volunteers to help serve dinner and food providers. Contact Jim Russ (412.421.7630) for info.

*The Chapel Market is in need of spring and summer clothing donations. Please leave donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 17 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life” led by Carolyn Russ and Hollen Barmer

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Genesis 15:1–12,17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “Passover: Jewish Festival of Freedom” by Rabbi Doris Dyen

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

**YAM (Rm 213)** – “Reassurance as it relates to the Easter story” led by Wil Forrest

## ELPC Receives Award!



ELPC's renovation project won a BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARD from the Master Builders' Association of Pittsburgh. This is a prestigious recognition and it honors the work of our architects (Pfaffmann + Associates), the contractor (Landau Building Company), and ELPC.