



# 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 17, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

For over 30 years Dr. Gerre Edward Hancock (1934-2012) was Organist and Choirmaster at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City. Dr. Ed Moore studied with him at the Eastman School of Music. The tune *Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)* is based on a Silesian folk song from the early 19th Century.

We pray for our enemies, that we may learn to love them with regard for God's compassion, forgiving wrongs and seeking reconciliation. And we pray for those who are sick or in trouble, for the defenseless, the weak, and the poor. May they find help in their time of need and may the church ever heed their cry.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation, that through the working of God's Spirit it is a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain."

— *Belhar Confession, article 2*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)"

Gerre Hancock

*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. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **Y también contigo.**

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 27)*

Brittney Krieger and Lauren Uranker

Leader: The psalmist sings this joyful message: One thing I asked of the Lord, and that I will seek after — to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

People: **We too desire to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek after God in the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Siblings in Christ, know that God is good and in love and mercy greets us here.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #35

LOBE DEN HERREN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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The *Belhar Confession* arose out of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa during the 1980s. It was adopted into the *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the 222nd General Assembly in 2016.

Will not God grant justice to God's chosen ones who cry to God day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? (Luke 18:7)

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: St. Patrick died and is celebrated as his feast day (461 CE); Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt were married in New York (1905); the Camp Fire girls organization was formed (1910); the singer Nat King Cole was born (1919); and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. opened (1941).

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**Leader:** Forgiveness comes from God. It is a gift of Christ, made real by the power of the Holy Spirit. Yet we also know that faith without works is dead. Therefore, as a forgiven people, let us also affirm what we believe to be true about justice, peace and reconciliation with these words from the *Belhar Confession*:

**People:** We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people, and that the church is called to follow God in this work.

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good, to seek what is right, to stand by people in any form of suffering and need. This means the church must strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #205 (remain seated; sing 2x)

UBI CARITAS

"Live in Charity"

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.  
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.  
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Brittney Krieger and Lauren Uranker

Psalms 27:1-4, 13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

## 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.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Presentation of Child:* Finn McClung, son of Donald and Hillary McClung

*Profession of Faith*

*Act of Baptizing*

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

Herod Antipas ruled Galilee from 4 BCE – 39 CE. He beheaded John the Baptist, and is called an unflattering metaphor (“that fox”) by Jesus as an allusion to Herod’s sly, untrustworthy nature.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) composed *Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge* in 1921. It combines a setting of Psalm 90 with Isaac Watts’ metrical version of the same Psalm, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, set to the tune ST. ANNE. The first half of the anthem is being sung this morning. The entire piece will be sung on March 24 for the 3:00 pm Cathedral Concert.

Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue. (Deuteronomy 16:20)

Justice is truth in action. (Benjamin Disraeli)

\* HYMN #346

“For the Healing of the Nations”

ST. THOMAS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When Twilight Comes”

DAPIT HAPON

SERMON

“Faith + Justice”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

*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. 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.*

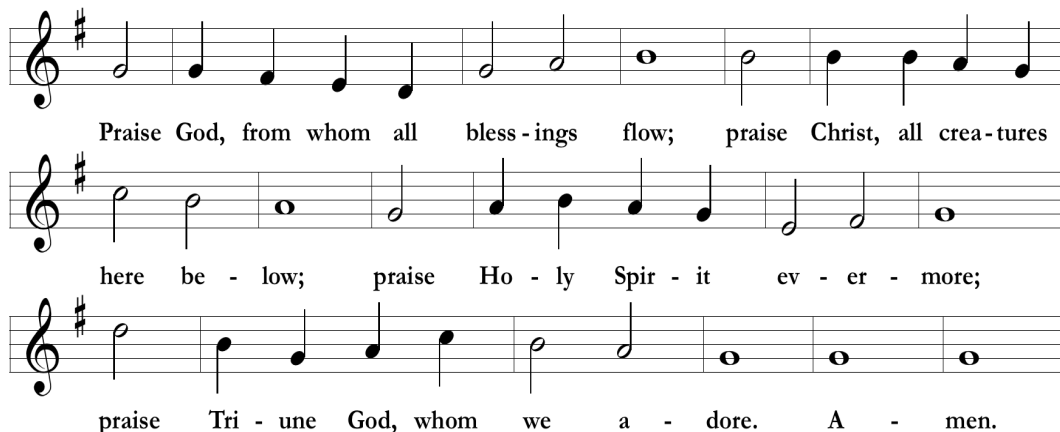
OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

text from Psalm 90

\* 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. 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: Loving God, accept these offerings, given for the sake of your people all over the world. Accept the dedication of our lives that we may be servants of your justice in this world. And renew us by your grace that we may walk faithfully and kindly out in the world. In Christ’s name we pray.

People: Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #372

“O for a World”

AZMON

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555”

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#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Mary Lynn Callahan  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Brittney Krieger and Lauren Uranker  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
Acolyte: Quinn Seif  
Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire  
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*, sponsored by the family of Finn McClung. 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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barbara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

#### ♦ 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 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.  
*March 24* — 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 **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 17, 2019 • Second Sunday in Lent

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Earth Care Challenge Pledge

Are you ready to pledge to a personal action/s to help save the planet? Consider what you can change or take on as new in the areas of transportation, energy, food, yard and garden, home, education and advocacy. The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will be available to record your pledge and take your picture in the Garth Overlook Room after today's 11 am service.

#### Spirituality, Writing, and Resilience Workshop

Join the Spiritual Life Committee today from 1-3 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor 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. An Irish-themed lunch will be served!

#### Winter Term Recitals

Hope Academy will present their *Winter Term Recitals* from 1:30–5:30 pm today. All are welcome!

#### Church Photo Directory – Today, March 24 and 31

Have your photo taken for the new church directory today in the Highland Rm after the 11 am service. Contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) to schedule your session on March 24 or 31.

#### 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.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Tony Richardson-Eckes**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Trish Buben**.



#### Sewing Group – March 18

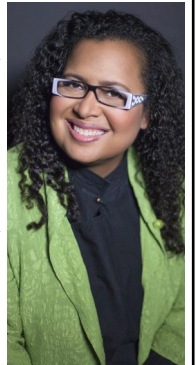
The Sewing Group will meet tomorrow from 2:30–6 pm in the Sewing Space. Please note the new *Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group* meets tomorrow also in the Makers Space from 6–7:30 pm.

#### 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 *What Does it Mean for a Church to Confess*, can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/ELPCBelharLent>.

### Cathedral Concert : A Celebration of the Psalms

The ELPC Chancel Choir presents a wonderful 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; [mcfigliar@aol.com](mailto:mcfigliar@aol.com)). Volunteers need to arrive at 2:15 pm.*

#### Hopeful Conversations on Mass Incarceration – March 21

On Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm in the Social Hall, attend an interfaith evening of inspiration and conversation with neighbors, clergy, public officials, and those impacted by mass incarceration. Speakers include Dr. James Huguley (University of Pittsburgh), the Rev. Dr. Ronald Peters, (formerly of the Metro-Urban Institute) and the Rev. Richard Freeman (Resurrection Baptist Church, Braddock). All are welcome!

#### Tower Tour – March 24

Join ELPC member Steve Evrard to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower on Sunday, March 24 after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable, closed-toe shoes are required and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kellib@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x114).





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

Joseph Adjaye,

Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy, Doris Dick,

Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,

Jan Herzer's friend Jake, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,

Gloria Knopp's mother Dorothy, Nancy Leshner,

Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen, Ashley Parker,

Jan Pressman's friend Nate, Cassandra Sawtelle's son Elias,

Heather Schoenewolf's uncle Jim, and Frances Wilson.

*Condolences to the family of Gladys May on her passing.*

*Her memorial service will be at Longwood at 11am on March 23.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 12:15 pm (McKelvy Rm)*

Youth & Young Adults..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)*

Session..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)*

Environmental Team ..... *Friday, 1:15 pm (Trustees Rm)*

### Sound and A/V Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with sound and video for the worship services, and A/V helpers to assist with properly setting up the A/V carts for classes and other events. Contact Tim Benedict (tim@tbenedict.com) or Wayne Gaines (wayneg75@msn.com) for more info.

### Tour the Holy Land Info Meeting – March 31

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. Join us for an informational session on Sunday, March 31 after the 11 am worship service, or contact Pastor Randy for info.

### Women's Retreat – April 5 and 6

Susan Spangler will lead the *Presbyterian Women's Retreat* in Christian meditation practice at Camp Crestfield from Friday to Saturday, April 5-6. Get to know each other better, enjoy good food, and spend time relaxing or hiking in the countryside. The retreat is open to all. Please RSVP to Kay Shissler (kshissler@juno.com).

### Young Children's Ministry – April 7

Families with children age 3 and under are invited to a special intergenerational church school class in the nursery from 9:45-10:45 am on Sunday, April 7. We will talk about the sacrament of Communion together, and explore how we can begin to teach our young children about its importance. We will explore this together through hands-on activities, and conversation together. Please RSVP to Pastor Heather (HeatherS@coh.net) so that we can ensure that there are enough materials for everyone.



Please visit our webpage  
for current volunteer  
opportunities!



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

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### East Liberty Public Art Installation – March 24

Celebrate the launch of the *We Are All Related* public art installation at the Public Plaza (corner of Penn and Centre Aves) on Sunday, March 24 from 2-4 pm. There will be food donated by Choolaah, a brass band and a women's African drumming ensemble, and lots of reasons to come together as an inclusive community! All welcome!

### St. Raphael Open Enrollment – March 24

If you are looking for an affordable private school that offers PreK to 8th grade along with daycare opportunities, attend St. Raphael's *Open House* on Sunday, March 24 from Noon-2pm, or call 412.661.3100 for a private tour. St. Raphael is located at 1154 Chislett St, 15206. All are welcome. They offer tuition assistance and do not differentiate between catholic or non-catholic tuition rates.

### Psychology of Religion – April 7

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to explore the *Psychology of Religion* with Kevin Seybold on Sunday, April 7 after the 11 am service in the 2nd floor Parlor. An ELPC member, Kevin is Professor of Psychology at Grove City College, and author of *Explorations in Neuroscience, Psychology and Religion* and *Questions in the Psychology of Religion*. A light lunch will be served.

### Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints – April 14

The Spiritual Life Committee is offering a new opportunity for dialogue: *Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints*. Do you secretly think that if everyone actually knew what you believe (and do not believe) that you would not be welcome in church? Come together with others who have also been carrying around their secret doubts and questions, to talk about the wide breadth of theology within the Presbyterian church, and to explore how your personal faith might be more complete after worship on Sunday, April 14. A light lunch will be provided.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 24 ♦ 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)** — Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “21st Century Challenges: Living Faithfully in a Global/National World” led by Pastor Randy Bush

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A beginning discussion of selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Yamada, and Shirley Fair

**YAM (Rm 213)** – “Resurrection as it relates to the Easter story” led by Kelli Booher