



# 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 24, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

William Bolcom  
(b. 1938) composed 12  
Gospel Preludes  
between 1979-1984,  
divided into four books  
of three each. No. 11,  
*Sweet Hour of Prayer* is  
the second prelude in  
book four. Bolcom was  
professor of composition  
at the University of  
Michigan from 1973-  
2008. His compositions  
and performances have  
earned him the Pulitzer  
Prize, the National  
Medal of Arts, and two  
Grammy Awards.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Thank you, Lord, that beneath the surface of human power, chaos and uncontrollable events, you can be found, quietly working out your deep and far-reaching plans. Help us to trust you more."  
— *Angela Reith*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
William Bolcom

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.*

*Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

People: **Come to the waters, seeking God.**

Leader: All who hunger for righteousness:

People: **Come to the table, seeking God.**

Leader: Come as you are, here and now — all are welcome, all are called, all are claimed as children of a loving God.

People: **Come, let us worship the living God. We seek God together, trusting that God is near.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #435

IN BABILONE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. And so we fail to heed your commands or even to trust in your promises. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and guide us as we strive to become the people who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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TODAY IS THE  
BIRTHDAY OF:  
Fanny Crosby, American  
hymn writer (1820);  
Matilda Joslyn Gage,  
suffragist, women's rights  
and Native American  
rights activist (1826);  
Linda Chase, principal  
dancer for the American  
Ballet Theater (1897);  
Dorothy Height, who  
served over 40 years as  
President of the National  
Council of Negro Women  
(1912); and Carol Kaye,  
one of the most prolific  
and widely heard bass  
guitarists (1935).

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

**Leader:** The *Belhar Confession* reminds us 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. Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together we are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together we know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. As those who have been reconciled and redeemed, let us profess our faith in God and in the unity of God's church, using the words of the *Belhar Confession*.

**People:** We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we need one another and upbuild one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God.

## SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #831 (remain seated; sing 2x)

TU FIDELIDAD

"I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness"

I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.  
Tu fi - de - li - dad es gran - de,

I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.  
tu fi - de - li - dad in - com - pa - ra - ble es.

None com - pares with you, O bless - ed One;  
Na - die co - mo tú, ben - di - to Dios.

O how great your faith - ful - ness.  
Gran - de tu fi - de - li - dad.

I love you, God.  
I trust you.  
I believe in you.  
I need you now.  
(Mother Teresa of  
Calcutta)

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

Jazz vibraphonist Cecilia Smith composed the four part *The Essence of Psalms* for the Chancel Choir and the 200th anniversary of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. The offertory anthem is the final part. The entire piece will be performed this afternoon at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

Psalm 63:1-8  
John 14:1, 8-14

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

*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

Cecilia Smith, *vibraphone*  
Duke Ellington

“Come Sunday”

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## SERMON

“Faith + Trust”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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. Dr. Bush

*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 “Psalm 138—Thanksgiving and Praise”

Cecilia Smith

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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: God of wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us – not only our offerings, but our very selves – to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558”

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
 Melia Chandler  
 Paige McKenzie  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 Cecilia Smith, *Vibraphone*  
 Acolyte: Annie Cowan  
 Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire  
 Crucifer: Youth  
 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

*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. *March 31* — The Rev. Ingrid Kalchthaler preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. *March 31* — 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 24, 2019 • Third Sunday in Lent

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Sponsor Youth Participating in the 30-Hour Famine

Sponsor youth in grades 6-12 before and after worship today and next Sunday, March 31 for the *30-Hour Famine*. 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 info, contact Sara Hackett or Anthony Williams.

#### Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's *Fellowship Time*. The cost is \$10/pound (check or cash only please).

#### Tower Tour

Join ELPC member Steve Evrard to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower today 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. Please gather at the South Highland Ave hospitality desk.

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

All are invited to the monthly *spiritual gathering* of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today 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)).

#### 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, and in the Fellowship Room before the 11 am service. You can record your pledge today, next Sunday and April 7.

### Cathedral Concert : A Celebration of the Psalms

The ELPC Chancel Choir presents a wonderful program of music inspired by the Psalms at the Cathedral Concert *From One Generation to Another—A Celebration of the Psalms* at **3 pm TODAY!** 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.



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

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

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

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

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

Have your photo taken for the new church directory today in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service. Contact Gloria ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net)) to schedule your session.

#### 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.



#### Help With Extended Session

*Want to explore faith and scripture from a fresh perspective with the youngest ELPC family members?* Then we need YOUR help in *Extended Session*. *Extended Session* is an important ministry offered at ELPC for young children and their families, with an age appropriate Bible story and response time during the 11 am worship service following the *Moments with our Children* for kids age 3 through 1st grade in the nursery suite on the 1st floor. Volunteers are needed to either teach the lesson (curriculum and materials provided) or be an extra set of hands supporting the teacher and loving the kids. We are looking for volunteers who can both help occasionally and for volunteers who can help regularly ... we can use your help no matter how many Sundays you are able to commit. For more info, talk to Sara Hackett or Jim DiGiorgio.

#### 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](mailto:tim@tbenedict.com)) or Wayne Gaines ([wayneg75@msn.com](mailto:wayneg75@msn.com)) for more info.

#### Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series – Wednesdays

Our six-week Lenten study of *The Belhar Confession* continues to meet on Wednesdays from 5–7 pm through April 10. This series provides 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 *The Belhar Confession and the Book of Confessions*, can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/ELPCBelharLent>.



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

Joseph Adjaye, Diana Bloss, Jack Burley,  
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,  
Emily Mohn-Slate's mother-in-law Karena, Ashley Parker,  
Jan Pressman's friend Nate, Cassandra Sawtelle's son Elias,  
Heather Schoenewolf's uncles Jim and John  
and friend Tony, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Denise Sheffey-Powell on her mother's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of Adrienne Turner on her passing.*

*She is the wife of former ELPC employee Howard Turner.*

### **A Note of Thanks...**

Fran Wilson wishes to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and thoughtfulness.

## **Committee Meeting This Week**

Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

### **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 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

### **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.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**March 31 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

**♦ ADULTS ♦**

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) –** “Is Hospice Just Another Word for Dying?” led by Tony Richardson-Eckes

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) —** Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) –** “The Religious Factor in U.S. Foreign Policy” led by ELPC Elder Ron Stone

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) –** A beginning discussion of selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda, and David Carl

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

### **East Liberty Public Art Installation – TODAY!**

Celebrate the launch of the *We Are All Related* public art installation at the Public Plaza (corner of Penn and Centre Aves) from 2-4 pm today. 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!

### **Make Breakfast for EECM Residents**

Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve on March 31, please contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

### **PW Bible Study – April 1 and 2**

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study on Monday, April 1 at 7 pm in the Harambe Room and/or Tuesday, April 2 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor (followed by a potluck lunch; soup provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting).

### **Women's Retreat – April 5 and 6**

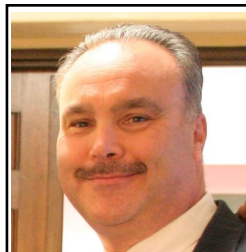
Susan Spangler will lead the *Presbyterian Women's Retreat* in Christian meditation practice at Camp Crestfield from Friday to Saturday, April 5-6. Get to know each other better, enjoy good food, and spend time relaxing or hiking in the countryside. The retreat is open to all. Please RSVP to Kay Shissler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

### **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.



### **Good Luck to Paul Martin!**

ELPC wishes God's blessings and good luck to Paul Martin, ELPC's Project Manager, who has been a faithful employee for 10 years and will be leaving ELPC on Tuesday.