



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)

APRIL 7, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Paul Manz (1919-2009) was a well-known composer of organ and choral music for the church. The tune *Seelenbräutigam* is by German composer Adam Drese (1620-1701).

PRAYER FOR MID-LENT:
On this day, O Christ, nudge me awake with glimpses of goodness, small acts of kindness, and persistent beauty emerging from places long desolate. Patient God, guide me through these waning days of Lent. Keep me alert to your presence and on watch for your promised new creation. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"A state of temperance, sobriety and justice without devotion is a cold, lifeless, insipid condition of virtue, and is rather to be considered more philosophy than religion."
— Joseph Addison

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Jesus, Lead Thou On (*Seelenbräutigam*)"

arr. Paul Manz

"Jesu, Meine Freude, BWV 610"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 (*from Psalm 126*)

Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: **Our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.**

Leader: We rejoiced, saying "The Lord has done great things for us."

People: **May those who go out weeping, come home with joy. For the Lord is our light and our salvation, whom we love and shall ever praise.**

Leader: As God's beloved children, let us give praise to God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #628

JE LOUERA L'ÉTERNEL

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Gracious God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Trusting in our own righteousness, we have been critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Fill us with a renewed devotion and love, grounded in Christ Jesus our Lord, who makes all things new. Amen.

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Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will
lodge; your people shall
be my people, and your
God my God. Where you
die, I will die – there will I
be buried. May the Lord
do thus and so to me,
and more as well, if even
death parts me from you!
(Ruth 1:16-17)

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION:
O God, let your word,
read and proclaimed,
pour out upon us until its
fragrance fills this house
and our lives. Then,
anointed with your word,
send us out to share the
good news we have
received. We pray in the
name of Jesus Christ,
who is with us always.
Amen.

Jesus, Meine Freude is a
German hymn written by
Johann Franck (1618-
1677) in 1650 and set to
a melody by Johann
Crüger (1598-1662).
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750) used the
melody as the basis for
his motet of the same
name and an organ
prelude in his collection
Orgelbüchlein, heard
during the prelude this
morning. The offertory
anthem is Bach's
harmonization of the
melody for the motet.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #630 *(vs. 1 and 3 only; remain seated)*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Enrico Novelli and Caterina Rosano

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 3:2-5

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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 #201

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Faith + Devotion"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach
Text: #830 in hymnal

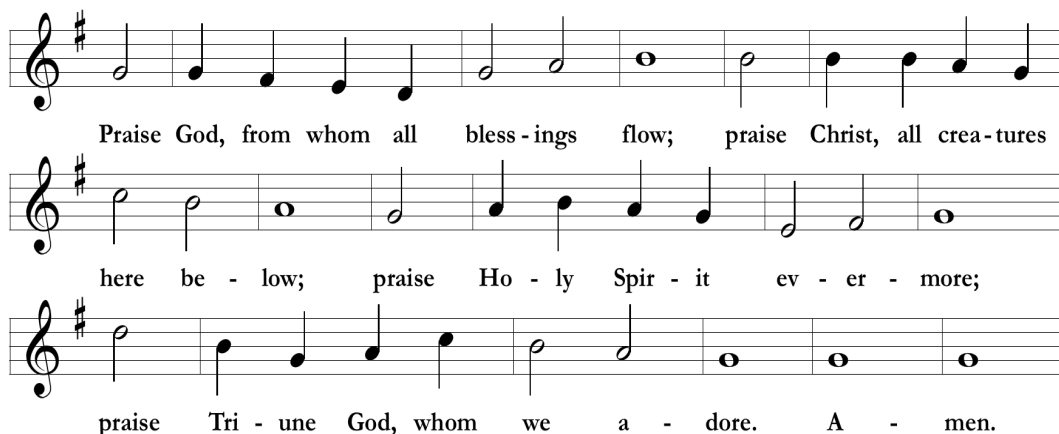
* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Set me as a seal upon
your heart, as a seal
upon your arm; for love is
strong as death, passion
fierce as the grave...
Many waters cannot
quench love, neither can
floods drown it. If one
offered for love all the
wealth of their house,
it would be
utterly scorned.
(Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Chaucer's *Canterbury
Tales* was published
(1499); Beethoven's
Missa Solemnis was first
performed (1824);
legendary blues singer
Billie Holiday was born
(1915); an image of
Herbert Hoover was seen
in the first long-distance
demonstration of
television (1927); and the
first postage stamp
featuring an African
American, Booker T.
Washington, was issued
this day (1940).

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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| 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: | By her gift, Mary prepared for the day of Jesus' burial out of loving devotion. By our gifts, may we do our part to prepare the world for the good news of Christ's resurrection and his gospel of love, justice and peace for all people. To you, O Christ, be all glory and praise. | |
| People: | Amen. | |

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #137

"He Came Down"

HE CAME DOWN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

"Little Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559"

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.



As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all of our brothers and sisters, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

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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
Enrico Novelli and Caterina Rosano
Cecilia and Samuele Novelli
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Erich Stein
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

You are also invited to help provide flowers for our Easter services on April 21, or to make a monetary donation to the EECM Food Pantry. Forms are available around the church.

♦ WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY

8:45 am.....**Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 14 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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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 **TODAY and next Sunday** in the Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service if you would like to attend today's class.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

The *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering will be received today and next Sunday, April 14. Please see today's bulletin insert for more info.

Psychology of Religion

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to explore the *Psychology of Religion* with Kevin Seybold after today's 11 am service in the 2nd floor Parlor. An ELPC member, Kevin is Professor of Psychology at Grove City College. A light lunch will be served.

Want to Become Part of our Faith Family?

If you're interested in becoming an ELPC member or friend, stay for our *Inquirers' Class* following Sanctuary worship today. Please see Pastor Randy Bush immediately after the service if you'd like to attend today's class in the 3rd floor Music Room.

Youth Ministry Event: DG2!

Youth in grades 4–12 will partner with youth from Rodef Shalom to play Bingo with residents at Charles Morris Nursing and Rehab Center. Meet in the Harambe Room for lunch after today's service. We will return to ELPC by 4 pm.

Today's Greeters

The Young Adult Ministry (YAMs) are today's greeters.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Henry Petrilli**.



Seeking Captains for Cathedral Concerts

Do you love and enjoy music and the arts? Have you attended any of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts*? Our iSERVE Ministry is seeking two or more individuals to serve as Captains for our *Cathedral Concerts* series. Captains will lead the other concert volunteers in their tasks during the events here at ELPC. If you are interested or want more info on what this role involves, contact Jim DiGiorgio (JimD@coh.net).

Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series – April 10

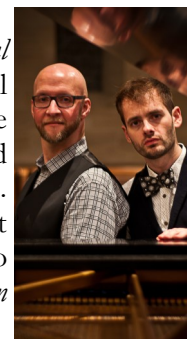
Our six-week Lenten study of *The Belbar Confession* concludes on Wednesday, April 10 from 5–7 pm, providing a theological grounding for our congregation's anti-racism work.

Learn About Our Church Building – April 11

Join students from the University of Pittsburgh's *Architectural Studies Program* as they present their findings from a semester of in-depth research into the history and significance of ELPC. Learn about building materials, construction methods, and more. All are welcome to attend on Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm in the Chapel.

The Arsenal Duo to Perform – April 14

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Sunday, April 14 at 3 pm with a performance by the *Arsenal Duo*, comprised of organist Edward Alan Moore and pianist Nathan Carterette. Featured on the program will be the first movement of Tchaikovsky's piano concerto and George Gershwin's iconic *Rhapsody in Blue*. A freewill offering will be received.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Next Sunday, April 14 is Palm Sunday. Eco-palms will be distributed at both worship services.



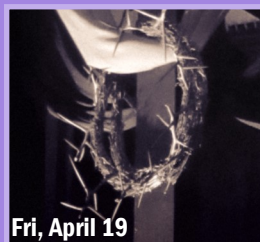
Wed, April 17

**TAIZÉ STATIONS OF
THE CROSS • 7 pm**
Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan



Thur, April 18

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
(Communion) • 7 pm**
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush



Fri, April 19

**GOOD FRIDAY
12 pm • Rev. Heather
Schoenewolf**
**7 pm • Rev. Patrice
Fowler-Searcy**

Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach on the 7th word Jesus spoke from the cross at St. James AME Church (444 Lincoln Ave) from 12–3 pm.



Sat, April 20

**EASTER VIGIL
(Communion) • 7 pm**
Rev. Mary Lynn
Callahan and
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Please note this service involves processing through the Chapel and Sanctuary.



Sun, April 21

**EASTER SUNDAY
(Communion)**
**8:45 am • Rev. Patrice
Fowler-Searcy**
9:45 am • Fellowship
**11 am • Rev. Dr.
Randy Bush**

During Holy Week, the labyrinth will be available Monday through Friday (9am–9pm) and on Saturday (9am–1pm).

No scented flowers are used at our worship services. Sponsor an Easter plant or contribute to the EECM Food Pantry. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Highland Ave Lobby.



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

Joseph Adjaye, Diana Bloss, John Buckley,
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Nancy Harlan's co-worker,
Jan Herzer's friend Jake, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, 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 uncle Jim and friend Tony,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to the family of **Jack Burley** on his passing.
His funeral service will be on Wednesday at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.*

*Condolences to **Gloria Knopp** on her mother's passing.*

*Congratulations to **Tucker & Libby Ferda**
on the birth of **Junia Bel**.*

Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints – April 14

Because what we believe has everything to do with how we pray, the Spiritual Life Committee welcomes you to the discussion group *Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints* following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 14. A light lunch will be provided.

Middle School Mission Trip Meeting – April 14

Youth in grades 6–8 who are interested in attending *Mission Possible* at Crestfield Camp from July 7-12 are asked to attend an informational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 14. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). Parents are invited also.

Tower Tour – April 14

Join us for a *Tower Tour* next Sunday. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children.

Rescheduled: Justice Committee Meeting – April 14

The Justice Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm. (No meeting today.) For more info, contact Carol (carolchonoska@gmail.com).



Please visit our webpage
for current volunteer
opportunities!



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION HOSTS

Volunteers are needed to be hosts for our neighbors on May 10 from 5-7 pm! Join us as we invite the community to tour the church, learn more about our history and programs, and more.

*For more info or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Jim DiGiorgio (JimD@coh.net).*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Child Abuse Prevention Event – April 10

Please join *PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids* on Wednesday, April 10 at 8 am at the City County Bldg (414 Grant St) to plant blue flags (representing the number of PA children who were victims of abuse and neglect), followed by a continental breakfast and awards ceremony featuring guest speakers and musical performances by local students. Show your support by wearing blue to this event. Visit www.pablueribbonchampion.org for info.

Workshop: Black Child Play as Necessity – April 11

Youth Undoing Institutional Racism (YUIR) Pittsburgh will present the workshop *Mission Impossible: Black Child Play as Necessity and Resistance* at ELPC from 6-9 pm on Thursday, April 11. This informative and interactive workshop will focus on childhood, institutionalized racism and the transformational benefits of play. For more info or to RSVP, please email ari.brazier@gmail.com.

YAM Event – April 14

Young adults are invited to Sanctuary's *Pub Talk* series, which explores faith, art, culture, politics and justice. We will gather at ELPC at 6:15 pm on Sunday, April 14 to drive to Full Pint Wild Side Pub (5310 Butler St, Lawrenceville) to hear this month's speaker, Leann Younger. Please contact Kelli Booher for more info (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

New Officer Ordination & Installation – April 14

As part of our Palm Sunday 11 am service next Sunday, the incoming class of deacons and elders will be ordained and installed. Eco-palms will also be distributed.

Environmental Book Club – April 25

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of *The Uninhabitable Earth, Life After Warming* by David Wallace-Wells. We will discuss the first half of the book on Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm, and will meet on May 16 to discuss the second half. For more info, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Bullying: The Roles of Bystanders” led by JoAnn and Carol Chonoska

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Presbyterian Church Foreign Policy and President Trump” led by ELPC Elder Ron Stone

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by Michele Bossers, Pam Napier-Barnes, and Judy Roberts