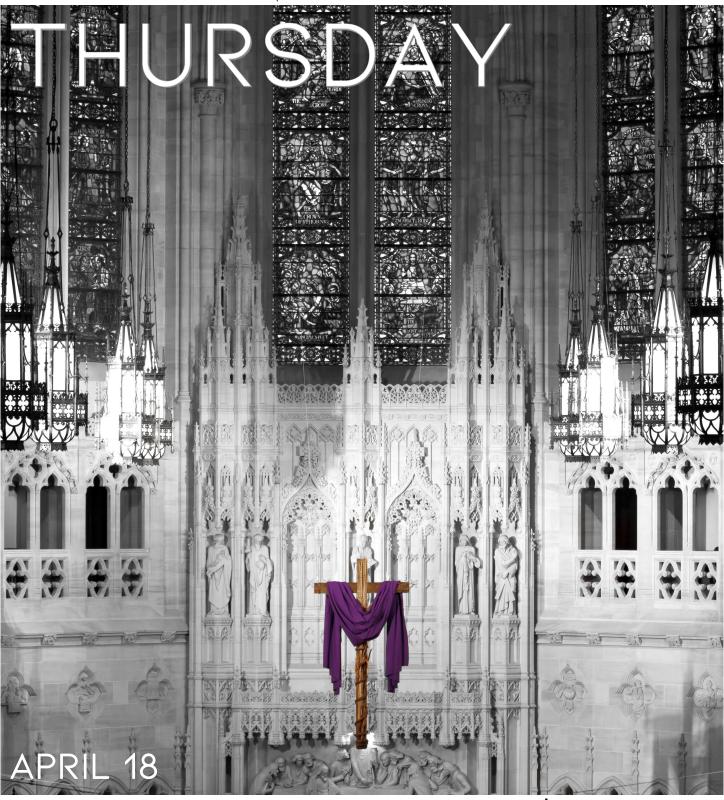
# MAUNDY



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## 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)

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

APRIL 18, 2019 — 7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist
"Ubi Caritas et Amor" Gerald Near

Where charity and love are, God is there.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Leader: We gather on this night to remember our Lord's observance of the Jewish Passover,

People: A time of celebrating the movement long ago from slavery to freedom, which ends with

the pledge "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be faithful."

Leader: We gather on this night to commemorate our Lord's institution of Holy Communion,

People: A time of sharing Christ's real presence, which contains this admonition, "Do this in

remembrance of me."

Leader: We worship on this night to recall how Jesus moved from the Last Supper to a time of trial and

suffering endured on our behalf.

People: We will remember the commandment offered on that first Maundy Thursday when Jesus

said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

EVENING PRAYER Lenore Williams

Leader:

Let us pray: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he loved them. Write these words on our hearts. Give us the will to serve others as Christ was the servant of all, the One who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God and Mother of us all,

now and forever. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN (printed in bulletin)

"This Is the Night"

Moving from Day into Evening

My Neighbor

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will. Though you have committed yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. We refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

#### April 18 • Maundy Thursday

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 (vs. 1, 3, 5 only; printed in bulletin)

MORNING SONG

"You Are My Refuge, Faithful God"

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON** 

Exodus 12:1-14

Hearing Mords from our Sacred History

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

I Corinthians 11:17-26, 33-34

Gathering for our Common Meal

The Rev. Schoenewolf

INVITATION TO THE TABLES

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes. **People:** Y también contigo.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

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.

\* **HYMN** (printed in bulletin)

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

**QUEBEC** 

The congregation will gather around the communion tables during the final two verses.

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The congregation is invited to come forward and stand around one of the seven communion tables in the chancel area. A host will lead you in communion, and then you may be seated so others can be served at the tables.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-38

Moving from Evening into Night

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**SERMON** 

"Absence & Presence"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**CHORAL ANTHEM** 

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Johann Crüger text by Johann Heermann

The text is found in the Glory to God hymnal #218.

#### April 18 • Maundy Thursday

SCRIPTURE READING	John 18:1-6	The Rev. Schoenewolf
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Kyrie Eleison"	Benjamin Britten from War Requiem
SCRIPTURE READING	John 18:7-11	The Rev. Dr. Bush
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Kyrie Eleison"	Benjamin Britten from War Requiem
SCRIPTURE READING	John 18:12-14	The Rev. Schoenewolf
BENEDICTION		The Rev. Dr. Bush
CLOSING RESPONSE  Please depart in silence.	"Kyrie Eleison"	Benjamin Britten from War Requiem



Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush Liturgist: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Lenore Williams

Musicians: Dr. Edward Moore, Organist/Music Director

ELPC Chancel Choir

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK

The labyrinth, a 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward, is an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation. The ELPC labyrinth is a replica of the stone labyrinth laid in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France.

The labyrinth will be available during Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, April 18 ..... 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Good Friday, April 19 ...... 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Saturday, April 20 ...... 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### ♦ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12 Noon... **Good Friday Service.** In the Chapel. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

7:00 pm..... **Tenebrae Service.** In Sanctuary. Service of light and darkness. The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

#### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 pm..... Easter Vigil Service. Includes reaffirmation of baptism vows, communion, announcement of Christ's resurrection. Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan and The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush.

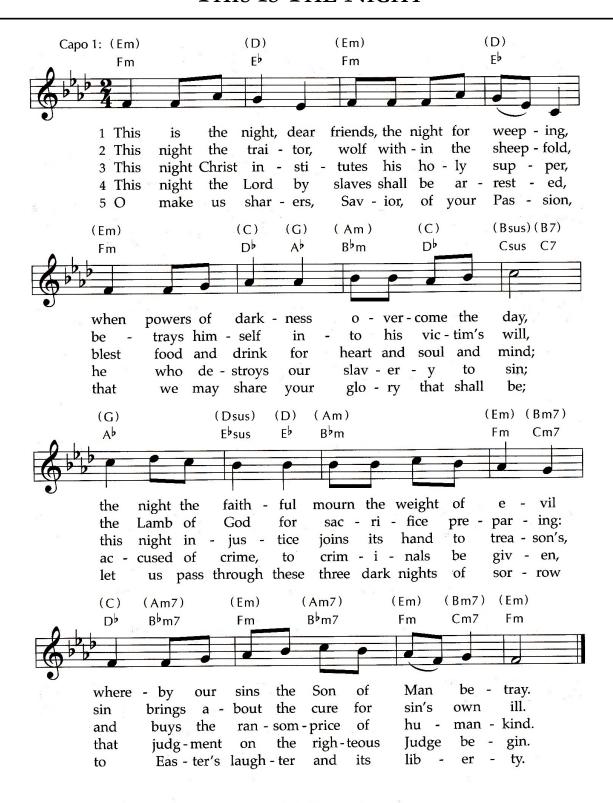
#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:45 am..... **Journey Worship.** The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy will preach at this communion service in the Social Hall.

11 am ...... **Sanctuary Worship.** Special music begins at 10:45 am. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching and leading communion.

The worship spaces will not have Easter lilies out of respect for people allergic to plant aromas.

#### THIS IS THE NIGHT



This text conveys well the paradox of despair and expectancy felt on Maundy Thursday. The somber repetition of "this night" here contrasts with and prepares for the joyful "this is the night" repeated in the *Exsultet*, the ancient Easter hymn at the lighting of the paschal candle.



What John Calvin said about Psalm 31:5 can be applied to this paraphrase of the psalm as a whole: it is one of the places in scripture "most suitable for correcting distrust." That verse was on Jesus' dying lips (Luke 23:46), and this psalm is appointed for Passion/Palm Sunday.

## JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS



This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

#### Celebrating 200 Years of Ministry at ELPC

To God be the glory for our days past and our ministry yet to come!



East Liberty Presbyterian Church

### BICENTENNIAL

1819 - 2019

Saturday, May 4 | 6–9 pm

#### TALENT SHOW AND TOWER LIGHT-UP NIGHT

Gather for a potluck meal in our Social Hall and celebrate the diverse talents of our congregation. Come outside for dessert and to dedicate our new tower lighting system, as ELPC "shines its light" for generations to come! There also will be a time for play and fellowship for families with children age 3 and under, beginning at 4:30 pm.

Friday, May 10 | 5–7 pm

#### **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

Join us as we invite the community to tour our church, learn more about our history and programs, and enjoy "pay what you can" ice cream!

Saturday, May 11 | 6–9 pm

#### **BICENTENNIAL PARTY**

ELPC will host a ticketed gala event in which we will gather for refreshments, catered food, entertainment and fellowship, celebrating our church's 200th anniversary. Tickets are \$50, with some reduced price tickets available.

Sunday, May 12 | 11 am

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

During Sanctuary worship, we will hear two new pieces commissioned for our Handbell Choir, and dedicate new labyrinths for our Spiritual Life ministry. There also will be a special piano postlude by Pastor Randy.

Sunday, May 19 | 11 am

#### **BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us for this wonderful time of celebration as ELPC welcomes past staff and friends, enjoys special instrumental and choral music, and gives thanks to the God who has led us safe thus far and whose grace leads us into the future. A reception will be in the Social Hall following worship.



The year was 1819 and James Monroe was president of the United States. The outskirts of Pittsburgh, known as Negleytown, were experiencing much growth and development, prompting a group of civic leaders to pledge their resources to construct a new place of worship. Out of that act of generosity 200 years ago grew the history of East Liberty Presbyterian Church—a history we are celebrating this year.

Join us as we commemorate this milestone and prepare for what God has planned for our church for the next 200 years.





