



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)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 21, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

The titles of the three sections of Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) *Fantasia in G Major* are written in French, *Très vite*, *Gravement*, and *Lentement*. One of Bach's most popular works for organ, it is often referred to as *Pièce d'Orgue*.

Easter doesn't have the ring of great drama. It has the ring of truth. The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt. (Frederick Buechner)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.
Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

— John L. Bell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Fantasia in G, BWV 572" Johann Sebastian Bach
"Lift Up Your Heads (from *Messiah*)" George Frideric Handel/
Mark Schweizer
"Rigaudon" André Campra

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Christ is risen!
People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado! He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ike Ezekoye

Leader: God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty.
Nothing can defeat your love for humankind.
People: The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation; Christ is
risen to bring us new life!
Leader: This is the new day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232

EASTER HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day,
Christ rose again.
People: Still we look for the living among the dead.
Leader: You sent messengers to proclaim the good news of resurrection.
People: Still we look for the living among the dead.
Leader: You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!
People: Still we look for the living among the dead.
Leader: Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe
the good news of salvation.

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

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The *Maryland Toleration Act*, which provided freedom of worship, was passed by the Maryland Assembly (1649); author Mark Twain died in Redding, Connecticut (1910); the Soviet Union placed a comprehensive ban on all charitable activity by churches, **assuming the state's claim to Soviet people's loyalty** (1929); thousands **crowded Beijing's Tiananmen Square** demanding political freedoms (1989); and it is the birthday of Charlotte Bronte (1816), Queen Elizabeth II (1926) and Ian Bush (1999).

Paul Halley (b. 1952) was Organist and Choirmaster at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City from 1977-1989. His dramatic setting of *Wondrous Love* for chorus, brass, and timpani was composed for the Cathedral choirs in 1985.

PRAYER OF BLESSING:
Go to celebrate all that God has done as Christ breathes new life into you, sending you out with the Spirit of forgiveness and faith for the life of the world.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: As we await that great and glorious day when Christ comes to reign in power, love and justice, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen!

People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado!

He is risen indeed!

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 118:19-26

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

I Corinthians 15:19-26, 57 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

There is no Extended Session program this morning. There is Nursery care for children under 3.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS UPDATE

* HYMN #239

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"A Definitive Victory"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

"Wondrous Love"

Paul Halley

The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #215, verses 1, 3, and 4.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Robert, Molly, Oliver, Elliott and Max Stephany.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures
here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Tri-une God, whom we adore. (Interlude) Amen.

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* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Mother, Brother, holy
Partner; Father, Spirit,
Only Son; we would
praise your name
forever, one-in-three
and three-in-one.
We would share your life,
your passion, share your
word of world made new,
ever singing, ever
praising, one with all,
and one with you.
(Ruth Duck)

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Children are welcome to receive communion as a special reminder of how God's love includes them.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Hymn #235

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

O FILII ET FILIAE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy,
grace and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be
proof of that good news. Let our words and actions, our love and service bear
witness to your resurrection power; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphony V"

Charles-Marie Widor

*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.*



Charles-Marie Widor was
born in Lyon, France on
February 21, 1944. In
1870, at the age of 26,
Widor was appointed
temporary organist of
Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a
post he held for 64 years,
having never been given
the official title of
permanent organist!
Widor's fifth symphony
was composed in 1879.
The fifth and final
movement of the
symphony, the famous
Toccata, is one of the
most recognizable organ
compositions and has
been featured at
numerous royal
weddings.

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. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Ike Ezekoye
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist and Music Director*
Michael Painter, *Organist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Carly Noel Black, *Soloist*
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*
Rana Jurjus, *Horn*
Morgan Wynn, *Trombone*
John Caughman, *Tuba*
Abby Langhorst, *Timpani*
Acolytes: Juliette Young and Emmy Thompson
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

No Extended Session on Easter

There will be no Extended Session program for preschool children on Easter. Please visit the *Kid's Corner* for hands-on activities designed to engage children in worship.

Nursery Care Available

There is Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) in the 1st floor Nursery every Sunday.

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers in the urns are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Corwin.

Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our flower donors.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 28 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 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 delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Visitors Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift and some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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 June 16 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.



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Church Events and Announcements

April 21, 2019 • Easter Sunday

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We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Visitors' Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift, a sweet treat and information about ELPC's many programs and ministries.



We have special events planned to celebrate our bicentennial!

For more details, visit
www.tiny.cc/elpcbicentennial
or see today's insert!

TODAY AT ELPC

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Carla Coles**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Antwone Wright**.



Bicentennial Glass Ornaments & Necklaces Available

As part of our bicentennial celebration, local glass artist Sarah Cohen has made for us glass ornaments and necklaces that contain small palm branches and the words "ELPC 200 years strong." They cost \$25 and we are again accepting orders for these items. If you would like to reserve one or both items, please send an email inquiry to Jim DiGiorgio (JimD@coh.net).

Tai Chi Classes — April 23

Tai Chi classes begin on Tuesday, April 23 from 10-11 am, and continue for 10 weeks. Experience flowing movements and a relaxing workout. The cost is \$25 for 10 weeks. Please pre-register with Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x116).

Full Inclusion Team Planning Meeting — April 23

The Full Inclusion Team of the Justice Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 6 pm to plan for Pride activities this summer. All are welcome to help with planning. You do not need to be a member of the Justice Committee to attend! ELPC volunteers are also requested to help at *Art for Change*, a fundraising event for PERSAD. You can register as a volunteer online at <https://persad.ivolunteer.com>. Please also contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722) to let her know if you are volunteering or have an interest in attending the meeting.

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).

Tween Night — April 26

Tweens in grades 4–6 will get together for dinner and messy games at *Tween Night* on Friday, April 26 from 6-8 pm. Dress for outdoor weather and a mess!

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — April 28

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 pm when we will continue our discussion of the themes in chapters 4-6 of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on our relationship with Scripture, what it says, what it does not say, and how to embrace it. Previous reading or attendance is not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

YAM Event: First Friday @ Unblurred — May 3

ELPC's Young Adult Ministry will join TRAIL to experience *First Friday @ Unblurred in Garfield* on Penn Ave (blocks 4800–5500) on May 3 at 7 pm. We will walk and bask in the creative energy—experiencing a mix of photography, dance, painting, sculpture, music, and spoken word performances. We will leave the ELPC lobby at 6:45 pm. Please contact Kelli Booher for more info (KelliB@coh.net).

NO WORSHIP SERVICES ON MARATHON SUNDAY

Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC is unable to offer worship services on Sunday, May 5.
Consider supporting another local congregation for worship that day.



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

Joseph Adjaye, John Buckley,
Kate Carlson's cousin Jeannie,
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Nancy Harlan's co-worker,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,
Emily Mohn-Slate's mother-in-law Karena,
Nathaniel Morley's friend Yaheim,
Ashley Parker,
Jan Pressman's friend Nate,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to the family of Cecil Birt on his passing.
His funeral service will be on Saturday,
April 27 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.*

Condolences to Gloria Knopp on her mother's passing.

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

No Committee Meetings This Week

*In observance of Easter, the church building will close at 2 pm on
Easter Sunday and will reopen at 7 am on Tuesday, April 23.*

PW Bible Study – May 6 and 7

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm in the Harambe Room and/or Tuesday, May 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor (followed by a potluck lunch; soup provided, but please bring a side or salad to share).



**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.

BICENTENNIAL PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help set-up from 3-6 pm on Saturday, May 11 for the *Bicentennial Party*. If you have a passion for party decorations, this is your chance!

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Freedom Seder – April 27

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (5738 Forbes Ave, 15217) will have a *Freedom Seder* on Saturday, April 27 from 5:30-6:45 pm with snacks that include Passover ritual foods. RSVP by April 24 online at www.tinyurl.com/JCCseder.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – April 27

Northside Common Ministries will have a free will offering *Spaghetti Dinner* fundraiser on Saturday, April 27 from 4:30-7 pm at Northmont Presbyterian Church (8169 Perry Hwy, 15237). Take out and gluten free meals will be available. Visit www.ncmin.org for more info.

Dedication of New Labyrinths – May 12

The labyrinth is an ancient, sacred symbol found in many religious traditions throughout the world. As a part of our Bicentennial Celebrations, the Spiritual Life Committee has had two new labyrinths created to add to our library of labyrinths. Both labyrinths are printed on poly canvas, which is lighter in weight than the old cotton canvases. Please join us after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, May 12 as we dedicate these new additions to our ministry.

Sing in the Anniversary Choir – May 19

You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and The Brass Roots on Sunday, May 19 as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations. Music will be provided and you will need to attend rehearsal on either (or both) Thursday, May 2 or 9, as well as on Thursday, May 16. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net) for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 28 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Answering the Call to Care for the Strangers Among Us” led by Ruth Farrell and ELPC members

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Above and Beyond Expectations for Design and Sewing Program at EECM” led by Hannah Moon

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

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church