



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 28, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) won a national hymn-writing contest at the age of 13. He later served as editor for *The Sacred Music Press*.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“God expects from [mortals] that their Easter devotions would in some measure come up to their Easter clothes.” — Robert South, “Sermons”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Dale Wood

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 150) Erich Stein and Polly McQueen

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed!
Leader: Alleluia! Praise God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!
People: **Give praise for God’s resurrecting power.**
Leader: Praise God with trumpets, harp and cello; praise God with tambourine, cymbals and drums!
People: Let everything with life and breath praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #246 “Christ Is Alive!” TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #250 (vs. 1 and 3 only) PROMISE

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

We celebrate the birthdays of William Shakespeare (1564) and President James Monroe (1758); and note that due to shortages during WWII, coffee rationing began in the U.S. (1942); Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted in the Army, protesting the Vietnam War (1967); and Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr. became the first African American admiral in the U.S. Navy (1971).

While the gospel of John exalts the divinity of Jesus, it also is the most insistent that Jesus is **truly human, that Jesus' death was not a sham but the supreme instance of the Word (true God) becoming flesh (true human).** The exalted Christ does not put the nail prints behind him, but reigns only as the self-giving, Crucified Savior.

EARTH DAY LITANY

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

People: **Let the sea roar and let the fields exalt God's name.**

Leader: When you began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was without shape as your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.

People: **In the beginning you created everything and called it "good."**

Leader: Holy God, you have given us incredible gifts of soil, water, and air that sustain our lives.

People: You provide us with life-giving resources that are enough for us and for our descendants.

Leader: Loving Creator, you made humankind in your own image and commissioned us to take care of the earth, the plants, the land and all creatures.

People: From the smallest seed to the largest tree, from the atoms to the continents, you call upon us to be stewards and caretakers of this good world.

Leader: On this Sunday, we acknowledge our responsibility and great joy to serve you in this way.

People: On this day, we pledge our continued efforts to care for our world, to protect endangered animals, to secure safe drinking water for areas without it, to reduce our energy use, and to advocate for the **protection of these resources. With God's help, we will care for creation – as is our calling. Amen.**

* SONG RESPONSE HYMN #664

BUNESSAN

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning,

God's re-creation of the new day!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-29

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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

Crystal Anderson and Charlotte Bush, *soloists*

"Here in this Place"

music by Alan Menken

"Haven't Got a Prayer"

April 28 • Second Sunday of Easter

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Gamaliel was an illustrious Jewish teacher, the grandson of the great Hillel, and grandfather of Gamaliel II, who played a leading role in Judaism in Luke's own time near the end of the first century. According to Acts 22:3, Paul himself had studied with Gamaliel in Jerusalem.

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (I Peter 1:3)

William Mathias (1934-1992) was a renowned Welsh composer of choral, orchestral, and instrumental works. His *Fanfare* for organ was commissioned for the inaugural concert for the new organ at Memorial Hall, Barry, Wales in 1987.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 5:27-39

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"A Change of Heart"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Members: **Jim Ashton, Micaela D'Avilar, Benjamin and Katie Fitzpatrick, Nancy Heastings, Stanley Koepke, William and Deborah Newcomer, Rachel Mackey and Chris Piccolo, Colleen Vermillion**

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 SOLO

"Sister Act"

Crystal Anderson, *soloist*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* 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:	Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for those who despair, courage for the anxious, and faith for the disillusioned. Transform us as well that we may be your faithful witness to the good news of your resurrection. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #248

HYMN TO JOY

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

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
Sara Hackett
Erich Stein and Polly McQueen
Musicians: Michael Painter, *Organist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Crystal Anderson, *Soloist*
Charlotte Bush, *Soloist*
Acolytes: Kevin Lee and Mabel Buben
Beadle: Matt Stufft
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.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Cecil Birt, whose funeral service was held yesterday at ELPC.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
May 12 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. First Bicentennial Sunday worship service.
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Extended Session

After the *Moments with our 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 NAMETAG that your child wears 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, 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 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 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 28, 2019 • 2nd Sunday of Easter

TODAY AT ELPC

Why I Love ELPC & Why I Care for the Earth

Following the 11 am worship, come to the McKelvy Room and video a quick, two-sentence answer to the question *How is ELPC special to you?* This will be part of our bicentennial video. Then go to the Garth Overlook Room, where the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to write a letter to your legislators supporting gas line safety legislation.

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour

Tour our Sanctuary and Chapel with guide Penn Hackney. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following the service.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's *Fellowship Time*. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today 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*. Previous reading or attendance is not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest for details or to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

ELPC T-Shirts on Sale!

Purchase an ELPC T-shirt for \$10 today after all worship services, on May 4 at the *Talent Show and Tower Light-Up Night*, or from Jim DiGiorgio at ELPC during the week.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Peta Harrigan Cole**.



YAM Event: First Friday @ Unblurred — May 3

Young adults from ELPC and TRAIL friends are invited to experience *First Friday @ Unblurred* in Garfield on Penn Ave (blocks 4800-5500) on May 3. We will walk and experience a mix of photography, dance, painting, music and spoken word performances, leaving the ELPC lobby at 6:45 pm. Contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net).

NO WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC is unable to offer worship services on Sunday, May 5.

Please join us for our special events planned to celebrate ELPC's



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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. At 8:30 pm you can pick up a piece of cake and gather on the Whitfield St side of the church as we dedicate our new tower lighting system. There also will be a time for free play and fellowship for families with children age 3 and under, beginning at 4:30 pm. If you want to participate in the *Talent Show*, email Heather Lawrence (hlawrence345@gmail.com).

Friday, May 10 | 5-7 pm

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

We will be giving away free ice cream from stations around the church. Invite your friends to take a quick tour of the sanctuary and chapel, learn more about our history and programs, and then enjoy an ice cream treat on us! Volunteers are needed to be hosts for our neighbors! Please contact Jim DiGiorgio (JimD@coh.net).

Saturday, May 11 | 6-9 pm

BICENTENNIAL PARTY

ELPC will host a ticketed gala event in which we will gather in the Whitfield Lobby for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, before moving to the decorated Social Hall for a catered meal, entertainment and fellowship, all to celebrate our church's 200th anniversary. Tickets are \$50. To purchase tickets, please see one of the ticket sellers after worship **today!** If you are able to volunteer to help set-up, email Jim (JimD@coh.net).

Sunday, May 12 | 11 am

WORSHIP SERVICE

We will hear two new pieces commissioned for our ELPC Handbell Choir and dedicate the two new labyrinths for our Spiritual Life ministry. Chaplain Dan Leger of Dor Hadash congregation will be our guest, leading us in a prayer for peace. Also, there will be a special piano postlude of Gershwin's *Piano Concerto* performed by Pastor Randy and friends.

Sunday, May 19 | 11 am

BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for this wonderful time of celebration as ELPC welcomes past staff and friends. The *Hallelujah Chorus* will be sung for the postlude, followed by a reception held in the Social Hall. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net) to sing in the *Anniversary Choir*. Music will be provided and you will need to attend rehearsal on either (or both) Thursday, May 2 or May 9, as well as on Thursday, May 16.

Visit www.tiny.cc/elpcbicentennial for more info!



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

Joseph Adjaye, 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 Karen,
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.

Committee Meetings This Week

Special Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)
Renovations..... Friday, 7:30 am (2nd fl Library)

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).

May Mission Opportunities – May 7 and 11

Please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856) if you would like to help at these *May Mission Opportunities*:

- *OHM Circles Dinner*: Tuesday, May 7 — Donations of side dishes and dinner servers are needed!
- *House Rehab*: Saturday, May 11 — No special skills needed; all welcome to help!

Volunteer at the Women's Center and Shelter – May 9

Young Adults have a volunteer opportunity to serve at The Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh on Thursday, May 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm. They provide many services and programs, all with the goal of creating a positive, safe and welcoming environment to victims of domestic abuse. There are multiple ways to help with this, so if you are interested please contact Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Mission Overnight – May 10 to 11

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the High School Mission Trip in Pittsburgh this summer are required to attend a *Mission Overnight* from 7 pm on Friday, May 10 to 5 pm on Saturday, May 11. We will learn about mission, play group building games, and worship together. On Saturday, we will volunteer with Open Hand Ministries and plan for our upcoming mission trip. Contact Sara Hackett for more info about the *Mission Overnight* or the High School Mission Trip this summer (SaraH@coh.net).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



ELPC Supports OHM in the Pittsburgh Marathon!

ELPC's relay team, *Towering Lights*, is running for Open Hand Ministries (OHM) and its 25 families and 38 children in the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon! Dollars raised by our *Towering Lights* team will support OHM's family development and house rehab programs that promote community and equity for East End families.

Please consider supporting these congregation members with your prayers and donations: Molly Davidson-Welling, Jim DiGiorgio, Emerald Huggins, Todd Hoffman and Thomas Morton! Donations can be sent directly to OHM: 616 N Highland Ave, 15206 (please note *ELPC marathon team* on your check) or online at <http://bit.ly/OHM2019>.

EECM Open House – May 9

East End Cooperative Ministry (6140 Station St, 15206) will have an *Open House* on Thursday, May 9 from 5-8 pm. Learn more about the important community services they provide at this free event. RSVP online at www.eecm.org/openhouse or call 412.345.7139.

Enjoy a Sonic Spectacular – May 24

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series closes on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 pm, with another sonic spectacular for brass, percussion, and organ featuring The Brass Roots and Edward Alan Moore. A freewill offering will be received.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Mothers in the Bible” presented by various class members, led by Rita Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–40 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Notes on Progressive Advance at ELPC 1920–2020” led by Dr. Ron Stone

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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