



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)

MAY 12, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. He dedicated the third symphony to fellow organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Vierne died while seated at the organ console of Notre-Dame as he was playing an organ recital.

Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you go, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people and to them. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering to that part of God in every one. (George Fox)

TIME OF PREPARATION

“At this critical period in the world’s history, which marks for East Liberty Church the opening of a new century of worship and service, shall this Church of Christ, wielding the rod of the Spirit, cause the Red Sea of her experience to divide, and with her Divine Leader going on before, advance “dry-shod,” holding aloft the same torch of an unquenchable faith, and the same triumphant Banner of the Cross until the church militant become the church triumphant.”

— *Closing words, ELPC Centennial Celebration, 1919*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28”

Louis Vierne

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

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. We glorify you!

People: God of the ages, you have been beside us throughout our history in this place and have promised to be beside us for all the years to come. We offer you our praise!

Leader: Abide with us during this time of worship, and then journey with us wherever we may travel in the days to come;

People: For you are our rock and our redeemer, our hope and our salvation.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #321

AURELIA

“The Church’s One Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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

May 12 • Mother's Day

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Prayer for Mission:
By your will, O God, we
go out into the world with
good news of your
undying love, and
minister in the midst of
human need to show
wonders of your grace.
We pray for all who
serve as mission co-
workers, volunteers,
workers, and friends in
this country and around
the world. May they be
strengthened by our
concern and supported
by our gifts. Do not let
them be discouraged,
but make them brave,
compassionate, and
hopeful in your word;
through Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.

The two new handbells
settings by Neil Harmon
were commissioned for
the ELPC Ringers in
honor of the 200th
anniversary of East
Liberty Presbyterian
Church. Organist and
composer Neil Harmon is
a member of the faculty
at the Brigham Young
University School of
Music and a graduate of
the Eastman School of
Music.

In 1919, ELPC had a
Session of 14 elders, a
Board of Deacons with
six members, a Board of
Trustees with seven
members, 1,575 official
members (600 families),
and an endowment of
just under \$101,000.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, hear our humble prayers of confession. When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are hesitant to forgive and to trust unconditionally, show us your mercy and provide the power to forgive others. When we are unwilling to stand up to misguided authority and false powers, lead us to stand beside the weak so that all may be strong. When we are confined by our own hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free at last. This day and always, open our hearts, renew our spirits, and give us peace. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Bush

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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!

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #317

McKEE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

GREETINGS FROM PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge,
General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery

DEDICATION OF NEW LABYRINTHS

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

GOSPEL LESSON

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

John 10:11-16

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Morning Has Broken" (premiere)

arr. Neil Harmon

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 #295

SINE NOMINE

"Go to the World!"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Acts 16:6-10

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Come Over and Help Us"

*Stained Glass Window
located in West Transept*



May 12 • Mother's Day

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. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi
Dan Leger, Chaplain (retired)
Dor Hadash congregation
The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge,
General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, *Pianist*
Kazumi Petinaux, *Pianist*
Abby Langhorst, *Percussion*
Judd Poeske, *Soloist*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soloist*
Acolyte: Elliott Stephany
Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
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 given in loving memory of Mrs. Bernice A. Stone, presented by her son Dr. Ronald H. Stone.

♦ BICENTENNIAL 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.
May 19 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
May 19 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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 8 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 Sunday, 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

May 12, 2019 • Bicentennial Celebration

TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC Welcomes Our Special Guests

ELPC welcomes Dan Leger of Dor Hadash congregation and The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery, as our special guests in worship this morning. We will also hear two new pieces commissioned for our ELPC Handbell Choir.

Dedication of New Labyrinths

On the evening of September 29, 1996 in the Chapel, East Liberty Presbyterian Church conducted a *Service of Dedication* for its first labyrinth, led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut and the Rev. Hydie Houston, followed by an inaugural opportunity to walk the labyrinth. That evening marked the beginning of a now 22-year labyrinth ministry here at ELPC. This ministry has introduced our congregation to the prayerful practice of walking a sacred path, and has also become an outreach ministry to our community, the city of Pittsburgh and the surrounding tri-state area. Acquiring additional labyrinths over the years has allowed us to share them with many churches and organizations (Robert Morris University, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC, and at events like the University of Pittsburgh Mindfulness Fair).

For the past several years, we have had 4 cotton canvas labyrinths in varying sizes. A couple of these are now in well-loved but heavily worn condition. So today we are retiring one of these labyrinths from our official labyrinth ministry and handing it over to the Children and Youth Ministry to offer opportunities for creative prayer to our young people.

In conjunction with our Bicentennial Celebration, we are also dedicating two new labyrinths. Constructed of poly-vinyl canvas, these new models are washable and lighter. One of these will now be our largest. It is a 38', 4.5" Chartres style labyrinth with spruce (teal) lines on a white background. The other will be our smallest: a 21', 9" St Paul a la Chartres labyrinth in rainbow colors on white.

These new labyrinths will be available in the Courtyard (weather permitting) to walk following worship. Come help us to inaugurate these new additions to this ministry of prayer!



Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.



Church Opening Hours

Beginning June 1, the regular daily hours that the doors to the church will be open are Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 9 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 am to 7 pm. You can expect to find a friendly, helpful person to greet you as you enter or call during these hours. The building hours will extend for specific previously-scheduled events.

YAM Event: Double-Decker Bus Tour – May 18

New to Pittsburgh? Lived here all your life? Think you know everything there is to know about Pittsburgh? Let's rediscover the city that we live in on this fun and educational double-decker bus tour on Saturday, May 18! We will meet and leave ELPC at 11:15 am, drive to the Duquesne Incline West Parking Lot on Carson St, and board the bus for a tour of our city. Through ELPC, tickets for adults are \$15 and children are \$10 (if you need more assistance, please let us know). This is a kid-friendly event, but each child must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. RSVP to Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Bicentennial Worship Service – May 19

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.

Cathedral Concert – May 24

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series closes on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary with another sonic spectacular for brass, percussion, and organ featuring The Brass Roots and Edward Alan Moore. A freewill offering will be received (online contributions also accepted). Please join us for this eclectic performance suitable for all ages!





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 Karena,
Nathaniel Morley's friend Yaheim,
Ashley Parker, Jan Pressman's friend Nate,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach, Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Cecil Birt on his passing.

No Committee Meetings This Week

Help Us With Spring Planting – May 18

On Saturday, May 18, please join us to help with spring planting. Gather at 9 am at the South Highland Ave entrance. Please contact Chuck Lukehart for more info (412.782.6447) or Carol Bonner (412.422.6699).

Summer Worship Schedule – Begins June 16

On Sunday, June 16, we will transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – June 30

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, June 30 at 11:30 am when we will continue our discussion of the themes in chapters 7-8 of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on what the Kingdom of God is and who will inherit it. Previous reading or attendance is not required to engage the conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for more details or to attend. *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers

Donations of spring and summer clothing, and toiletry items are being requested by ELPC's Chapel Market. Please leave donations in the indicated receptacle at the South Highland Ave entrance. Volunteers are also needed to serve in the Chapel Market on Mondays from 10 am–12 pm. Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss to volunteer (DeissHL@consolidated.net; 724.443.1826).



Please visit our webpage
for current volunteer
opportunities!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Speaker Presentation at PTS – May 13

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) will offer a presentation by Yossi Klein Halevi, author of *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* on Monday, May 13 in the John Knox Room at 7 pm. To register, please visit www.pts.edu/YKH, or call 412.924.1345.

Future Jobs Expo at WQED – May 15

On Wednesday, May 15 from 4-8 pm, WQED (4802 5th Ave, Fred Rogers Studio, 15213) is hosting a *Future Jobs Expo* open to all—middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, parents, people who might be looking for a job change or just their first job, etc. Learn about a wide variety of career paths from the region's changing and emerging industries. Bring your resume and connect with prospective employers. RSVP to rnamisnak@wqed.org; 412.622.1527.

Mendelssohn Choir Concert – May 18

The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh presents their concert *Victoria's Secret: A Life in Music*, celebrating Queen Victoria's 200th birthday, on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Please contact Dr. Ed Moore for details (EdM@coh.net). For tickets or info, please call 866.811.4111.

"Art in the Garden" Summer Program – June to August

Art in the Garden is an outdoor summer program for youth ages 4 to 11 held in urban gardens with hands-on projects in the arts and ecology. Free breakfasts and lunches are provided to campers by *Earthen Vessels Outreach*. For more info or to register, please call 412.592.5711, or email artinthegardenpgh@gmail.com.

RCC Pride Concert – June 1 and 2

Renaissance City Choir presents their 2019 Pride concert *A Celebration of our Community of Singers* in the ELPC Courtyard on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$10 for students). To purchase tickets, visit www.rccpittsburgh.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – "The Kingdom of God: Past, Present, Future Part 1" led by Rita Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – "Making Sense of Sin, Salvation and the Cross" led by the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut

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