



# 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 19, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP

The *Allegro, Chorale, and Fugue*, one of Mendelssohn’s (1809-1847) most eloquent statements for the organ, was never published during his lifetime. Dating from 1844, it remained unknown and unplayed in Mendelssohn’s manuscripts, collected in what is referred to as the *Green Volumes*. It was rediscovered in the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, Poland in 1986.

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who brought your message to this place. By their energies, this church was gathered, given order, and continued to this day. Remembering all those who have gone before us, may we follow as they followed, in the way, truth, and life of Jesus Christ, who is our Redeemer and Hope forever. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Each generation is the heir of all the ages, and its representatives can never explain what they are nor what they have done without due acknowledgment of what they have inherited. A just recognition of our debt to the past is one of the finest marks of a [humble people].” — *The Rev. Frank Woolford Sneed, pastor ELPC (1902-1920)*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major”

*Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Lenore Williams

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life and Source of Hope,

People: **You are the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Shepherd of Grace and Prince of Peace,  
Shepherd of Grace and Prince of Peace,

People: **You walk beside us every step of our journey, even to the end of the age.**

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Disrupter of the Status Quo and Creator of All Things New,

People: **Join us today as we give you praise, for your goodness endures forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

NICAEA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

### BICENTENNIAL WORDS OF ACCLAMATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons. It sends us across boundaries and borders into new lands. Yet we often respond with fear, rejecting your call and impeding your goal for humanity. Forgive our doubting spirits. Repair our wounded souls. Restore us through your grace, as we repent of wrongdoing and strive to lead lives reflecting your will for all creation. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

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The virtue of hope is an orientation of the soul towards a transformation after which it will be wholly and exclusively love. (Simone Weil)

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Composer and arranger Mack Wilberg (b. 1955) is music director of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square in Salt Lake City. His arrangement of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* is from a set of four American folk hymns published in 1998.

You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because courage is contagious and hope can take on a life of its own. (Michelle Obama)

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### 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 #366 (*vs. 1 and 4 only*)

HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut (1988-2002)

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany (1994-2010)

The Rev. Hydie Houston (1990-2000)

The Rev. Richard E. Otty (2002-2006)

#### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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.*

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Presentation of Children:*

Ethan Andrew Simpson, *son of Drew and Amy Simpson*

Derek Parker Simpson-Hunt, *son of Travis and Stephen Simpson-Hunt*

Michael Josiah Simpson-Hunt, *son of Travis and Stephen Simpson-Hunt*

*Profession of Faith*

*Act of Baptizing*

#### CHORAL ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Mack Wilberg

*The text found can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #475.*

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Revelation 21:1-6, 22:20-21

#### SERMON

"ELPC: A People of Hope"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

#### PRAYER 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. 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.*

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

Margaret Allison Bonds (1913-1972) was one of the first female African American classical composers to gain national recognition during her lifetime. She performed as a piano soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933, the first African American to ever appear as a soloist with that orchestra. Leontyne Price (b. 1927) commissioned Bonds to arrange *He's Got the Whole World* in the early 1960s.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation (1643); Malcolm Little [Malcolm X] was born (1925); Patricia Harris was named the 1st black female ambassador [Luxembourg] (1965); the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the U.S. and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space (1967); and Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* premiered (1989).

When Handel (1685-1759) completed the *Hallelujah* chorus from his oratorio *Messiah*, he reportedly said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself seated on His throne, with His company of Angels."

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

African-American Spiritual

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

arr. Margaret Bonds

*He's got the whole world in his hand.*

*He's got the woods and the waters in his hand,  
He's got the sun and the moon right in his hand,  
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

*He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand,  
He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand,  
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

*He's got you and me right in his hand,  
He's got everybody in his hand,  
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.

Leader: Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of hope to which you call us as your people of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them widely, humbly, hopefully; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

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.**

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #819

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## \* CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah" (*Messiah*)

Please join the choir in singing and return your copy of the "Hallelujah Chorus" to the pew rack so we may use them again in the future.

*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](http://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.*

#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
 Lenore Williams  
 The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut  
 The Rev. Hydie Houston  
 The Rev. Richard E. Otty  
 The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/Music Director*  
 Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 ELPC Anniversary Choir  
 Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*  
 Gail Mosites, *Soloist*  
 Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soloist*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
 Samuel Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*  
 David Gardner, *Trumpet*  
 Rana Jurjus, *Horn*  
 Mike Dorato, *Trombone*  
 John Caughman, *Tuba*  
 Abby Langhorst, *Timpani*  
 Acolytes: Annie Cowan and Quinn Seif  
 Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
 Crucifer: Youth  
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for a special reception in celebration of ELPC's Bicentennial. All are welcome to attend.

#### ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....**Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking an fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
 May 26 — 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.  
 May 26 — 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 38-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 a special reception in the Social Hall. 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](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



## TODAY AT ELPC

### ELPC Welcomes Former Staff

As part of ELPC's bicentennial celebrations we welcome back former ELPC pastoral staff members:

**The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut**

**The Rev. Hydie Houston**

**The Rev. Richard E. Otty**

**The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany**

Please greet them at the special reception in the Social Hall after the worship service!

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is David Cowan.



### 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-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.

### 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. Please see the detailed info in the next column. *Note: If you can volunteer to be a greeter and/or help take the collection for this concert, please contact Mary Evrard (412.400.0145) and plan to arrive at 6:30 pm on May 24.*

### Underground Tour – May 26

On Sunday, May 26, join ELPC member Tim VanFleet as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the "catacombs" and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more. Please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance following 11 am worship. Allow 30-45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

### YAM Day Retreat – June 1

ELPC's Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have a *Day Retreat* at Raccoon State Park on Saturday, June 1 from 8:15 am-6pm. Kickoff the summer by spending the day at Raccoon State Park to enjoy hiking, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, cooking out and fellowship together. We will leave ELPC at 8:15 am, spend the day at the park, leave by 4 pm and stop for dinner on the way back to the church. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided; please plan to pay for dinner. Please RSVP by May 29 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – May 26

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, May 26 at 12:30 pm 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. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for details or to attend.

### Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth – June 2

On Sunday, June 2, our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories, and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps on their journeys.

### Wear Red on Pentecost – June 9

Pentecost is an annual church event that marks the end of the Easter season and the birth of the early Christian church. On this special day, we remember how the Holy Spirit inspired the first disciples. Join us in worship on Sunday, June 9 and wear red as a symbol of the fire that touched women and men that day, as we re-commit ourselves to sharing the good news of Christ.





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

Joseph Adjaye,  
Kate Carlson's brother Eddie, Carla Coles' friend,  
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Morris Jordan,  
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,  
Nicole Molinaro & Alex Karaczun's friend Patty,  
Ashley Parker, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,  
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony and uncle Jim,  
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach,  
Pat Valoon and Anthony White.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adults.....Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)  
Session.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)  
Peace.....Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

### Volunteer for PRIDE Events – June

Sign up to volunteer at ELPC's booth at PrideFest with Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com) or with Brittney Krieger (brittney.blaine.hope@gmail.com) for Peoples Pride. You do not need to sign up for either march. Visit ELPC.church for more details.

### 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.

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VCS

Vacation Church School will take place Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 from 9 am–3pm. Guided by our theme, *Who*

*is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus*, children ages 4 through grade 5 will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY

Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at [tiny.cc/vcs2019](http://tiny.cc/vcs2019).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth in grades 6–12 and adults of all ages are needed to serve as volunteers. We need folks who can serve all week and even those who can spare a few hours. There is a mandatory training session for all volunteers on Sunday, June 23 at 11 am.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### OHM Explores the Racial Wealth Gap – May 29

Open Hand Ministry (OHM) is hosting a *Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation*, an interactive experience that will help people understand the connections between racial equity, poverty and wealth, as well as the impact of existing policies on the racial wealth divide. Join OHM on Wednesday, May 29 from 6-8 pm at Shadyside Presbyterian Church (5121 Westminster Pl, 15232). Dinner provided. RSVP: [office@openhandpittsburgh.org](mailto:office@openhandpittsburgh.org).

### “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](mailto: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](http://www.rccpittsburgh.com).

### Join the OHM Circles Community

OHM is currently accepting applications for both leaders and allies for *Cohort 6*. If you are working to improve your financial wellness and reach personal goals, OHM invites you to be a leader in their Circles community. Walk alongside your neighbors to support them as they accomplish these goals. Contact Tamika Barrett, OHM family development coordinator, (412.376.3064; [TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org](mailto:TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org)).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 26 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “The Kingdom of God: Past, Present, Future Part 2” led by Rita Nordquist

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “Spirituality of India and Nepal” led by Gwen Puza

**Soul Food (3rd fl Music Rm)** – A discussion on selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda, and Linda Harrington

### ♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

**Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor** – Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)