



# 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)*

## OCTOBER 20, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP ECONOMIC JUSTICE SUNDAY

Frank Bridge (1879-1941) was an English composer, violist, and conductor. Benjamin Britten studied composition privately with Bridge. The *Adagio in E* is the second of a set of three pieces for organ composed in 1905, and is one of his most frequently performed organ compositions.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**  
God of justice, you are at work this very day on behalf of those who are poor, marginalized, and disregarded. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit so that I can act upon opportunities to participate in your love and justice. I know you are stronger than even the worst we can do. So I do not lose heart. May this day bring peace among all people, in **Christ's name. Amen.**

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is idle to talk of good will until there is first justice, and idle to talk of justice until the people who make the world possess the work of their own hands."

— Upton Sinclair

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

#### "Adagio in E"

Frank Bridge

*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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Open Hand Ministry

Doris Dick

### \* 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

Barbara Griffin

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church and in the world, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, when you, O God, will forgive and restore your people, when you will equip them for every good work, and when you will grant justice in our land.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #687

ST. ANNE

#### "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### 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.*

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

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
The U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase (1803); the U.S. bought the eastern part of Florida from Spain for \$5 million (1820); jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie was born (1917); and seven men were convicted in Meridian, MS of murdering three civil rights workers (1967).

It is Mr. Mellon's credo that \$200,000,000 can do no wrong. Our offense consists in **doubting it...**

A Government to perform even a minimum of service to its people, must take steps to suppress avarice, to strike down privately built-up schemes of economic exploitation or oppression, to uproot privilege, and to assure justice and economic opportunity to the masses.

(Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, quoted in his obituary, 1954)

The judge described in Luke 18 is, by biblical standards, a bad judge, as he neither feared God nor had respect for people. Judges were to settle disputes fairly and to restore justice, acknowledging how the weaker members of the community were dependent on their integrity.

# SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #469

CHILDREN PRAYING

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"



Text and Music: Ken Medema, 1970.  
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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:27-34

Michael Stanton

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.*

RECOGNITION OF PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING  
Class of 1969 (and earlier classes)

\* ALMA MATER (please see insert)

"Alma Mater"

EWING

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Justice Grants"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Members: Diana Donnelly, Annabelle Javier, Jerry Johnson, Kristen "Kay" Slagle, Karl "Andrew" and Molly Swagler, Lance and Melanie White, Jason Wilburn

Friends: Sarah Campbell, Allan Slagle

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Rick Sowash (b. 1950) was born in Mansfield, OH and received dual degrees in composition and comparative literature. *Be Still* was composed for the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, OH.

They who are of the opinion that money will do everything, may very well be suspected to do everything for money. (George Savile)

BLESSING:  
May the love of God dwell in your heart; may the grace of Christ uphold you in faith; may the Holy Spirit equip you **for ministry; until Christ's** kingdom, already in view, comes in fullness among us.

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869) was a prolific composer and virtuosic organist. He was very influential in the development of the French symphonic organ, but his compositions never gained the prominence as those of his contemporaries, such as César Franck.

# STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Carl

## OFFERING INVITATION

David Carl

*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

"Be Still"

Rick Sowash

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know God. (Psalm 46:10)*

## \* 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:	God of generous providing, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives: the scriptures, the church communities of faith, the Advocate Holy Spirit, the Savior Jesus Christ. Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing so no one may struggle or want or ever be afraid again. <b>In Christ's name we pray.</b>	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## POSTLUDE

"March"

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Louis Lefébure-Wély

*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.*

*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, 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  
David Carl, Doris Dick  
Barbara Griffin, Michael Stanton  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Aura Jirau  
Crucifer: Could be you\*  
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!

*If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118).*

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of our mothers, Cenell Haynes Lane (1922-2018) and Gloria Holland Bowman (1924-1977) presented by Coleman, Linda S. Lane and family.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
Oct 27 — 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.  
Oct 27 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

*\*Interested in joining the team of adults and youth who help lead worship in this way? Contact Sara Hackett ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).*

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 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 1st floor 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* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see contact Gloria Knopp ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x122) for more info on future classes.

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





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## Church Events and Announcements

Oct 20, 2019 • 19th Sunday after Pentecost

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Welcome to Our Special Guests Today

Today we welcome the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (NCUSCR), an NGO based in New York City. Since their founding in 1966, the Committee's exchange, educational, and policy programs have been underpinned by the notion that face-to-face contact and the forthright exchange of ideas between Chinese and Americans are essential to reducing mistrust. The Diplomat Orientation Program (DOP) gives 14 mid-career diplomats the opportunity to gain a more hands-on understanding of America's history and values and how these may shape American policies and perspectives. The 14 delegation members hail from the five Chinese Consulates, Permanent Mission to the UN, and Embassy. *The group is very excited to be in Pittsburgh and very grateful for the East Liberty Presbyterian Community for warmly welcoming them this morning.*

We also welcome members of the Presbyterian-University Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association to worship this morning. Please see the bulletin insert for more info on this organization.



#### Tower Tour

Join Bob Starzinski to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction. The tour begins following worship; please gather in the Highland Lobby.

#### Heretics, Doubters, & Other Saints

What do/don't we believe/think/know about the Bible? If you have questions or doubts join us in the 2nd fl Parlor today from Noon-2:30 pm as we talk about the book often referred to as "the Word of God." Nearly all of the "big" church controversies come down to a difference in the way that people understand the Bible: literally, symbolically, spiritually, and even as history. So, what do you think? All ideas and questions are welcome! Lunch will be served.

#### Racial Wealth Gap Simulation

The next event in the *Facing Systemic Racism* series will be a *Racial Wealth Gap Simulation*, an interactive event presented by our mission partner, Open Hand Ministries. Please join us in the Social Hall today from 12:30-2 pm as we learn more about the connection between poverty, wealth, racial equity and federal policy. Who has opportunity gains? Who has lost opportunities? Using federal policies that created and perpetuated systemic inequity, this simulation shows policy impact on education, income, hunger and property ownership. A light lunch will be served.

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

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

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



#### Cathedral Concert Volunteers Needed

Help us show hospitality to our *Cathedral Concerts* guests by distributing programs and taking the collection at each concert. Please contact Kelli Booher if you are interested (KelliB@coh.net).

#### Volunteers / Video Interns Needed

Volunteers / video interns are needed to help stream our Sunday worship service each week. If you are interested in being trained to do this, please contact Tim Benedict (tim@tbenedict.com) or Wayne Gaines (wayneg75@msn.com) for more info.

#### Annual Fall Cleanup and Tulip Planting – Oct 26

On Saturday, Oct 26 from 9 am-Noon, we will be removing the existing plants at the Highland Ave entrance, planting tulips and emptying the container plantings in the Garth. All are welcome to help. For more info, please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

#### Environmental Justice Sunday – Oct 27

Join the Justice Committee's Environmental Team on Sunday, Oct 27 after the 11 am service for a summary and celebration of the *Earth Care Challenge*. Everyone who pledged is encouraged to come and share what you accomplished (small or large) and your experience. A basket of sustainable household articles will be raffled off. All are welcome, even if you have not yet made a pledge to reduce your energy or meat consumption, or plastic usage. It's not too late to join the effort to avoid climate crisis. Lunch will be served.

*Requiem*  
by GABRIEL FAURÉ

Sunday  
**November 3**  
2019  
**3:00 PM**

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT CATHEDRAL CONCERT!  
A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED.



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

Carol Bonner,  
David Carl's friend's son Morgan and  
family friend Richard and his family,  
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,  
Julianne McAdoo, Tom Menk, Deb Newcomer,  
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou,  
uncle Jim and friend Tony,  
Pat Valoon, Pam Walaski's friend Carol, and  
Michelle Yamada.

*Our condolences to **Tim and Linda Benedict** on  
their friend's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Liz Hopkins** on her mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Robert Polk** on his wife's passing.*

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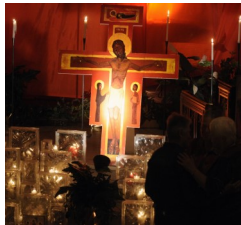
### Committee Meeting This Week

Nominating..... Today, 12:15 pm (Highland Rm)

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#### Taizé All Saints Procession — Oct 30

Join us for a special Taizé service on Wednesday, Oct 30 at 7 pm for a contemplative procession through the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel (crypt) as we remember those who have gone before us. Don't miss this touching prayer experience of our unity and eternity in God.



#### Mission Opportunities with Open Hand Ministries — Nov 2, 5

Please join us in November for one or both of these opportunities to serve our neighbors with OHM and share fellowship with ELPC friends.

- *Saturday, Nov 2 — Saturday Intergenerational Work Day*  
Join ELPC youth from 8:45 am-3 pm for interior and exterior work on a Garfield house. No special skills needed. For more info, contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com; 817.705.6856).
- *Tuesday, Nov 5 — OHM Circles Dinner*  
Each month families involved in OHM's family development program gather to work together on goals and community building. We supply and serve the food, and share in the dinner with OHM families and staff. If you are able to donate a side dish or dessert or help serve, contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com).

#### Science and Theology — Nov 3

In anticipation of the production of *The De Chardin Project* performance on Saturday, Nov 23 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel, we will watch *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: The Wings of Spirit* on Sunday, Nov 3 from Noon-3 pm, and review the fascinating life and theology of this 20th century visionary.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### Crestfield Camp Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser — Oct 24

Join us on Thursday, Oct 24 from 6-9 pm at Honest John's Bar and Restaurant (Homestead) for a fun night of delicious food and a Scrabble competition at 7 pm to benefit Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. For more info, visit Crestfield's Facebook page, or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser — Oct 26

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (1719 Mt Royal Blvd, Glenshaw) will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Northside Common Ministries on Saturday, Oct 26 from 4:30-7 pm. There will be a free will offering at the door. Gluten free and take outs are available. For more info, visit [www.ncmin.org](http://www.ncmin.org).

#### Free Community Forum — Nov 9

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus will host a free *Community Forum* at the Neighborhood Academy (709 N Aiken Ave, 15206) on Saturday, Nov 9 at 9:30 am. Information will include *What to do when stopped by Police*, community resources, improving your credit score, and the importance of the US Census. For more info, please call 412.727.6779.

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#### No Knitting Classes — Nov 4 and 11

Please note there will be no evening knitting classes on Nov 4 and 11.

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Nov 17

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Nov 17 at 12:30 pm as we share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

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## — SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —

Oct 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** — "Telling Our Stories Through Art: The Book of Tobit" led by Russ Walker

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65:1-13; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** — "Global Humanities Aid from Cuban Doctors" film facilitated by Gwen Puza

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** — A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Wisdom Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Lane, Steve Evrard, and Michelle Bard

**YAM (Good Samaritan Rm)** — "Back to (Church) School" by joining the Soul Food Sunday School Class