



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)

JANUARY 5, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) was a meticulous composer, constantly revising his music, which resulted in a smaller output of compositions than many of his contemporaries. This perfectionism resulted in pieces of the highest quality, which are held in high regard in the organ literature. His shortest composition for the organ, this prelude was composed in 1962 and is based on the Gregorian plainsong sung at the introit on Epiphany.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Eternal God, in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness, giving joy in sorrow and comfort in loneliness. Fill us with the mystery of your Word made flesh, until our hearts overflow with praise and joy, for Christ is the beginning and the end of all that exists. Living forevermore. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
— *The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" arr. Wayne L. Wold
"Prelude for the Introit of Epiphany" Maurice Duruflé
Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

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

Lenore Williams
Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away.
People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.
Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
People: For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."
Leader: Let us praise and worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #395

LIEBSTER JESU
"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



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

January 5 • Epiphany Sunday

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On this Day in History
Ohio legislature passes
first laws restricting free
blacks movement (1804);
Ford Motor Company
increases workers' wage
to \$2.04/9 hour day to
\$5.00/8 hour day (1914);
Nellie Turner Ross of
Wyoming becomes the
first woman governor in
the United States (1905);
William H. Hastie, civilian
aide to secretary of war,
resigns to protest
segregation in the armed
forces (1943); Dodgers'
Jackie Robinson
announces his retirement
rather than be traded to
the New York Giants
(1957)

Michael Praetorius
(1571-1621) adapted this
15th century melody in
1609. It is set to a text by
French teacher and
author Charles Coffin
(1676-1749).

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lenore Williams

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

There is no Extended Session program today. Children are invited to worship with their families.

* HYMN #126

WONDERFUL CHILD

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“L-Cubed: Logos, Light and Life”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967—Inclusive Language Version*)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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

arr. G.R. Woodward

“What Star is This, with Beams So Bright”

The text can be found in the purple Glory to God hymnal, #152.

* 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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."
Desmond Tutu

Born on This Day
Hosea Williams, civil rights activist (1926); Alvin Ailey, African-American choreographer and founder of the African-American Dance Theater (1931); Chuck Knoll, former Steelers' coach (1932); Diana Keaton, Actor (1946).

Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted."
Christine Caine

This jubilant setting of *In You is Gladness* is found in the "New Year" section in Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of 46 chorale preludes. Bach's original plan was to include 164 chorale preludes in this collection spanning the liturgical year. The chorales in this collection were composed between 1708-1714, when Bach was living and working in Weimer, Germany.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN #507

"Come to the Table of Grace"

TABLE OF GRACE

HYMN #525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that we are your beloved children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, redeemed by and filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth, and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #137

HE CAME DOWN

"He Came Down"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

"In Dir ist Freude" (BWV 615)
("In You is Gladness")

Johann Sebastian Bach

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. 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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Lenore Williams
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadles: Liz Hopkins
Michele Bossers
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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

If you would like to sponsor a Fellowship Time, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

♦ **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

If you would like to purchase flowers for our worship service, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150 per Sunday.

♦ **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.
Jan 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.
Jan 12 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.



Extended Session *(not offered today)*

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 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 **February 9 and 16** during the Church School Hour (9:45-10:45 am) for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Gloria Knopp for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.



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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Club 116 Meals Needed for 2020

Thank you to all who provided meals for our Wednesday night Club 116 this fall! The sign-up sheet for 2020 is now open. It can be a one-time sign up (*or more if you want*) on one Wednesday evening for a meal that feeds about 40-50. Stay and serve it to the youth, or drop it off if you are busy that evening. For details, contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net).

Beadles Meeting

The ELPC Beadles will have a meeting today after the 11 am worship service. If you are interested in becoming a Beadle or to find out what it's all about, this would be a great opportunity to come and join our merry band. The meeting will be in the Highland Room.

"Un-Hanging" of the Greens

Help remove our holiday decorations today after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Even if you can only stay to help for a few minutes, it would be a tremendous help! Thank you!

Trinity Chapel Tour

All are welcome to join the Trinity Chapel tour today after the Sanctuary worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

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. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Linda Harrington**.



Art on Display — Stop by, Experience, and Learn

As you walk through the hallways of ELPC, you may notice works of art from various indigenous artists that say "You Are On ____ Land." These are part of the #HonorNativeLand campaign by the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture. There's also policy in some places to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the indigenous inhabitants of that land. For example, ELPC is situated on Lenape, Shawnee, and the Six Nations' tribal lands. Learn more about rewriting the narratives we have been told at www.illuminatives.org.

Club 116 — Resumes Jan 8

Children and youth in grades 1–12 are welcome to join Club 116 on Wednesdays for fellowship, a nutritious meal, a craft or special activity, and an interactive Bible study. This program resumes on Wednesday, Jan 8 at 3:30 pm.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Jan 6 and 7

Join PW for their Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments* on Monday, Jan 6 at 7pm, and Tuesday, Jan 7 at 10:15am. Monday's group will be facilitated by Sherry Anderson and meet in the Trustees Room. Tuesday's group will be led by Michele Bossers in the 2nd floor Parlor, and is followed by a potluck lunch.



Feeling Crafty? — Jan 7 and 13

Start the new year off with a new knitting project. The *Knitting Group* is working on special pieces for breast cancer survivors. We will meet on Tuesday, Jan 7, following the Presbyterian Women Bible study. The *Sewing Group* will meet on Monday, Jan 13 from 2:30–6 pm to work on projects for the ELPC clothes closet, and for men and women in Guatemala. Call Diane Jackson (412.441.6021) for more info on either group. The evening Knitting Group will not meet this week, but will resume on Monday, Jan 6.

Young Adult "Last Supper" Potluck & Game Night — Jan 10

Young adults (YAMs) are invited to the first 2020 event—a "Last Supper" potluck at ELPC on Friday, Jan 10 at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish that begins with the first letter of your last name. Example: Mike Smith can bring spaghetti; Joy Brown can bring buffalo wings; Ann Martin can bring mousse. We will eat dinner, play games, and enjoy fellowship. We'll also discuss our upcoming events! Contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net).



Enjoy Breakfast — Jan 12

Sunday School classes for people of all ages will resume on *Winter Rally Day*, Sunday, Jan 12 at 9:45 am. The Christian Education Committee invites you to a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Room on the first floor beginning at 9:30 am. Please bring holiday breads and fruits to share (ready to serve). Come and grab a bite to eat on your way to class.

Children & Youth Ministry Events — Jan 12 and 24

- *DG2! — Sunday, Jan 12 from 12–3:30 pm*
Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together. Permission slip and RSVP required.
- *Tween Night/Ice Cream Social & Game Night — Friday, Jan 24 6–8 pm*
Twins in grades 4–6 are invited to this fun evening. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Kathy Callahan's friend Shane,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
Chenoa Stock Claire's sister Eva Neszpaul,
Martha DeMarzi's friend,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Agnes Green, Lynne Irvin, Lee Lewand,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Carolyn Russ' friend Norman,
Heather Schoenewolf's niece Rose,
Pam Walaski's niece Kaela and Pat Valoon.

Committee Meetings This Week

Children & Family Min Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Room 211)
Worship, Music & Arts Tuesday, 7 pm (Room 108)

Deborah Marx Retirement Reception – Jan 12

Join us on Sunday, Jan 12 after worship for a retirement reception for Deborah Marx, our financial administrator. Deborah started at ELPC 18 years ago, first as an administrative assistant to our business administrator, then as the church's bookkeeper. This role expanded last year into the broader position of financial administrator. Join us to celebrate her years of service.

LGBTQ Ministry – Jan 12

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Jan 12 at 12:30 pm to share lunch and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. For more details or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118). *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

Join Our New Parenting Circle – Begins Jan 12

Anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, step-parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.) are welcome to join us in the Harambe Room on Sundays during the Church School hour, beginning Jan 12. Gathering time starts at 9:45 am, but our formal discussion won't start until 10 am, so that families have time to drop off their children at their classes. We will share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture. Join us as we learn from one another ways to foster closer family relationships in the context of creating active faith communities.

Enneagram Retreat Day – Jan 18

Join the Spiritual Life Committee on Saturday, Jan 18 from 9 am-4 pm for *A Day Retreat on the Enneagram*. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee for the retreat; but we do ask that you let the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan or Norma know if you plan to attend (412.441.3800 x111).

Play Café – Jan 18

Families with kids of all ages are invited to come together for a time of fellowship and fun on Saturday, Jan 18 from 4-6 pm. At 4:30 pm, Kindermusik educator Christa Beck will lead a family music class where children and their caring grownups can move, play, sing and breathe together. Following music class, there will be a time of free play with stations for kids of all ages, and snacks for all. Just bring yourselves and a snack or appetizer to share. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Heather Schoenewolf (HeatherS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x121).

Sanctuary & Chapel Tour – Jan 19

All are welcome to join the sanctuary and chapel tour on Jan 19 after the Sanctuary worship services. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Thinking About Consciousness – Feb 2

Mark your calendar for a Science and Theology conversation on *Thinking about Consciousness* on Sunday, Feb 2 from Noon-3 pm. Are the "mind" and the "brain" separate? Do we really have free will or are all of our behaviors the result of a pattern of brain function? Is consciousness separate from the brain? Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the 2nd floor Parlor to ponder these topics and more! Lunch will be provided.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – "Becoming a Hospice Volunteer" led by Chaplain Tony Richardson-Eckes and Rachel Akiva, volunteer coordinator.

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Genesis 7:1-16; Psalm 69; Colossians 4:2-18; Acts 18:1-28 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – "Reflections on Israel, Palestine, and Persistent Hope" led by Pastor Randy Bush

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A beginning discussion of *Just This* by Richard Rohr, facilitated by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers, and Suzanne Wolfe.

Young Adults (McKelvy Rm) – Exploring the Contemporary Class

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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