



# 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 19, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" — Proverbs 29:18, KJV

"Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint." — Proverbs 29:18, NRSV

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

"Grave and Adagio (Sonata II)" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*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 (from Psalm 40)

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

Leader: O God, you put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise I lift up to you.

People: Many will see and hear this song, and stand in awe; may we ever put our trust in you, O Lord.

Leader: Happy are they who trust in the Lord! There is none who can be compared with you!

People: Great are the things you have done, O God; they are more than I can count.

Leader: May your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

People: You are our helper and deliverer, O God. Let us worship you

**together on this, the Lord's Day.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity. Too much of our labor has been in vain. Forgive our waywardness and our self-concern. May we ever find our reward with you, as servants of your dream and disciples of your gospel. Hear now our silent prayers.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. **Mendelssohn's six** sonatas, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

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The idea of a *sabbatical rest* comes from the instructions in the laws of Moses that one year out of every seven should be observed as a time of **extended "Sabbath."** The fields were to remain untilled, and both debtors and Israelite slaves were to be forgiven or freed. The granting of sabbaticals to academics and clergy reflects the need for extended periods of rest, reading, and reflection in order for long-tenured work to be most effective.

Nathanael first links the titles **"King of Israel"** and **"Son of God,"** perhaps relying on similar pairings found in **Psalm 2. The title "Son of Man" comes from Daniel 7:13** and refers to the one who makes God known and is the judge and mediator between God and all humanity.

Composed in 1840, Felix **Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) *Lobegesang*** (Hymn of Praise), Op. 52 is a **"Symphony-Cantata"** on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, **Chorus and Orchestra."** Mendelssohn's harmonization of *Now Thank We All God*, found in most modern hymnals, first appeared in *Lobegesang. I Waited for the Lord* is written for two soloists and chorus, with the text based on verses from Psalm 40.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN #740

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Congregation sings refrain; soloist sings verse.*

*Refrain:*

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

I Corinthians 1:1-9

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN/PRAYER OF SENDING: RANDY & BETH BUSH

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 #746

"Send Me, Jesus"

THUMA MINA

*Choir sings "Thuma Mina" verse; congregation joins with next three English verses.*

*(choir) Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, somandla.*

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:35-51

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## SERMON

"Come and See"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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

Samantha Coggins

*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

"I Waited for the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

text from Psalm 40:1, 4

*I waited for the Lord, God inclined unto me, God heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
O Lord, you inclined your  
ear and heard my cry.  
You have lifted me when  
I was low and danced  
with me when my heart  
was full. Strengthen  
me this day for  
compassionate service  
as I carry your light in the  
world. Amen.

This date in history is the  
birthday of Scottish  
inventor James Watt  
(1736), Civil War general  
Robert E. Lee (1807),  
author Edgar Allan Poe  
(1809), painter Paul  
Cezanne (1839), and  
singers Janis Joplin  
(1943) and Dolly Parton  
(1946). Also, the first  
filmed presidential news  
conference happened  
with Dwight Eisenhower  
(1955), and the U.S. and  
Iran signed an  
agreement leading to the  
release of 52 American  
hostages (1981).

Gather us in: we  
worship only Thee;  
In varied names we  
stretch a common hand;  
In diverse forms a  
common soul we see;  
In many ships,  
we seek one spirit-land.  
(G. D. Matheson)

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
Samantha Coggins

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:	Gracious God, you have done wondrous things. You enrich us in every way. Receive our tithes, gifts and offerings this day. Receive all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #744

FESTAL SONG

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II)”

*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  
Samantha Coggins  
Barbara Griffin  
Kira Mukogosi  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/Music Director*  
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Carly Noel Black, *Soloist*  
Gail Mosites, *Soloist*  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Mark Statler  
Crucifer: Volunteer (\*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!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

*If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$175 a Sunday.*

♦ 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.  
*Jan 26* — 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.  
*Jan 26* — The Rev. Dr. 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 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 Sundays, Feb 9 and 16 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson ([KateC@coh.net](mailto:KateC@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x116) for info.

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

# Church Events and Announcements

January 19, 2020 • 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

## TODAY AT ELPC

### “Tech the Halls” Fellowship Time

Need help with your technology, social media or anything else “techy” you may have been gifted this Christmas? Do you just have questions about your social media but no one to ask? Come to the McKelvy Room after today’s worship service where you can bring your tablets, cell phones, laptops, fitbits, or any other technology device with which you may need help. All are welcome!

### Church Tour

Feel free to join the Sanctuary and Chapel tour offered after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service today. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

### Today’s Deacons-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 *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

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



### Surprise Arts & Crafts Night – Jan 23

Young adults are invited to a *Surprise Arts & Crafts Night!* on Thursday, Jan 23 at 6:30 pm to get creative and maybe learn a new skill. Contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net).

### Facing Systemic Racism Planning Team – Jan 23

Interested in learning more about systemic racism in our society and church, and how our ELPC church community can recognize the systems and institutions that support racial privilege? We invite you to attend the Facing Systemic Racism (FSR) planning team meeting on Thursday, Jan 23 from 5-7 pm. We will be developing activities and events for 2020. For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

### Tween Night/Ice Cream Social – Jan 24

Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to *Tween Night/Ice Cream Social & Game Night* on Friday, Jan 24 from 6-8 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

### Confirmation Class Overnight – Jan 25 to 26

ELPC’s Confirmation Class will gather for an overnight retreat at ELPC from Saturday, Jan 25 at 3 pm until after Journey worship on Sunday, Jan 26. During our time together, we will focus on discipleship through participation in the sacraments and mission. Please contact Pastor Heather for details (HeatherS@coh.net).

### Fitness, Fun and Mission – RSVP by Jan 30

Support *Open Hand Ministries* in the 2020 Pittsburgh Marathon on May 3! Last year the ELPC relay team *Towering Lights* raised over \$1700. This year we hope to have runners in the marathon, half marathon, and 5K races, and two relay teams. If you are over 14 years of age you can participate in the relay team. Registration is free with met fundraising goals (fundraising help provided). Please contact ELPC’s Team Captain Molly Davidson Welling (mollydw@yahoo.com; 412.478.8953) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com; 412.963.0139) by Jan 30 if you are interested in participating or for more info!

### Overnight and OHM Workday – Jan 31

Youth in grades 6–12 are sleeping over at the church on Friday, Jan 31 before joining the *All Church OHM workday*. We will be done on Saturday, Feb 1 at 12:30 pm. Bring your sleeping bag and your work clothes (dress for construction mess and/or cold). For more info, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

### Mission Ministry Opportunities – Feb 1 and 4

Please join us in February for two opportunities of fellowship and fun as we support *Open Hand Ministries* (OHM) and neighborhood families! OHM is a ministry partner of ELPC that addresses and promotes justice in the East End by building diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation, and home-ownership.

- *Saturday, Feb 1, 9 am-3 pm:* Work day at a house in Garfield that is being rehabbed for an OHM family. No special skills are needed, just willing hands and hearts.
- *Tuesday, Feb 4:* ELPC is providing dinner for the OHM Circles community gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed.

For more info, contact Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856; fbauerle52@gmail.com); Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com); or Doris Dick (dadick629@gmail.com).

### BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAITH FAMILY Sundays, Feb 9 and 16

Attend an *Inquirers’ Class* on Sundays, Feb 9 and 16 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson to register (KateC@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,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Lee Lewand, Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Molinaro/Karaczun family friend Jacob,

Carolyn Russ' friend Norman,  
Vivienne Selia's sister Sandra, Tiffany Sudar's friend David,  
Chenoa Stock Claire's sister Eva, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Jan Pressman on her stepdaughter's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult ..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)  
Session ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)  
Facing Systemic Racism ..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Trustees' Rm)  
Peace ..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Highland Rm)

### Thinking About Consciousness – Feb 2

Mark your calendar for a 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.

### Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Feb 3 and 4

Join PW for their Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments* on Monday, Feb 3 at 7pm, and Tuesday, Feb 4 at 10:15am. Monday's group will be facilitated by Amy Stabingas and meet in the Trustees Room. Tuesday's group will be led by Linda Lane in the 2nd floor Parlor, and is followed by a potluck lunch.

### Conversation on Race & Faith – Feb 7

Young adults are invited to attend the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's 6th annual *Community Conversation on Race & Faith* on Friday, Feb 7 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Conversation will be primed by viewing the documentary *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story*, which explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important religious figures of the 20th century. The event is free, but you will need to register at [www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu). Please contact Kelli Booher for info ([KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x114).

### Chatham Baroque to Perform – Feb 15

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Saturday, Feb 15 at 8 pm with a performance by Chatham Baroque in the Chapel. Purchase tickets at [www.ChathamBaroque.org](http://www.ChathamBaroque.org). Some complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for details.



IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### Youthpreneur Market Place – Today!

Today from 11:30 am-4:30 pm, all are invited to the *Youthpreneur Market Place* at Gallery on Penn (5935 Penn Ave, 15206). Support local youth to help them launch their own business ideas and chat with them about their business start-ups.

### Hospice Volunteers Needed

If you would like to become a hospice volunteer, please reach out to Chaplain Tony Richardson-Eckes for more info ([overthepond\\_50@hotmail.com](mailto:overthepond_50@hotmail.com)).

### Retirement Reception for Gloria Knopp – Feb 16

After more than 17 years of service and countless hours of administrative, logistical, and faithful ministry on behalf of ELPC, Gloria Knopp will be retiring as of Feb 28. A reception to honor Gloria and offer our thanks to her will be held after worship on Sunday, Feb 16.

### LGBTQ Ministry – Feb 16

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Feb 16 at 12:30 pm when we will share lunch, fellowship and more. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x118).

### In the Refuge of One Another Retreat – Feb 28 to March 1

All are invited to our *In the Refuge of One Another* meditation retreat from Friday–Sunday, Feb 28 to March 1, at the Kearns Spirituality Center. More info is available online at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 26 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “The Fight Against Human Trafficking” presented by Sherrill Rudy

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Exodus 18:13–27; Psalm 135; James 2:18–26; Acts 6:1–15 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “Medical Mission in Central America” led by Tim VanFleet

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A discussion of *Just This* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, David Carl, Vivienne Selia, and Tom Whalen

**Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm)** – Share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture as we explore how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives and helps us nurture our parent/child relationships