



# 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)*

## FEBRUARY 2, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

2020 marks the 150th birthday of Louis Vierne (1870- 1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. He composed six symphonies for organ and 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. Dr. Ed Moore will perform the entire third symphony this November as part of the 10th season of *Cathedral Concerts at ELPC*.

The first official *Groundhog Day* was celebrated on Feb 2, 1887. Clymer Freas, a Punxsatawny, PA newspaper editor came up with the idea. A group of local businessmen and groundhog hunters trekked to a site called **Gobbler's Knob** where the inaugural groundhog became the bearer of bad news when he saw his shadow, a harbinger of six more weeks of winter.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Maybe the sermon on the mount is all about Jesus' seemingly lavish blessing of the world around him especially that which society doesn't seem to have much time for, people in pain, people who work for peace instead of profit, people who exercise mercy instead of vengeance. So maybe Jesus is actually just blessing people, especially the people who never seem to receive blessings otherwise."

— Nadia Bolz-Weber

### 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

The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Leader: We gather to worship a living God, that we might learn from God's Word and be made new.

People: **We trust that God's Word has the power to transform our lives, and even our world.**

Leader: The word of the prophet reminds us that we are to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

People: And so with hope we pray for the strength, courage and faith to do **just that, that God's Word might come alive for us and through us, and bring peace.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #749

WE ARE CALLED

"Come! Live in the Light!"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Samantha Coggins

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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

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## Feb 2 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Harlem Renaissance poet  
Langston Hughes was  
born on  
February 1, 1902.  
Hughes was originally  
from Joplin, Missouri, but  
made his career in New  
York City. He was also a  
social activist, playwright,  
columnist and novelist.

I DREAM A WORLD  
by Langston Hughes  
I dream a world  
where man,  
no other man will scorn.  
Where love  
will bless the earth,  
and peace its paths  
adorn.  
I dream a world where all  
will know sweet  
freedom's way,  
where greed no longer  
saps the soul, nor avarice  
blights our day.  
A world I dream  
where black or white,  
whatever race you be,  
will share the bounties  
of the earth,  
and every man is free.  
Where wretchedness will  
hang its head,  
and joy, like a pearl,  
attends the needs of all  
mankind.  
Of such I dream,  
my world!

Holy God, fill us with your  
Spirit as we hear your  
word this day, that we  
may be justice seekers  
and peacemakers,  
sharing your life among  
those who are forgotten,  
weak or persecuted, and  
revealing to all your glory.  
Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-21

David Jennings-Smith

RESPONSIVE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

People: **"Blessed are the poor in spirit,**

Leader: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are those who mourn,

Leader: For they will be comforted.

People: Blessed are the meek,

Leader: For they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Leader: For they will be filled.

People: Blessed are the merciful,

Leader: For they will receive mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart,

Leader: For they will see God.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers,

Leader: For they will be called children of God.

People: **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,**

Leader: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Beatitudes"

Sweet Honey and the Rock

SERMON

"How We Hear Things"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of Belhar 10:1 and 10.5*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that **God's life-giving** Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that **God's life-giving** Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

*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.

Composer and organist Robert Lehman is a native of Pittsburgh and earned his bachelor degree from Carnegie Mellon University. His compositions are heard from choirs and ensembles around the globe, including the River City Brass Band, with whom he has also recorded.

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY: New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated (1653); the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican War and extending the boundaries of the United States to the Pacific Ocean (1848); journalist Samuel Clemens used the moniker Mark Twain for the first time (1863); and poets James Joyce and Ayn Rand were born (1882 and 1905, respectively).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Beatitudes” Robert W. Lehman  
*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called child of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*The communion bread is being presented by Brent and Kathy Glass-House.*  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE The Rev. Callahan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Schoenewolf, Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
 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 Let us give thanks to the Lord  
 nuestro Dios. our God.  
 People: Es justo dar gracias y It is right to give God  
 alabanzas a Dios. thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Callahan, The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP  
*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS  
*After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.*

COMMUNION HYMN #731 REPTON  
 “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Callahan  
 We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. We thank you for nourishing us by this bread and this cup. We pray that our lives and our labor may reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all of creation. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765 ARGENTINA  
 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE “Final from Symphonie III, Op. 28” Louis Vierne

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
 The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes  
 Samantha Coggins  
 Sara Hackett  
 David Jennings-Smith  
 Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
 Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 Acolyte: Mabel Buben  
 Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
 Crucifer: Nick Genger-Boeldt  
 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.  
*Feb 9* — 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.  
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#### 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; 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).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Letter Writing on Reduction of Air Pollution

All are invited to stop by the Fellowship Room to sign a letter urging the Allegheny County Health Department to strengthen emission standards to reduce daily air pollution and to use more effective methods to notify the public of bad air events harmful to children and seniors.

### Thinking About Consciousness

Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the 2nd floor Parlor after worship today for *Thinking about Consciousness*. 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? Let’s ponder these topics and more! Lunch will be provided.

### Club 116 Meals Needed

We would be so grateful for you to share your time and talents with our youth. 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. Whatever works for you! Pick up a sample menu for ideas in the hallway by the information screen today. For more details, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

### 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 **Dana Carl**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Trish Buben**.



### 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 Sandy Brake in the 2nd floor Parlor, and is followed by a potluck lunch.

### Mission Ministry Opportunity – Feb 4

Please join us on Tuesday, Feb 4 when ELPC is providing dinner for the *Open Hand Ministries* (OHM) Circles community gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed. Contact Frank Bauerle (fbauerle52@gmail.com, 817.705.6856); Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com); or Doris Dick (dadick629@gmail.com) for more info.

### 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).



### 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). Contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net).

### Church Tours – Feb 9 and 23

On Sunday, Feb 9, descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of its least seen areas. Then on Sunday, Feb 23, get an in-depth tour of our church’s stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories.

### Black History Month Luncheon – Feb 9

Enjoy the fellowship of a soul food luncheon celebrating Black History Month immediately after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Feb 9 in the Social Hall. Hosted by the Mission Board. All are invited!

### Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque – Feb 9

We will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room on Sunday, Feb 9 memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi.



### CHATHAM BAROQUE TO PERFORM Saturday, Feb 15 • 8 pm

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.



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

Randy and Beth Bush, Kristine Conley,  
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary and his family,  
Lee Lewand, Alexandra Lynn,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Joel and Beth Minnigh's nephew Stephen,  
Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo,  
Carolyn Russ' friend Norman,  
Tiffany Sudar's friend David,  
Chenoa Stock Claire's sister Eva, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Peta Harrigan Cole on her uncle's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Finance ..... *Today, 12:00 pm (Highland Rm)*  
Property ..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)*

### Doing Good Together (DG2!) – Feb 9

Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together next Sunday, Feb 9 from Noon-3:30 pm. A permission slip and RSVP are required. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

### 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; 412.441.3800 x118).

### Congregational Meeting – Feb 23

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Feb 23 to review reports and financial budgets. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on. Lunch will be provided.

### 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. The retreat will be led by Susan Spangler and is informed by the teachings of James Finley and Thomas Merton. Engage in meditative and contemplative practices and teachings that bring to life the complementary intersection of Christianity and Buddhism as faithful paths to God. The cost is \$160. Registration forms are available at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### “The Long Journey” Conference – Feb 9

PA Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) will hold the conference *The Long Journey – From Extracting the Past to Cultivating the Future* at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Sunday, Feb 9 from 1-5 pm. Colette Pichon Battle, the founder and executive director of Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, will be the keynote speaker. To register, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net), or register at [paip.l.us/what-do-we-do/annual-meeting](http://paip.l.us/what-do-we-do/annual-meeting). *ELPC is a member of PA IPL.*

### Public Meeting about the South Beatty Parking Lot – Feb 13

ELPC members are encouraged to attend the first public meeting about the South Beatty Development (the parking lot behind the Carnegie Library). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Rodman Street Baptist Church (6111 Rodman St, 15206). Refreshments will be served. Because this project will impact those parking to attend ELPC services and events, it is important that our members and friends attend so we can all understanding and participate in the process.

### The Rich Heritage of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church – Feb 22

The Pittsburgh Chapter of The National Black Presbyterian Caucus, The Metro-Urban Institute of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and The Henry Highland Garnet Society will present *The Rich Heritage of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church* on Saturday, Feb 22 at 1pm at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (7220 Bennett St, 15208). A \$10 registration fee goes to support the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, Pittsburgh Chapter. Register online at [www.pts.edu/richheritage](http://www.pts.edu/richheritage).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Come Follow Me”**  
presented by Tim Engelhardt

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Daniel 6:10–28; Psalm 7; Hebrew 10:26–39; Acts 9:17–31** facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Getting Through Grief But Not Getting Over It”** led by The Rev. Terri Pennybaker

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

**Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) – Share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture to nurture our parent/child relationships**