



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 9, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1906. She was the first African-American woman composer to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra. Her *Symphony No. 1 in E Minor* was first performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we gather to worship, we pray you will disclose yourself more fully as we sing songs of Zion, hear your written word, and lift our prayers in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Please help me to gradually open my hands and to discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
“Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546” Johann Sebastian Bach
“Adoration” Florence Price

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 (Psalm 112)

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God’s commandments.
People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
Leader: Let us praise and worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #667

LAUDES DOMINI

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Damon and Lora Bethea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Damon and Lora Bethea

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness and restoration. Amen.

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

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The American Indian Society was organized (1822); the Presidential election of John Quincy Adams was decided in the House of Representatives, as no candidate received a majority of electoral votes (1825); Jefferson Davidson was elected president of the Confederate States of America during the US Civil War (1861); The Beatles appeared for the first time on the Ed Sullivan Show (1964); **Leroy "Satchel" Paige** was signed by the St. Louis Browns (1951), and was the first Black player elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame (1971); and Jackie Robinson became the first African-American executive of a major TV station, WNBC-NY (1952).

Give Me Jesus is from a set of spirituals by Marvin Mills (b. 1958) that were commissioned by mezzo soprano Denyce Graves. The premiere took place at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC on January 10, 1997. It is **included on Ms. Graves' CD Angels Watching Over Me.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: Stand up, people of God. Our Creator reaches out to lift us up and deliver us from the troubles around us and the distress within. God touches our lips to cleanse us and take our sins away as far as East is from West. By the grace of God, Christ comes to us, reclaiming us, showing us a new way, and empowering us for effective service. 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 #701 (please sing 3x)

SANCTUARY

"Lord, Prepare Me"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9a

The Rev. Terri Pennybaker

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.

SOLO

"Give Me Jesus"

African-American Spiritual
arr. Marvin Mills

*In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.*

Chorus:

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. (Chorus)*

*Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. (Chorus)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"You Are/I Am"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

Moses Hogan (1957-2003) was a well-known composer and arranger of choral music, especially his settings of spirituals. Having studied at the Oberlin Conservatory and Juilliard School, his life was cut short by a brain tumor at the age of 45.

BORN ON THIS DAY:
Future US President William Henry Harrison was born in 1773, and his presidency was the shortest term in history at just 32 days in 1841; and Alice Walker, African-American poet and critically author of *The Color Purple* was born in 1944.

The *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* is believed to have been composed at two separate times in **Bach's life**. The *fugue* was probably composed **during Bach's years in Weimar** (1708-1717) and later paired with the prelude, written in Leipzig around 1730. Together they create a powerful pair.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Moses Hogan

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”

In the Lord. My soul’s been anchored in the Lord. Hallelujah.

Before I’d stay in hell one day, I’d sing and pray myself away.

Gonna shout and pray and never stop, until I reach the mountain top.

Do you love him? God Almighty!

Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.

My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve him? God Almighty!

Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.

My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.

Hallelujah! Will you praise him? God almighty!

Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.

My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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: You flavor our actions, O God, and illumine our minds. May the fruits of our labors nourish others. May the wisdom you give us lead others to know the living Christ. May our lives be seasoned by service, and the light of our good works bring glory to your name. We have received an abundance of your grace and mercy. Accept our offerings as we go forth to serve others and you. In all that we accomplish let us be ever mindful to give you the glory and honor. 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 #767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546”

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.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
 Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
 The Rev. Terri Pennybaker
 Damon and Lora Bethea
 Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soloist*
 Acolyte: Youth
 Beadle: Michele Bossers
 Crucifer: Volunteer
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our *Black History Month* luncheon. All are welcome to attend! (\$5 suggested donation)

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ELPC family and staff, presented by Harold and Linda Deiss.

♦ 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 16 — The Rev. Shanea Leonard, associate for Gender & Racial Justice for the PC (USA) 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 *Black History Month* luncheon 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, Feb 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Black History Month Luncheon

Enjoy the fellowship of a soul food luncheon celebrating Black History Month immediately after today's 11 am worship service in the Social Hall (\$5 suggested donation). This event is hosted by the Mission Board. All are invited!

Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque

We will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room today memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi.

Doing Good Together (DG2!)

Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together from Noon-3:30 pm today. A permission slip and RSVP are required. Please see Sara Hackett immediately after worship to attend.

Church Tour

Descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of its least seen areas during today's Underground Tour. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after worship.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's Black History Month luncheon in the Social Hall. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative. Check or cash only please.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **David Cowan**.



Sewing Group – Feb 10

All are welcome to join the Sewing Group tomorrow from 2:30-6 pm. Contact Diane Jackson (dnjcks@verizon.net).

Facing Systemic Racism Planning Team – Feb 12

Please join us as we continue to develop and implement activities, events, and analysis focused on facing systemic racism. The next meeting will be held from 5:30-7 pm on Wednesday, Feb 12 in the Highland Rm. We will determine the next steps for our anti-racism survey and plan for a Lenten book study. Contact Emily Rosenthal (ejr116@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice for more info.

Become a Member of our Faith Family – Feb 16

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* next Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am in the 2nd floor Library to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson to register (KateC@coh.net).

Message to ELPC Medical Professionals

Calling all regular attendees of ELPC who have professional medical expertise to self-identify for a confidential list being compiled to be used in case of unexpected need during church services or programs. Those who are trainers in CPR, AED and First Aid are encouraged to self-identify as well. Please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

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).

Tween Night – Feb 21

Tweens in grades 4–6 are gathering at ELPC on Friday, Feb 21 from 6-8 pm to bake cookies. As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Sara Hackett for details (SaraH@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry Event – Feb 22

Young adults are invited to visit Games N' At Arcade (2010 Josephine St, 15203) on Saturday, Feb 22 from 5-7 pm. We will leave ELPC's Highland Ave entrance at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$10, but bring extra for food and drinks. To RSVP or for more info, please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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.



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. Some complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for details (EdM@coh.net).



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

Randy and Beth Bush,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary and his family,
Lavayshia Johnson, 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 Linda Benedict on her aunt's passing.

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

A Note of Thanks...

Jan Pressman thanks everyone for their support and prayers to her and her family regarding the death of her stepdaughter, Jenny.

Committee Meetings This Week

PW Leadership.....Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)
JusticeMonday, 7:00 pm (Trustees' Rm)
Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)
Facing Systemic Racism... Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

Stained Glass Tour – Feb 23

On Sunday, Feb 23 after the 11 am worship service, get an in-depth tour of our church's stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday – Feb 26

Join us in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday, Feb 26 at Noon where Pastor Patrice will lead our Ash Wednesday service, featuring the imposition of ashes. Afterwards, join us in the McKelvy Room for lunch and a discussion on the intersectionality of worship and theodicy, led by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock, associate professor of homiletics and worship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Confirmation Class to Meet – Feb 23

Confirmands will attend the Congregational Meeting with their sponsors and teachers on Sunday, Feb 23 at 12:30 pm, and then adjourn to talk more about what it means to be Presbyterian until 3:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Public Meeting about the South Beatty Parking Lot – Feb 13

ELPC members are encouraged to attend the first community meeting about the South Beatty Development (the parking lot behind the Carnegie Library). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 13 from 6-8 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 to understand 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, or see ELPC members Lenore Williams or Damon Bethea.

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 16 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Ask, and It Will Be Given You; Search, and You Will Find; Knock, and the Door Will Be Opened for You” presented by Charlie Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Zechariah 7:8–8:8; Psalm 50:7–21, 23; Romans 14:13–23; Acts 10:1–33 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Pittsburgh’s Underground Railroad” led by Sarah Martin

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Just This* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Josh Bard, Kristin Cummings, and Steve Evrard

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

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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