



# 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 16, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen." — *Book of Common Worship*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"  
"Give Me Jesus"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
arr. Charles Callahan  
Richard Billingham

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Cor. 3:16, 23)

Bill Johnson

Leader: God's Spirit dwells in us,

People: **For we are God's temple.**

Leader: We belong to Christ,

People: And Christ belongs to God. Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2

ITALIAN HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Bill Johnson

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Johnson

Holy God, you call us to follow you. You lead us in paths of righteousness; you teach us to love as you first loved us, yet we fail to do as you ask. We confess that we have fallen short of your call. We have prioritized our own wants over the needs of others. We have invested in our own comforts rather than aiding those who are vulnerable. We have been unjust in our judgment of others, sought vengeance against our enemies and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins, and stir our hearts to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Lord, as I begin this new day, give me understanding that I may observe your law of love. Strengthen me to follow you and teach me to delight in your way. Confirm your promise in my heart and lead me to eternal life with Christ my Lord. Amen.

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

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Born in Athens, GA, Hall Johnson (1888-1970) was a champion of the African-American spiritual. His arrangements have been performed and recorded by some of the world's finest singers.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:  
Frederick Douglass was elected President of Freedman's Bank & Trust Company (1857); King Tut's tomb was opened by archaeologists (1923); Fidel Castro was sworn in as Cuban Prime Minister (1959); and the first 911 call was made (1968).

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Bill Johnson

Leader: God is just and merciful, forgives our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance and frees us to live as God's beloved children. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 119:1-8

Russ Walker

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Bill Johnson

SOLO

"My Good Lord Done Been Here"

arr. Hall Johnson

David Jennings-Smith, soloist

*My good Lord done been here,  
Blessed my soul and gone away.  
My good Lord done been here,  
Blessed my soul and gone.*

*When I get up in the heaven,  
And my work is done,  
Going to sit down 'side Sister Mary,  
Going to chatter with the darling Son.*

*I'm going to hold up the Baptist finger,  
Hold up the Baptist hand,  
When I get up in the heaven,  
Going to join the Baptist band.*

*Now you may be a rich man,  
Pure as the drifting snow,  
But if your soul ain't been converted,  
Straight to \_\_\_\_\_ you're bound to go.*

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT: Gloria Knopp, Administrative Assistant

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.*

SOLO

"Take Me to the Alley"

Gregory Porter  
Anita Levels, soloist

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-46

The Rev. Shanea Leonard

SERMON

"Sankofa"

The Rev. Leonard

\* HYMN #452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Patrice 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.*

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

Conductor and composer  
André J. Thomas  
(b. 1952) retired in 2019  
as Director of Choral  
Activities and Professor of  
Music Education at  
The Florida State  
University. He is  
currently a visiting  
professor at the Yale  
Institute of Sacred Music.  
His arrangement of the  
*Spiritual I'm Gonna Sing*  
*When the Spirit Says*  
*Sing* was published  
in 2005.

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-  
1949) adapted the tune  
McKee in 1940 for use  
with the text *In Christ*  
*There Is No East or*  
*West*. He named it for  
Rev. Elmer McKee,  
rector of St. George's  
Church in New York City,  
where Burleigh was  
baritone soloist for 52  
years. The postlude is a  
fanfare based on this  
hymn tune.

# 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

"I'm Gonna Sing"

André J. Thomas

*Sing on! Dance on! Sing on! Pray on! Sing on! Shout on till the spirit says sing!*

*I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing and obey the spirit of the Lord!*

*I'm gonna pray when the spirit says pray and obey the spirit of the Lord!*

*Sing on, brother, sing on! Shout on, sister, shout on!*

*I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout and obey the spirit of the Lord!*

# \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



# \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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  
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: Almighty God, by your grace, accept our offering. Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

# \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #69

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM

# \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Leonard

# POSTLUDE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Charles Callahan

McKee

*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. Shanea Leonard  
*Associate for Gender & Racial Justice  
for the PC (USA)*

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
Bill Johnson  
Russ Walker

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/  
Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
David Jennings-Smith, *Soloist*  
Anita Levels, *Soloist*

Acolyte: Quinn Seif  
Beadle: Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Volunteer  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for a retirement reception for Gloria Knopp. 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 23 — The Rev. Terri Pennybaker preaching.*

11 am ..... Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Feb 23 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.*

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 a retirement reception** for Gloria Knopp 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. 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

### ELPC Welcomes the Rev. Shanea Leonard

This morning we welcome the Rev. Shanea D. Leonard, B.A., M.Div., a pastor, teacher, consultant, community activist, and justice warrior. A native of Philadelphia, she received her B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She currently carries out her justice mandate as the National Associate for Gender & Racial Justice for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries for the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Pastor Leonard has done extensive work within urban areas to eradicate systemic oppression in the areas of race, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic despair.



### Retirement Reception for Gloria Knopp

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 today's worship service in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

### Annual Report Summary Available

Copies of the 2019 *Annual Report Summary* are available at the S Highland Ave entrance, by the monitor display area. Please take one copy per family.

### Wholistic Wellness Ministry

The Wholistic Wellness Ministry will be seeking to talk with those who are/were interested in some type of Mental Health Support Group based on spiritual principles. If you are interested, please email Linda Lane (Lindasblane@gmail.com), or leave a note in the Wholistic Wellness Ministry mail folder this week, including what time/days would work for you to attend a short meeting.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Henry Petrilli**.

### ELPC's Open Hand Ministries (OHM) Marathon Team

OHM is again an official charity of the 2020 Pittsburgh Marathon. ELPC's marathon team is looking for runners and race day volunteers. If you are interested in fun, fellowship, running the 5k, half or full marathon or ELPC's Relay Teams, please gather today at 10:30 am in the Balaka Room or in the Fellowship Room after the 11 am service. Contact Molly Davidson-Welling (mollydw@yahoo.com) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

### LGBTQ Ministry

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm to share lunch, fellowship explore the topic of *love*. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).



### ELPC Survey of Members, Friends and the Community

The Facing Systemic Racism Ministry Team of East Liberty Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh) invites church members, friends, staff, and community members to complete a short survey (5 to 15 minutes). You may access the survey electronically via the QR code to the right or online at <http://tiny.cc/ELPCFSR>, or on paper which is available throughout the church. Your responses will help us learn where our congregation stands on its journey to face systemic racism and will help us work to change over time. Please complete the survey by March 1.



### 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. Trainers in CPR, AED and First Aid are encouraged to self-identify as well. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

### 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. Contact Sara for details (SaraH@coh.net).

### WORSHIP SERVICES WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**12 NOON** — Following the Noon service led by Pastor Patrice, all are invited to attend a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock who will discuss the intersectionality of worship and theodicy. A simple lunch will be served.

**7 PM** — ELPC's weekly Taizé Prayer service with Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan with sung and spoken prayers, silence and anointing.



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 26**



*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,  
Kristine Conley,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary and his family,  
Agnes Green, 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, and Pat Valoon.

*A Note of Thanks...*

Peta Harrigan Cole thanks everyone for their prayers and cards on her uncle's passing.

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### Committee Meeting This Week

*Please note the church building will be closed tomorrow in observance of Presidents' Day.*

Neighbors..... Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)

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### 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, contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 23 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “If Any Want To Become My Followers, Let Them Deny Themselves and Take Up Their Cross Daily and Follow Me” presented by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Deuteronomy 6:1–9, 20–25; Psalm 18:25–30; 2 Peter 3:1–9, 15b–18; Acts 7:1–58 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “The Muslim Women's Association of Pittsburgh and Their Guest House for Recent Refugees” led by Sarah Martin

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – An opening session for our Lenten series, *Spiritual Pathways*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Yamada, Steve Evrard, and Mike Chang

**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](http://www.ELPC.church)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### 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), or see ELPC members Lenore Williams or Damon Bethea.

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### Congregational Meeting – Feb 23

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

The biographies of the nominees for Church Officers are located in a notebook in the Balaka Room for you to preview. Please do not remove the notebook from there.

### 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!

### Confirmation Class to Meet – Feb 23

Confirmants 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.

### Presentation and Guest Speaker – Feb 26

Following our Ash Wednesday noon service on Feb 26, join us in the Fellowship Room for lunch and a discussion on the intersectionality of worship and theodicy led by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock. She is the associate professor of homiletics and worship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and author of *Karl Barth's Emergency Homiletic, 1932–1933: A Summons to Prophetic Witness at the Dawn of the Third Reich*. The Rev. Dr. Hancock earned her M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

### 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).