



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 23, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

PRAYER:

God, as this new day
dawns, may your Spirit
guide my feet and reveal
you to me in new ways
as I walk through your
world today. Amen.

PRAYER:

God of majesty and
might, you have blessed
us with revelations of
your glory. Give us the
gift of faith, that we may
hear your voice for
ourselves and see Jesus
Christ revealed to us
that we may stand on
our own without fear.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“What we do see depends mainly on what we look for. ... In the same field the farmer will notice the crop, the geologists the fossils, botanists the flowers, artists the colouring, sportmen the cover for the game. Though we may all look at the same things, it does not all follow that we should see them.”

— John Lubbock, *The Beauties of Nature and the Wonders of the World We Live In*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Scherzo”

The Brass Roots

John Cheetham

ELPC Ringers

Susan Nelson

“Trumpet Voluntary”

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 99:1a, 3-5, 9)

James Eng

Leader: God is Sovereign; let the people tremble!

People: Let us praise your great and awesome name. Holy are you!

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity and executed justice and righteousness.

People: **Extol the Lord our God! Worship at God's footstool. Holy is our God!**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain.

People: For the Lord our God is holy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

ST. DENIO

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

BELL ANTHEM

“March”

Susan Nelson

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Glorious God, you are the source of all that is just and wise, yet we often ignore your call. We fail to listen to your teaching and neglect to follow your lead. We limit expressions of justice in our world; we hoard that which we want rather than caring for the needs of others. Forgive us, heal us, guide us, that we may walk in your ways and enact your love.

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

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Andraé Edward Crouch was born in San Francisco on July 1, 1942 and raised in Los Angeles. At the age of 11 he began playing the piano at the rural church where his father served as pastor. He wrote his first gospel song at the age of 14. He died on January 8, 2015. In addition to his solo career and multiple awards and honors, his arrangements were heard prominently in films such as *The Color Purple* (for which he received an Oscar nomination) and *The Lion King*.

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) was born in Erie, PA and was a well-known singer. At the National Conservatory in New York City, he studied with, and probably taught spirituals to, Antonin Dvorák. Burleigh was one of the most prolific arrangers of spirituals in the first half of the 20th century. *My Lord, What a Morning* looks ahead to the “end times”—not with apprehension, but with a sense of longing for an end to worldly suffering.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

SOLO

“My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)”

Andraé Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee, and if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 24:12-18

James Eng

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation: Kara Kinne, Matthew Roth

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

Members: Courtney Brenner, Christine DeAndrea, Joe DeStio, Kara Kinne, Ian Lavanish, Breanna Raymond, Matthew Roth, Emily Wittenstein, Nikolaus Wittenstein, Susan Young

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.

HYMN #193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

UNSER HERRSCHER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Do You See What I See?”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

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. 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning. Oh, my Lord, what a morning. When the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways; join that heavenly band.

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning. Oh, my Lord, what a morning. When the stars begin to fall.

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

Composer George Frideric Handel was born (1685); the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio during the struggle for control of Texas (1836); President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, after an assassination plot had been foiled in Baltimore (1861); African American scholar, activist, and founder of the NAACP, W. E. B. DuBois, was **born (1868)**; Finland's Lydia Wideman became the first female Olympic cross-country champion (1952); the first mass inoculation of children against polio began in Pittsburgh with Jonas **Salk's revolutionary vaccine (1954)**; and Holy Communion was given by women for the first time in a Roman Catholic mass (1970).

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) is Director of Music/Organist at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. The tune *Deo Gracias*, also known as "The Agincourt Song" is found three times in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #189, 258, 618.

* 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:	God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #377

HOUSTON

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Deo Gracias"

Aaron David Miller

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. Heather Schoenewolf
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
 The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
 James Eng
 Sara Hackett
 Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 ELPC Ringers
 Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*
The Brass Roots:
 Sam Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*
 Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*
 Rana Jurjus, *Horn*
 Morgan Wynn, *Trombone*
 John Caughman, *Tuba*
 Acolyte: Ellie Willson
 Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
 Crucifer: Volunteer
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

♦ 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.
March 1 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 annual *Congregational Meeting* 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 Sundays, April 19 and 26 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.

Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Congregational Meeting

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall after today's Sanctuary worship service 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

After today's 11 am worship service, get an in-depth tour of our church's stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

Confirmation Class to Meet

Confirmands will attend the *Congregational Meeting* with their sponsors and teachers, and then adjourn to the 2nd fl Parlor until 3:30 pm.

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.

Fish Bank Donations for OGHS

On Palm Sunday, April 5, we will witness to God's abundant love and receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS) offering, making a difference in the lives of people all over the world. Fish Banks (a fun, family friendly way to save and donate to the OGHS) along with a donation calendar are available starting today on the 2nd floor and by the monitor display area on the 1st floor.

Annual Report Summary Available

Copies of the 2019 *Annual Report Summary* are available at the S Highland Ave entrance, by the monitor display area.

Sponsor Youth for 30-Hour Famine

Youth in grades 6–12 are asking ELPC members and friends to sponsor them for their participation in the 30-Hour Famine today after the Journey service and in the Social Hall at the *Congregational Meeting*. Thank you for your generosity!

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is **Dana Carl**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



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).

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.

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,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary and his family,
Agnes Green, 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,
Heather Schoenewolf's uncle Jim, and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to **Todd Farwell** on his father's passing.*
*Condolences to **Mark Thomas** on his mother's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice Subgroup Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)
PW Leadership Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

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 around the church, and reservations are due by 5 pm today (MaryLynn@coh.net).



30-Hour Famine – Feb 29 to March 1

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to participate in the 30-Hour Famine to help raise money and awareness to support *Hello Neighbor's* work in welcoming immigrants to Pittsburgh. The 30-Hour Famine begins Saturday, Feb 29 at 3:30 pm, and ends after the Journey service on Sunday, March 1. The permission slip, schedule, and packing list can be found on the church calendar. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Lenten Book Study – March 1

As part of our focus on Facing System Racism, the Mission Board encourages ELPC members and friends to embrace all aspects of Lent by engaging in an intentional read and weekly discussion of Pastor Daniel Hill's book *White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to be White*, beginning Sunday, March 1 at Noon in the McKelvy Room. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and a light lunch will be served. Childcare is available with reservation one week prior. Contact Sara Hackett for details (SaraH@coh.net).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Community Meeting – Feb 25

There will be a *Community Meeting* to discuss plans to convert former student housing on the campus of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary into affordable and supportive housing. If you are interested in hearing about ACTION-Housing's plans for these units at Highland and Stanton Ave on Tuesday, Feb 25 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Knox Room in Long Hall on the PTS campus, please contact Linda Metropulos at ACTION-Housing (412.281.2102 x203; Lmetropulos@actionhousing.org). Light refreshments will be served.

RCC Cabaret Concert – Feb 29, March 7 and 8

The Renaissance City Choir will present its Cabaret concert *Villains & Heroes* at ELPC on Saturdays, Feb 29 and March 7 at 7:30 pm, and March 8 at 3 pm. We have all encountered "good guys" and "bad guys" along our life's journey. We have been in situations where we see the light or the dark. Yet perhaps these categories aren't always so clear-cut! Join the RCC family as we explore these themes through the music of *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Waitress*, *Wicked*, *Les Misérables*, and more. A sign language interpreter is provided. The choir is western PA's only LGBTQIA+ choir, and rehearses and performs at ELPC. The Sunday matinee has *pay as you can* pricing. Purchase tickets online at www.rccpittsburgh.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 1 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “All you who are heavy laden, come to me, and I will give you rest” facilitated by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Ezekiel 18:25–32; Psalm 44; Romans 1:8–15, 18–25; Mark 8:1–10, 14–21 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “The Center for Victims” led by Valerie Dixon

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A Lenten session on prayer with the *Spiritual Pathways* program, led by the Rev Joe Hajdu, Linda Lane, and Judy Roberts

Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) – “Prayer” facilitated by the Parenting Circle Leadership Team

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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