



# 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)*

## MARCH 1, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

George Shearing (1919-2011), the famed blind jazz pianist, recorded himself improvising several of his favorite hymns at the piano. These recordings were then transcribed from tape to paper and, with the help of organist Dale Wood, arranged and published for the organ.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Jesus sends us out to be shepherds, and Jesus promises a life in which we increasingly have to stretch out our hands and be led to places where we would rather not go. He asks us to move from a concern for relevance to a life of prayer, from worries about popularity to communal and mutual ministry, and from a leadership built on power to a leadership in which we critically discern where God is leading us and our people."  
— *Henri J. M. Nouwen, In The Name of Jesus*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Gerald Near

"Audi, benigne conditor"

*O Kind Creator, bow thine ear  
To mark the cry, to know the tear  
Before thy throne of mercy spent  
In this thy holy fast of Lent.*

"Amazing Grace"

George Shearing

*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

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #166

ST. FLAVIAN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Samantha Coggins

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:  
Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne and Tituba were arrested for witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts (1692); Congress authorized the first U.S. Census (1790); Polish composer and pianist Frederic Chopin was born (1810); Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park (1872); the U.S. Congress passed a Civil Rights Act, which was later overturned by the Supreme Court (1875); entertainer and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte was born (1927); and President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps (1961).

\*COMPOSER'S NOTE:  
"Kin-dom" instead of "Kingdom" is consistent with Jesus' teachings about being "kin" with God, that is, being in the family of God as "kinfolk," a term and a concept which Appalachian persons cherish. *Appalachian Lord's Prayer* was written for the Harvard University Choir.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS Samantha Coggins  
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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Henry and Lisa Petrilli  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON David Jennings-Smith  
Romans 5:12-19

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 #783 "When We Are Tested" ANGELS OF HEALING

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON "What If?" The Rev. Schoenewolf

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*The creeds of the church reflect a particular stance within the living history of God's people. They are not to be barriers that separate us, but words that strengthen the life and witness of the whole community of believers.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles' Creed*)

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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Appalachian Lord's Prayer" Rick Sowash  
*Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed be thy name, thy kin-dom\* come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.*  
*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation.*  
*Deliver us, we pray, from evil, for thine is the kin-dom\*, the pow'r of morning, the sunset glory, now and forever more. Amen.*

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

PRAYER:  
Wild God of wilderness,  
as we devote these forty  
days to you, shape us by  
your Holy Spirit into the  
image of Christ our Lord,  
so that we may be ready,  
by your grace, to  
confront the power of  
death with the promise of  
eternal life. Amen.

Healey Willan (1880-1968) was born in England and emigrated to Canada in 1913. He was known as "the Dean of Canadian composers." From 1921 until his death he served as organist/choirmaster/precentor of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Sharla Yates and Quinn Seif.*



— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.  
The congregation will be served communion in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN #460

BREAD OF LIFE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that our lives might be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN #649

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D"

Healey Willan

*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: Samantha Coggins  
Sara Hackett  
David Jennings-Smith  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
Henry and Lisa Petrilli  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Annie and Liam Cowan  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Emerald Huggins  
Crucifer: Alyssa Cowan  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. 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 8 — 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.  
March 8 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy 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 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, 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](http://www.ELPC.church).





### TODAY AT ELPC

#### 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 today.



#### Lenten Book Study

As part of our focus on Facing Systemic 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 today 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](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

#### Lenten Devotionals Now Available

Once more, the Children and Family Ministries Team has purchased devotional materials to encourage you along your Lenten journey. *Treasures in Jars of Clay* is a devotional created for families of all ages and configurations, but also can be engaged by individuals looking for a personal prayer practice. Materials will be available outside of each worship service and on the second floor table. There will be additional "supplies" in the Kids Corner for those who may need assistance gathering the hands-on materials that are a part of the devotional exercises. We ask that you take one booklet per family unit.

#### 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 on the 2nd floor and by the monitor display area on the 1st floor.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is \_\_\_\_\_.



#### 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](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

#### Presbyterian Women Bible Study – March 2 and 3

Join PW for their Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments* on Monday, March 2 at 7 pm, and Tuesday, March 3 at 10:15 am. Monday's group will be facilitated by Janet Pollard 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.

#### Environmental Book Club – March 12

The Environment Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health – and a Vision for Change* by Annie Leonard (2010, 352 pages). In her sweeping, groundbreaking book, Leonard tracks the life of the stuff we use every day—where our cotton t-shirts, laptop computers, and aluminum cans come from; how they are produced, distributed, and consumed; and where they go when we throw them out. We hope you'll read the book and join us for discussion in the Trustees Room on Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm. For more information or to RSVP, contact Nancy Heastings ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

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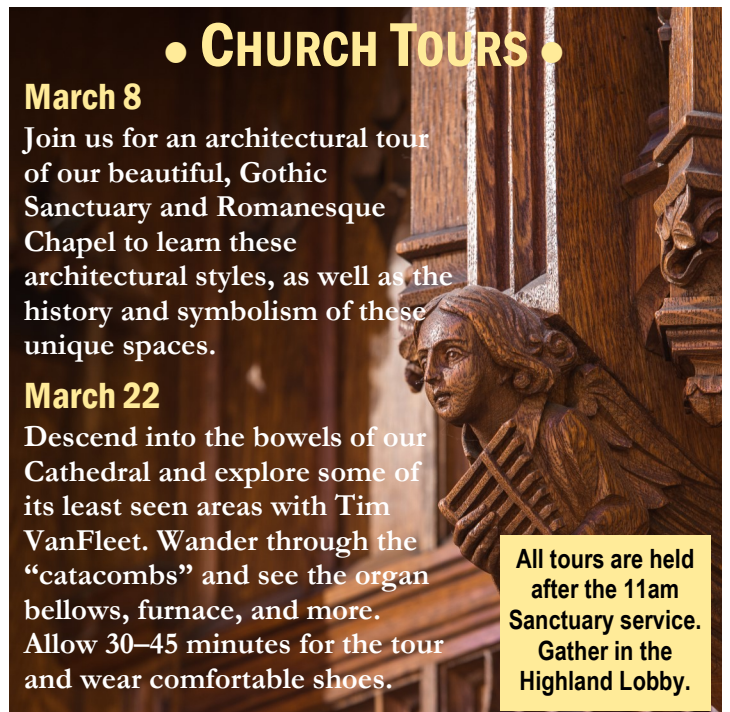
#### March 8

Join us for an architectural tour of our beautiful, Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel to learn these architectural styles, as well as the history and symbolism of these unique spaces.

#### March 22

Descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of its least seen areas with Tim VanFleet. Wander through the "catacombs" and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more. Allow 30–45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

All tours are held after the 11am Sanctuary service. Gather in the Highland Lobby.





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

Dorothy Autore, Randy and Beth Bush,  
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,  
Carol Chontos' nephew Justin,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's friend Gary and his family,  
Agnes Green, Lee Lewand,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Joel and Beth Minnigh's nephew Stephen,  
Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo,  
Eva Neszpaul, Dave Phillips' sister-in-law Maureen,  
Carolyn Russ' exchange student and friend Norman,  
Heather Schoenewolf's uncle Jim,  
Tiffany Sudar's cousin Justin,  
Russ Walker's daughter and granddaughter,  
Pat Valoon, and Michelle Yamada's mother MaryAnne.

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

*Condolences to Dee Flaherty on her father's passing.*

*Condolences to Matt Stuftt on his mother's passing.*

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

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### Committee Meetings This Week

Property..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)*  
Worship, Music & Arts..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)*

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### LGBTQ Ministry – March 15

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, March 15 at 12:30pm when we will share lunch and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118.)

### CMU Wind Ensemble to Perform – March 28

The ninth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Saturday, March 28 at 4 pm with a performance by the Carnegie Mellon University Wind Ensemble and organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore in the Sanctuary. Featured on the program will be a new composition for wind ensemble and organ by Pittsburgh-based composer Nancy Galbraith. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received. To view the full slate of concerts this season, please visit [tiny.cc/cathedral-concerts](http://tiny.cc/cathedral-concerts).

### ELPC's Chapel Market

The *Chapel Market* is seeking volunteers for Monday mornings (10 am-Noon). Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss (724.443.1826; [deisslh@consolidated.net](mailto:deisslh@consolidated.net)) if you are interested in helping. Spring and summer clothing and toiletry donations are also needed (body and face lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste), and can be left at the Highland Ave entrance.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### RCC Cabaret Concert – March 7 and 8

The Renaissance City Choir will present its Cabaret concert *Villains & Heroes* at ELPC on Saturday, 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](http://www.rccpittsburgh.com).

### Belle Voci's "Diamond Memories" Concert – March 14

Join Belle Voci for a 90-minute musical montage celebrating six decades of classic R&B music by artists from the Motor City, featuring the Belle Voci Choirs and soloists Denise Sheffey-Powell and Franklin Mosley. The concert will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary, and features the celebrated Motown cover band "Horizon" from Mechanicsville, VA. Tickets are \$20. Visit [www.bellevocipgh.com](http://www.bellevocipgh.com) for more info or to purchase tickets.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 8 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – "Invitations from Jesus" facilitated by Carolyn Russ

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Lamentations 3:31–40; Psalm 6; Revelation 2:1–17; Mark 8:22–26 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – "What Is a Christian Mystic?" led by Rev. Dr. Graham Standish

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A Lenten session on prayer with the *Spiritual Pathways* program, led by the Rev Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, Yamuna Morgenstern, and Tom Whalen

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