



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)

JANUARY 30, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. **Mendelssohn's six** sonatas, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

God has loved us since the beginning, and **God's love for us will** never end. Do not fear, **but have faith in God's** steadfast love, healing power, and ability to make all things new.

TIME OF PREPARATION

For though the righteous fall seven times, they will rise again. — *Proverbs 24:16*
Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. — *Samuel Johnson*
By perseverance the snail reached the Ark. — *Charles H. Spurgeon*

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Grave and Adagio” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
“Allegro maestoso e vivace” (Sonata II)
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
People: Y también contigo. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.
People: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose for life.
Leader: We may be hesitant and afraid, but God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.
People: Wherever we find ourselves, God is with us and sustains us.
Leader: Trusting in this good news, let us lift our voices in song and praise God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610

AZMON

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God, our Deliverer and Savior, we confess that we are reluctant to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, **passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Fill us** with love that is humble and patient and kind. Bring us back from the brink of disaster to the open places of your love. O God, hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:10)

The seed of suffering in you may be strong, but don't wait until you have no more suffering before allowing yourself to be happy.
(Thich Nhat Hanh)

William Boyce's
(1711-1779) *Glory Be to God* is a canon for three voices. A canon is an imitative composition based on a melody. In the case of this piece, all the voices sing the melody together, then it is sung by the sopranos followed by the altos and then the tenors and basses. It is sort of a musical follow-the-leader.

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #792 (vs. 1 and 2)

BALM IN GILEAD

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

There is currently no Extended Session program or childcare in the Nursery Suite available.

We have provided an expanded Kid's Corner with individually packaged materials, and a family-friendly space in the Garth Overlook Room (to see and hear worship on a monitor).

* HYMN #757

"Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Living in the Power of the Spirit — Part 2"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Heather 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.

You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Glory Be to God"

William Boyce

*Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, good will towards all.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born (1882) and later the Franklin Roosevelt dime was issued on his birthday (1946); the first episode of *The Lone Ranger* was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit (1933); Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated (1948); **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s** home was bombed (1956); Erno Rubik was awarded a patent for his "cube" (1975); and the Iranian government announced it would allow Ayatollah Khomeini to repatriate (1979).

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Kathryn Ophardt

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:	O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors. May they bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace, justice and love, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #852 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

I'LL FLY AWAY

"When The Lord Redeems the Very Least"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fugue (Sonata II)"

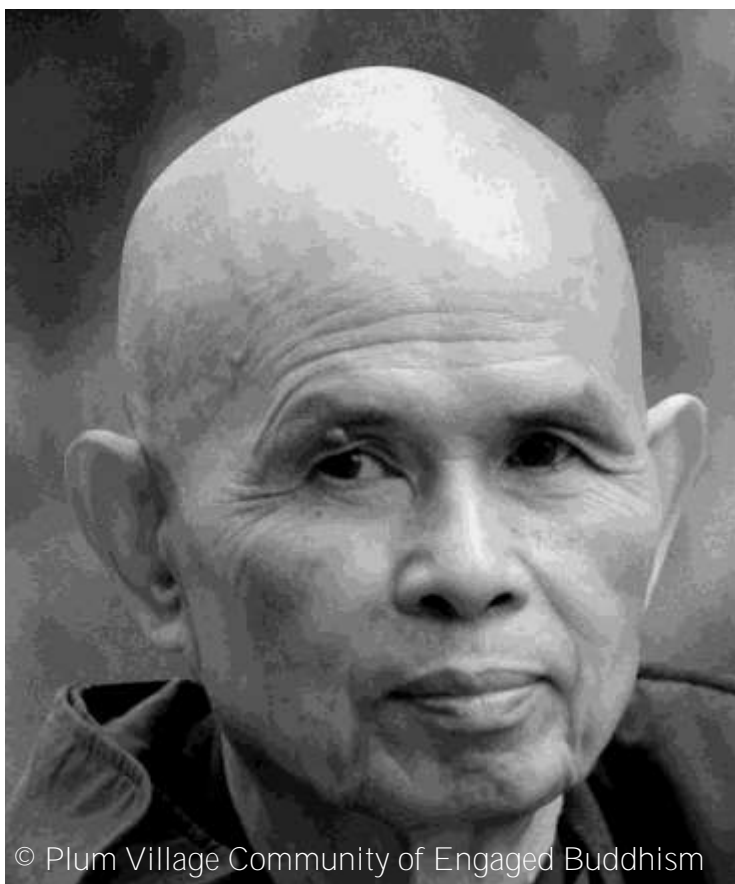
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Dr. Moore, *organ*



COMPASSION

One compassionate word, action or thought can reduce another person's suffering and bring him joy. One word can give comfort and confidence, destroy doubt, help someone avoid a mistake, reconcile a conflict, or open the door to liberation. One action can save a person's life or help him take advantage of a rare opportunity. One thought can do the same because thoughts always lead to words and actions. With compassion in our heart, every thought, word and deed can bring about a miracle.

— Thich Nhat Hanh



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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.

Please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Mark Statler
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Due to the pandemic, our Fellowship Time is suspended. However, water is available in the Fellowship Room.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$175.

♦ 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. The service will also be streamed on Zoom.

Feb 6 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

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♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

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.

Available everyday

♦ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering

The ELPC Spiritual Life Committee is excited to offer Yoga and Centering Prayer led by Katrina Woodworth in the Sanctuary. This class includes breathing practices along with Hatha Yoga postures and ends with 10–15 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Donations are accepted. Please register in advance online at www.tiny.cc/yoga-and-prayer.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-9 am

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC's Updated Mask Usage Policy

All people visiting and working in ELPC will be required to wear a face mask both inside and outside (on the property) regardless of vaccination status, with it being strongly recommended that the mask be an N95, surgical, or comparable mask.

A Letter from the Birmingham Jail

During today's Church School hour, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee and the Faith Formation Board invite all adults and students in grade 6 and up to participate in a discussion of the Rev. Dr. King's prophetic letter.

For this first installment of a three-part series, Dr. Bush, who has done substantive research on the letter as part of his dissertation, will serve as the principal presenter.

Join us in person in the Social Hall or via Zoom (www.Zoom.us, Meeting ID 188 135 194, or call 929.205.6099 using the same Meeting ID). Dr Bush's remarks will also be recorded.

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 services.

The *Journey* service DOD is Tom Sturgill.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is George Clark.



Help Casa San José by Making Valentines

Join Casa San José in sharing love with immigrants as we make *valentines* for the people at the Moshannon Valley Processing Center. They can be in Spanish, English, or both. Handmade valentines are encouraged. You can drop them off in the Highland Lobby through Feb 6.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Feb 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Bathsheba* on Tuesday, Feb 1 from 10 am-Noon or Monday, Feb 7 from 7-8:30 pm. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

February Church Tours — Feb 6 and 20

Participate in a guided tour of the Trinity Chapel on Sunday, Feb 6, or join a tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, Feb 20. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to join either tour.



Foundation of HOPE | Adult Diversion Presentation — Feb 6

On Sunday, Feb 6 from 12:30-1:30 pm, please join the Justice Committee for a presentation about the *Foundation of HOPE Adult Diversion Program* that redirects adults involved in low-level offenses into a restorative program and away from a criminal record, prosecution, and incarceration. ELPC will be joined by the *Foundation of HOPE Adult Diversion* Director Mica Williams, and a case manager, who will discuss their work and opportunities for involvement by ELPC members. The presentation will be in-person in the Social Hall and also available Zoom. Light snacks will be provided. For more info, contact Stephanie Creasy (screasy16@gmail.com).



A New Take on Climate Change — Feb 10

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading a new book titled *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson. This diverse collection of essays and a few poems are written by female activists, scientists, artists, architects, policymakers, and thinkers of various ages. We invite you to read the book, and join us to talk about your favorite parts on Thursday, Feb 10 at 7 pm via Zoom. To RSVP, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Combined Worship Service with
Eastminster Presbyterian Church — Feb 13

On Sunday, Feb 13, the first in a series of annual joint services with Eastminster Presbyterian Church is being planned. The worship service will combine the music leaders and choirs of our two churches, and utilize liturgists from both congregations. As a "pulpit swap," the Rev. Aaron Teter, newly installed co-pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, will present the message.

This joint service is planned to be a hybrid event with both in-person and livestream options for participation.



Climate Change and the Green New Deal — Feb 13

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to a panel discussion on *Climate Change and the Green New Deal* at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Feb 13 in the Social Hall and on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 827 3760 9292; Passcode 755590). Together, we will examine the issue of climate change, its implications for racial and economic justice, and how we can combat it by building a mass movement for a *Green New Deal*. Panelists include Claire Cohen, M.D., Patricia DeMarco, Ph.D. and Helen Gerhardt. Light refreshments will be provided.



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

Linda Benedict,
Martha DeMarzi's neighbor's son, Wil Forrest's brother,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, Rev. Hydie Houston,
Darlene Matta's father Bob Schwab, Nancy Phillips,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's father,
Cami Teacoach's friend Celina during her pregnancy,
and Nancy Wright.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Feb 20

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet via Zoom and maybe in person. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).



Forest Bathing — Feb 26

What is forest bathing? Well, it is not a nature walk or a fitness hike. It is a 60-minute, guided visit into the natural world, where we will slow down, awaken our senses, and nurture our relationship with nature.

Through a series of invitations, beginning on Saturday, Feb 26 (time and location to be determined), you will find your own ways of connecting with nature as you relax into being present with the sights, smells, sounds, textures, and tastes of the woods.



There's no rush and there's no right or wrong way to do it. Simply come as you are and witness the beauty of your own relationship with nature. We also will have opportunities to share our observations with one another. We sit a lot and move slowly, so dress appropriately and consider bringing a blanket.



Download Our New App

ELPC recently published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for Android users on Google Play™ and will soon be available for iOS users on the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian."

In our

COMMUNITY



Free COVID Tests

Free COVID testing kits are now available from the U.S. government. Please visit www.covidtests.gov to order up to four kits.

Congregational Meeting — Feb 27

On Sunday, Feb 27 at 12:45 pm, we will convene for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. This is a time to reflect on the past year, receive reports and budget information, and elect officers to serve on our governing councils. It also is a time to consider the ways in which God is at work in our congregation's programmatic, educational, mission-oriented, and worship lives.

Arrangement are being made for a hybrid event. You are invited to attend the meeting in the Social Hall or on Zoom. Contact Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122) for the Zoom details.

Lenten Silent Retreat — March 18 to 20

Save the date for a silent retreat at St. Emma's Monastery in Greensburg in the middle of Lent! More details coming!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 6 • 9:45 to 10:45 am

◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

Contact Sara Hackett or Rev. Heather Schoenewolf for Zoom links.

Journey with Scripture — Hosea 7:3–12; Community Rule (1QS 1.1–1); Romans 1:1–17; Luke (Q)11:16, 27–32 (Hearing and Keeping God's Word, The Sign of Jonah for This Generation, Something More Than Solomon and Jonah), facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — "The Sandbox Revolution" facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — "From Africa to the Americas: Kongo-American Graves and African Diaspora Cultures," presented by Dr. Yolanda Covington-Ward, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — Beginning discussion of the book *Wholehearted Faith* by the late Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu, led by Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.

◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Preschool — Suspended

Kindergarten through Grade 3 — Suspended

Grades 4 and 5 — Suspended

Grades 6 through 12 — on Zoom (contact Sara for info)