



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)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 17, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

The titles of the three sections of Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) *Fantasia in G Major* are written in French: *Très vite*, *Gravement*, and *Lentement*. One of Bach's most popular works for organ, it is often referred to as *Pièce d'Orgue*.

We are called to be Easter people — challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful good Fridays, and living joyfully wherever God has planted us. We are the handholding, hearty singing, passionate, caring followers of a risen Christ. Alleluia!

TIME OF PREPARATION

If the Gospel writers had wanted to tell the Easter story in a way to convince the world that Jesus indeed rose from the dead, they would presumably have done it with all the skill and fanfare they could muster. But here there is no skill, no fanfare. They seem to be telling it simply the way it was. The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt.

— Frederick Buechner

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572” Johann Sebastian Bach
“Lift Up Your Heads” (from *Messiah*) George Frideric Handel/
Mark Schweizer
“Psalm 19 – The Heavens Are Telling” Benedetto Marcello
arr. Rich Mays

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Christ is risen!
People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado! He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
People: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.
People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity: for all the wonder and joy of this Easter day! Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232

EASTER HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

* LITANY FOR EASTER

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved:
People: That Christ died for our sins and was buried and rose again on the third day.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of endless life, in
the light of this new day
we see the dawning of
your new creation. Give
us wonder and delight to
enjoy this day and every
day that you have made;
through Jesus Christ, our
living Lord. Amen.

Every day do something
that won't compute. Love
the Lord. Love the world.
Work for nothing. Love
someone who does not
deserve it. Plant
sequoias. Be joyful
though you have
considered the facts.
Practice resurrection.
(Wendell Berry)

On this day in history,
notable deaths included
Benjamin Franklin
(1790), novelist Gabriel
García Márquez (2014),
and First Lady Barbara
Bush (2018); also Jerrie
Mock became the first
woman to complete a
solo flight around the
world (1964), the Apollo
13 command module
safely splashed down
after trouble in orbit
(1970), and novelist Alice
Walker won the Pulitzer
Prize for *The Color
Purple* (1983).

Leader: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.
People: At last he came to us that we might come to believe and proclaim
this good news to the world.
Leader: Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS & READINGS FOR EASTER

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

Psalm 118:22-24
I Corinthians 15:19-20, 57

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of in the Sanctuary during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.

The nursery is open to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship (there will be no staff/volunteers present); the service is livestreamed into that space.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Child: Journee Reneé Jarvis
(daughter of Kimberly Reneé Ragsdale and Eugene N. Jarvis)

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Tales of Wonder and Amazement”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* 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

Kathryn Ophardt

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.



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* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Frank Bridge (1879-1941) was an English composer, violist, and conductor. Benjamin Britten studied composition privately with Bridge. *Easter Hymn* is set to the familiar hymn tune *LASST UNS ERFREUEN* (*All Creatures of Our God and King*).

The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw and knew I saw all things in God and God in all things. (Mechtild of Magdeburg)

Charles-Marie Widor was born in Lyon, France on February 21, 1844. In 1870, at the age of 26, Widor was appointed temporary organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a post he held for 64 years, having never been given the official title of titular! **Widor's fifth symphony** was composed in 1879. The fifth and final movement of the symphony, the famous *Toccata*, is one his most recognizable organ compositions.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Easter Hymn”

arr. Frank Bridge

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Libby and Ashleigh Parker, Amaya McCorvey and Felicia Ragsdale.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Children are welcome to receive communion as a special reminder of how God’s love includes them.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #247

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

NOËL NOUVELET

Hymn #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back into the world – only it is no longer the same world because we know now that you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us always. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

* HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony V”

Charles-Marie Widor

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 silence 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 and Music Director*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
Rana Jurjus, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
John Caughman, *tuba*
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available from 9:30 – 10 am in the Whitfield Lobby (lower level) and the Highland Ave Lobby. There will also be coffee available in the Narthex following the 11 am worship service.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

Please see today's announcements for a listing of those who sponsored today's flowers.

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The service is also streamed on Zoom.
April 24 — Kathryn Ophardt 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

Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes

Through the end of April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am. What better way to transition into Spring than to get on our mat and be in touch with our bodies! Our yoga practice, readings and meditations will focus in on **caring for creation in solidarity with Christ's sacrifice** and resurrection! Please register in advance at:

<http://tiny.cc/spring-yoga>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person at 6 pm in the Sanctuary (before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service).

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

Third Friday of every month (mostly), 6:30-7:45 pm
(May 13)

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.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us at ELPC. We invite you to pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, or visit us online at www.ELPC.church for information about ELPC's many programs and ministries.



Easter flowers have been sponsored, and/or a donation to the EECM Food Pantry has been made in:

HONOR of:

THE REV. DR. & MRS. RANDY & BETH BUSH & FAMILY
(Donated by ELPC Staff)

JANICE HERZER
(Donated by Carla Depperman)

MEMORY of:

WILLIAM A. & ELIZABETH U. CLARK
DR. & MRS. WALDEN A. CLARK
DR. & MRS. GEORGE A. URLING, JR.
(Donated by William U. Clark & George A. Clark)

ARCO & NANCY CHESTNER, WAYNE CHESTNER
WALTER & MILDRED DEISS
(Donated by Harold & Linda Deiss)

FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY
(Donated by Martha E. DeMarzi)

LAROUX HOPPER
RICHARD C. DEPPERMAN
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(Donated by Debbie Hurrell)

THE REV. JARED J. JACKSON
(Donated by The Rev. Cynthia I. Jackson)

JUSTIN M. JOHNSON
(Donated by Florence Johnson)

VAUGHN & LINDA STUFFT
(Donated by Matthew Stuftt)

TODAY AT ELPC

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be slideshow streaming operators for our 11 am Sanctuary worship service. We hope to setup a rotating schedule. Please see Tim Benedict, Wayne Gaines or Lenore Williams for more details, or email Tim (TimB@coh.net).



Enneagram Study Group — Third Monday of the Month
Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays of the month through June, and Sept through Dec, from 12:30-1:30 pm on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 966 6904 5127, Passcode: 9types) for an Enneagram Study Group. The required book is *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz.

Church Tour — April 24

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower on Sunday, April 24. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes. Gather in the Highland Lobby following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to join the tour.

➤ The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush ➤

Last Sunday at ELPC is May 15



Following the Sanctuary service on Sunday, May 15 in the Social Hall, ELPC family and friends will have an opportunity to say *thank you* and send our prayers and best wishes to our departing Senior Pastor Randy Bush and his wife, Beth.

There will be a box at the event to collect cards sharing reflections and good wishes for the Bush family. Cards can also be mailed to ELPC c/o Wil Forrest.

➤ Share your Picture Memories of the Bush Family ➤

Do you have pictures that include Pastor Randy, Beth, Ian, and/or Charlotte over their 16 years with us at ELPC that you are willing to share? Please send any pictures to Norma in the church office by Noon on Friday, May 13 so they might be included as we celebrate the Bush family and their **time in Pittsburgh!** Her email is on the church's website: www.ELPC.church, or call 412.441.3800 x111.



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

Kathy Callahan's parents Dave and Ginny,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Joe Kennedy, Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother, and
Herma Stewart's nephew Damien.

*Condolences to Peta Harrigan Cole and Derek Harrigan
on the passing of Peta's brother.*

Condolences to Joanie James on her granddaughter's passing.

*Condolences to The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
on her father's passing.*

Yoga, Pranayama, and Meditation Retreat — April 30

On April 30 from 9am-4pm, join Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a day of enjoying practicing yoga in the Sanctuary and learning pranayama (yogic breathing techniques) to facilitate meditation, relaxation and good health in your daily life. Take time for intentional rest and develop practices that nurture the opportunity to commune with the Divine. The day will include 2 yoga classes, pranayama instruction, time for reflection and group activity, meditation practices, and lunch. Class will be limited to 15 people. The first yoga retreat filled up fast, so don't wait to reserve your space! Suggested donation is \$35-\$60 (lunch included). Register and donate at www.tiny.cc/yoga-retreat. Contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net) for info.

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany's Celebration — May 8

ELPC's former Music Director, The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, cordially invites you to join the festive celebration of his 73 years of *Ministry of Word and Sacrament* and *Ministry of Music* to the glory of God on Sunday, May 8 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Come be inspired by organists J. Richard Szeremany, Michael P. Frank, Dr. Edward Alan Moore and Jon Tyillian, and pianist The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush. This will be an interesting, historical narrative of Richard's life.



NO WORSHIP SERVICES ON MARATHON SUNDAY

Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC is unable to offer in-person worship services on May 1.

Dr. Bush's pre-recorded message will be available to view that morning at www.ELPC.church.

In our

COMMUNITY



Carnegie Library Book Club Meeting — April 28

All are invited to join the Carnegie Library (East Liberty branch) for their monthly book club on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm. They will be reading *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg. Call 412.363.8232 or email buccig@carnegielibrary.org to request a copy or for more info.

Organ Concert — May 15

ELPC and *The Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* are co-sponsoring an organ concert presented by Jan Kraybill on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm. Dr. Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation, an affiliate of the international headquarters of Community of Christ, in Independence, Missouri, and Organ Conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City. Her recording *The Orchestral Organ* was nominated for a Grammy as Best Classical Instrumental Solo album in 2020. ELPC members should contact Dr. Ed Moore for complimentary tickets to this concert (EdM@coh.net). The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

April 24 • 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 — Micah 5:10–6:5; Qumran (Cave 1) Book of Secrets; Romans 9:30–10:21; Luke (Q) 16:13–18, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — “The Sandbox Revolution” facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — “Misquoting Jesus in the Bible,” presented by Bart Ehrman, and facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A discussion of two readings on *The Women of Holy Week* by Rachel Held Evans, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.

◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Age 3 through Grade 3 — Room 206

Grades 4 and 5 — Room 211

Grades 6 through 12 — 2nd floor Parlor