

Welcome to Shadyside Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, study, fellowship, and service of this congregation.

If you are a guest with us this morning, our ushers are available to assist you.

Gluten-free, vegan communion wafers are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them to the regular communion bread.

Nursery care is available for infants through three-year-olds during worship. Pagers are available. A cry room with a video broadcast of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex.

Children in Worship - At 11:00 a.m., families with two- and three-year-olds are welcome to report directly to the Nursery. Four-year-olds through fifth-graders attend worship and may exit with their teachers before the sermon to participate in chapel worship and children's activities. (Any parent who would like to accompany a child is always welcome to do so.) Parents should meet their children in the Christian education classrooms after worship. On the first Sunday of the month, first- through fifth-graders stay in worship through the entire service for Communion. A bulletin insert designed for children is available in the Narthex.

Prayer Request Cards - You are invited to write on a Prayer Request Card the names of those who are sick or in need of intercessory prayer.

Flower Ministry - After worship, members of the Board of Deacons' Flower Ministry divide the chancel flowers into bouquets to be distributed to individuals who are celebrating joyous occasions and to those who could use some cheer. If you would like to deliver a bouquet to someone you know, please stop by the front of the sanctuary after worship to receive one. Help us to share God's love through flowers.

Individual listening devices for improved sound are available for those with hearing needs. Please see an usher in the Narthex.

Fifth Avenue Parking - Parking on the inbound side of the block from Wilkins Avenue to Amberson Avenue is not available for parking on Sunday mornings. Parking is available on the outbound side as well as both sides of Fifth Avenue from Amberson Avenue into Oakland. We appreciate your helpfulness utilizing these available parking areas on Sunday mornings.

Time of Fellowship immediately follows worship. Please join us after the service for light refreshments and an opportunity to greet each other.

! Please silence cellular phones and other mobile devices while in the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo (In quiet joy)
Noel

Dietrich Buxtehude
Louis-Claude Daquin

WELCOME

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
People: **Tell of His salvation from day to day.**
Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations,
People: **His marvelous works among all the peoples.**
All: **Let us worship the Lord.**

Psalm 96:2-3

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

Wareham

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

▲ CONGREGATIONAL ORISON *(sung in unison)*

Gloria (Hymn no. 23)

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O God, You do not change with the changing years, but we are creatures of time. As we look back at the road we have traveled, we give thanks for Your faithful mercies along the way. Where the road has been dark, You have not failed us though we have often failed You. Forgive us we pray. You are our guide and our goal, our strength and our stay. In this new year, we would walk with You, for You alone can bring us to our journey's end in peace.

Leslie Weatherhead

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Away in a Manger (Hymn no. 25)

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Mendelssohn (Hymn no. 31)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die; born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Children four years old through kindergarten will leave with their teachers through the Sharp Atrium doors. First- through fifth-graders will remain in worship throughout the service.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14-18

page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Shepherds' Farewell

Hector Berlioz

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare. Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear. In the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to Thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

Text: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869); tr. Paul England

SERMON

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

... Through All Our Changing Days

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Song of Simeon

Dutch carol

Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano; Brian Doherty, baritone; Emily Swora, soprano

And when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, Simeon took the child in His arms, and blessed God, and said, "O Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." Lord, unto Thy servant Thy blessing of peace now bring, for I have seen the Savior, I have held the infant King. O Lord, we bow with Simeon in homage to the King; our hearts o'erflowing, His love to sing.

Text adapted from Luke 2:27-32

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The pastor prays.

... And we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The pastor continues in prayer.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION (*please commune as you receive the elements*)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Morning Star, in Darkest Night

Kathy Linger, soprano

Francis Hagen

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 16

▲ **HYMN 68**

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Patrick H. Thomson, Anne Darsie Thomson, and Robert N. Thomson.

Acolytes for January – Nathan Boyle and Quinn A. Reppe.

Ushers for January – John E. B. Baldrige, W. Dennis Bossick, Eileen L. Flaherty, Arthur G. Gilkes Jr., Richard O. Goehring, Sandra H. Miller, Daniel S. Potter, and Janet W. Wood. **Coordinators:** Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, Robert P. O’Neil, and Paul T. Straitiff.

About This Morning’s Music

Originating in the Moravian boarding schools in Germany in the nineteenth century as an exercise in geometry, Moravian stars (or morning star lights) were carried throughout the world by missionaries and other church workers. The music for “Morning Star, in Darkest Night” (*Morgenstern auf finstre nacht*) was written by one of Francis Hagen’s European contemporaries, Georg Friedrich von Hellström (1825-1912). Hellström served the Moravian congregation in Christiansfeld, Denmark, for forty-two years. His later service included work at Gnadenberg (1894), Kleinwelda (1895), and Neudietendorf (1898), where he remained until his death. The hymn is the traditional hymn sung at Moravian love feasts and throughout the Christmas season.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... January 3 - 10

Sunday, January 3

Psalms 90, 96, 110, 150
1 Kings 3:5-14
Colossians 3:12-17
John 6:41-47

Tuesday, January 5

Psalms 96, 99, 110
Isaiah 66:18-23
Jonah 2:2-9
Romans 15:7-13
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 11:17-27, 38-44

Thursday, January 7

Psalms 37
Deuteronomy 8:1-3
Colossians 1:1-14
John 6:30-33, 48-51

Saturday, January 9

Psalms 40, 41
Isaiah 45:14-19; 61:1-9
Galatians 3:23-29; 4:4-16
Colossians 1:24- 2:7
John 8:12-19

Monday, January 4

Psalms 20, 93, 97, 149
Joshua 3:14- 4:7
Ephesians 5:1-20
John 9:1-12, 35-38

Wednesday, January 6

Psalms 67, 72, 100, 148
Isaiah 49:1-7
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Friday, January 8

Psalms 38, 39
Exodus 17:1-7
Colossians 1:15-23
John 7:37-52

Sunday, January 10

Psalms 42, 43, 44
Genesis 1:1- 2:3
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:29-34

News and Notes

Mission Dinner – The Mission and Urban Ministry Team invites you to attend our Mission Dinner Series to hear the inspirational stories of our mission partners. On the first Wednesday of each month, dinner occurs from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us on Wednesday, January 6, when we welcome Michael Mingrone, Executive Director of East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). Although there is no charge for the dinner, a freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. Please RSVP by contacting the church office or by signing up in the Sharp Atrium.

Youth Retreat – From Friday, January 8, through Sunday, January 10, the Shadyside Youth Group will head to Pine Springs Camp for the fourth annual winter retreat. Enjoy snow tubing, Bible study, good food, and a weekend in a warm cabin in the mountains. For more information or to RSVP for this event, please contact Rev. John Magnuson: jmagnuson@shadysidepres.org.

Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) is a comprehensive music training program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. SAM introduces our church family's children to our rich heritage of music and allows them the opportunity to be leaders in worship. Rehearsals resume Sunday, January 10, at 11:20 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. Questions? Contact Stephen Donnelly through the church office.

Young Adult Bible Study – Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in a Bible study focusing on various books of the Bible, from Psalms to Philemon. We will gather on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stamy Room. Join us as we continue to build community through study, resuming Thursday, January 14.

Light Bite Night – On Wednesday, January 20, supper is served before vespers, from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m., in the Parish Hall. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Tuesday, January 19. Cost: adults, \$6; children 10 and under, goodwill offering. Nursery care is available.

An Invitation to Membership – A two-week orientation class for new members occurs Sundays, January 24 and 31, from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the Craig Room, and will include an overview of Presbyterian beliefs and history, as well as an opportunity to learn about the various ministries of SPC. (Infant care and children's Sunday school run concurrently.) New members will be received on Sunday, January 31, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Ruth Garrett in the church office.

Warm Up on Soup Sunday, January 24 – We look forward to filling the Parish Hall with the aroma of hearty and delicious homemade soups on Sunday, January 24. Do you have a favorite recipe that you would be willing to make for this event? We are looking for twenty-five cooks to make at least three quarts of soup. (Some vegetarian varieties would be welcome.) If you would prefer to make brownies or cookies for dessert, that would be wonderful. The kitchen will provide bread and beverages. Not a cook? Be a taster! Make your reservations by signing up in the Sharp Atrium. Could you lend us your crock pot to keep these goodies piping hot? Let us know when you make your reservation. There is no cost to attend.

Bedding and Pillow Collection – Also on Sunday, January 24, we will hold the seventh annual Bedding and Pillow Collection for Off the Floor Pittsburgh. We will collect new pillows, new bedding, or complete bedding sets in good condition. Please put a size label on the blankets, and bring donations to the Off the Floor truck parked outside the Parish Hall before worship or before the soup luncheon.

Cookbook Recipe Submissions - In honor of the 150th anniversary celebration this year, Shadyside Presbyterian Church will publish a cookbook, and you are invited to submit your recipe! The Parish Life Ministry Team is collecting recipe cards in a basket at congregational fellowship events (such as this month's Soup Sunday luncheon), or you may submit them electronically to spcrecipes@gmail.com.

Help Send College Students to Jubilee - Campus Ministry would like to thank those of you who have already committed to helping our local college students attend the Jubilee Conference this February by becoming benefactors of the Jubilee scholarship program. As always, we welcome additional Jubilee benefactors at any scholarship level and would love for you to get involved. Please save the date for the meet-and-greet reception for benefactors and students on Friday, February 5.

Nursery School Registering Students for 2016-2017 - The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School (SPCNS) offers developmentally appropriate classes on weekday mornings (September through May) for two-, three-, and four-year-olds. Currently, SPCNS is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Returning students and SPC members are given preference for enrollment. Call Director Mary Lang at 412-681-6311, or visit the school's website: shadysideschool.org.

Portrait Pick-up - We have begun to receive the complimentary 8x10 portraits for those members who participated in our photo sessions. Some of these portraits are now available in the Narthex; please stop by to pick up your portrait. (Officers, please check your officer mailbox.) If your portrait is not in the current shipment, it will be contained in a forthcoming shipment; we will notify you when future shipments arrive.

Daily Prayer - Our *Daily Prayer* book, available in the Narthex, contains prayers and daily lectionary readings. Our congregation uses this publication to guide our personal devotions day by day for the entire year.

Letters of joys and concerns are on the table in the Narthex. Please take time to sign the letters.

Prayer Gatherings occur on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for a time of silent and spoken prayers, as we bring our concerns before God. If you cannot be with us in person, we encourage you to remember the congregation in your prayers at these same times. This is one of the many ways we can express our care for one another.

PrayerNet is a complement to our ongoing prayer groups and prayer shawl ministry which lifts up urgent prayer requests for you or your loved ones. If you or a loved one are in need of urgent prayer, or if you would like to become a PrayerNet prayer partner to help lift up these requests, email member Krissy Moehling at prayernet@shadysidepres.org. Confidentiality, if requested for names and/or situations, will be maintained.

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Shadyside's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice monthly on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for prayerful crafting, and is meant to enhance our other church ministries. For information, contact Della Ellard or David Anthony through the church office.

The Mini-Mouse - Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by providing your email address when registering your attendance in the pew pad or by sending an email message to info@shadysidepres.org.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides access to audio recordings of the service of worship. Electronic copies of the bulletin also are available, as well as additional information about the church's many programs, activities, and events.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Since 2008, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) has been supporting a ministry in India. Founded in 1995, this ministry's vision is to reach out to men, women, and children of the Devadasi (temple prostitution) community; to rescue girls and boys from the Devadasi system; to provide, care for, and educate Devadasi children; to provide job-oriented training and develop natural gifts and skills; and to address the many needs of HIV+ Devadasis and their families. Shadyside Presbyterian Church has hosted the founders on numerous visits to Pittsburgh, most recently in October 2015.

Please keep Emma Balaan, Rich McGough, June Weber, and Rev. Todd Leach in prayer as they travel to visit our mission partners in India from January 6 through 15. The purpose of the journey will be to represent SPC as they visit, display support, and envision opportunities to better walk alongside our partners in India.

To join the efforts of the International Partnerships MAC, contact Rev. Todd Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

About the Cover Artist

Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. She serves as director of the Wellspring Studio and travels widely as a retreat leader and conference speaker. Known for her distinctive intertwining of word and image, Jan's work has attracted an international audience drawn to the welcoming and imaginative spaces that she creates in her books, online blogs, and public events. Whether creating her luminous painted paper collages, or laying down the haunting lines of her charcoal drawings, Jan illuminates the landscape of faith with courageous vision and a generous spirit.

Jan makes her home in central Florida. She frequently collaborated with her husband, the singer/songwriter Garrison Doles, until his sudden death in December 2013.

To learn more about Jan's ministry in word and image, visit her website at janrichardson.com.

Midweek Vespers in the Chapel

..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

These thirty-minute candlelight services, with communion, offer a more intimate worship experience in the midst of our hectic lives.

Childcare is provided.

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Sunday, January 31, at 3:00 p.m.

Johann Sebastian Bach's *Goldberg Variations*

Nathan Carterette, pianist

Tickets: \$15; Seniors & Students: \$10

Call 412-682-4300, ext. 116, to reserve tickets.

Church Calendar

..... January 3 - 10

SUNDAY <i>January 3</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:15 p.m.	Community Partnerships Mission Action Community in the Stamy Room
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
WEDNESDAY		Mission Trip to India: January 6 through 15
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Dinner in the Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Vespers in the Chapel – Epiphany
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Nursery School Board of Trustees in the Stamy Room
	9:00 a.m.	Audit Committee in the Craig Room
	10:00 a.m.	Mornings Out with Mom in the Nursery
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
FRIDAY		Youth Group Winter Retreat at Pine Springs Camp: January 8 through 10
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor
SUNDAY <i>January 10</i>	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All Ages - Children gather in the Nazareth Room; Adults gather for a Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	9:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry in the Craig Room
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Baptism of the Lord Sunday
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 5 th grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Adventures in Music continues in the Nazareth Room and Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Sesquicentennial Committee in the Stamy Room
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

Live Webcast

Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays:

www.shadysidepres.org/live

Please share this link with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

Adult Christian Education

..... Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The Adult Christian Education Team invites you to gather in the Sharp Atrium at 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and light refreshments before attending the study of your choice at 9:45 a.m.

The Bible and Theology

Examine the Old and New Testament texts that inform theological ideas and how the church has formulated these into doctrine, currently studying “Who Is Humanity?” and “Soteriology: How Are We Saved?”

Topical Book Study

Read and discuss recent books on Christianity, faith, and life. From January 3 through February 7, read Lillian Daniel’s *When “Spiritual but Not Religious” Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church.*

Please visit the bookcase in the Parlor (accessible via the Sharp Atrium) to view copies of books for these and future studies.

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