

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.

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.

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.

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

Chorale
Elegy
Largo

Gilbert M. Martin
Edward Elgar
Antonín Dvořák

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
People: Try us, and know our thoughts!
Pastor: O Lord, You have searched us and known us,
People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, You know it.
Pastor: Remind us, Father, that we cannot hide from You,
People: And that there is no need for us to hide from You,
Pastor: Because You desire not to condemn but to forgive, through Christ our Lord.
All: Let us worship God.

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 224

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being

Rustington

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

ORISON

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Justin M. Wallace

Text: 1 John 1:5b

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Lord God, we bow our heads before You in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our own self-importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others. For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins, and during this Lenten season, help us follow Him in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Aberystwyth (Hymn no. 131)

Forty days and forty nights You were fasting in the wild. Forty days and forty nights, tempted and yet undefiled. Keep us, keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by Your side; that with You we may appear at th'eternal Eastertide.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Italian Hymn (Hymn no. 139)

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

During the congregational response, children are invited to come forward to the baptismal font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Elder Michael B. Schwerin

Please refrain from taking pictures.

THE BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

THE BAPTISM

Lily Frances Hunter

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE *(sung with the choir)*

Kingdom (Hymn no. 498)

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner

At the beginning of the hymn, children who are participating in children's worship activities are invited to leave through the Sharp Atrium door.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

page 77 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death.

Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

SERMON

Standing at the Crossroads

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Behold Now, Bless the Lord

Carlyle Sharpe

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, you that stand by night, you that stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD. The LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Text: Psalm 134

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth (Hymn no. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN 257

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

Music in a Great Space Lenten Concert

..... Today, February 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Joined by acclaimed countertenor Reginald Mobley, Chatham Baroque presents a Lenten program featuring Antonio Vivaldi's sorrowful and transporting *Stabat Mater*, as well as Johann Sebastian Bach's sublime Cantata 54, *Widerstehe doch der Sünde*, two of the most seminal and profound works in the Baroque canon for alto and string orchestra. Also included in the program are works by Johann Christoph Bach (*Ach, daß is Wassers gnug hätte*), and Heinrich Biber's programmatic Sonata X (The Crucifixion) from his fabled *Mystery Sonatas*. In addition to Mr. Mobley, Chatham Baroque also welcomes guest musicians Evan Few, baroque violin; Kristen Linfante and Cynthia Black, baroque viola; and Justin Wallace, harpsichord and chamber organ.

Tickets: \$15; Students & Seniors (60 and older): \$10. Tickets available at the door.

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Acolytes for February - Grace E. Coffelt and Jonathan P. Stamy.

Ushers for February - Daniel W. Ernsberger, Leland T. Henry Jr., Robert D. Hoehl, Nathaniel C. Hunter, Michael C. Lipschultz, Richard L. McGough III, Frederick L. Porkolab, and Carey T. Vinson. **Coordinators:** Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, Robert P. O'Neil, and Paul T. Straitiff.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... February 21 - 28

Sunday, February 21

Psalm 119:1-32

Genesis 41:14-45

Romans 6:3-14

John 5:19-24

Tuesday, February 23

Psalm 119:65-96

Genesis 42:1-17

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Mark 3:19b-35

Thursday, February 25

Psalm 119:129-160

Genesis 42:29-38

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mark 4:21-34

Saturday, February 27

Psalms 122, 123

Genesis 43:16-34

1 Corinthians 7:10-24

Mark 5:1-20

Monday, February 22

Psalm 119:33-64

Genesis 41:46-57

1 Corinthians 4:8-20 (21)

Mark 3:7-19a

Wednesday, February 24

Psalm 119:97-128

Genesis 42:18-28

1 Corinthians 5:9- 6:11

Mark 4:1-20

Friday, February 26

Psalms 119:161-176; 120; 121

Genesis 43:1-15

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, February 28

Psalms 124, 125

Genesis 44:1-17

Romans 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

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 "What Are Sacraments?" and "What Is Kingdom?"

Topical Book Study

Read and discuss recent books on Christianity, faith, and life. From February 14 through March 20, deepen your Lenten experience by joining us in reading Erik Kolbell's *Were You There? Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross*.

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

News and Notes

2016 Officer Recommendations - The Representative Nominating Committee (RNC) is accepting recommendations for the offices of elder, deacon, or trustee, and for next year's RNC. Please complete a form located in the pews. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, in the Sharp Atrium, or online at www.shadysidepres.org/nominating. Alternatively, you may submit recommendations (name and office) to Laurel Schultz: lschultz@shadysidepres.org. The deadline for receiving recommendations has been extended to Monday, February 22. Please participate in this important process of identifying leaders in our congregation.

Jubilee 2016 - From February 19 to 21, a group of college students will attend the Coalition for Christian Outreach's annual Jubilee Conference at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Please join Shadyside's Campus Ministry as we pray for our students who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to attend this transformative conference. Thank you for all of your support!

Culinary Classes - The first dates for hands-on cooking classes this month have reached capacity registration, but if you are interested in tying on an apron and joining Chef Steven Bright in the church kitchen, fear not! Additional classes are planned in April. Details will be shared in advance of the next opportunities to learn basic culinary techniques.

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.

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, March 2, when we welcome the co-founders of the Neighborhood Academy: Rev. Tom Johnson, head of school, and Jodie Moore, president. Although there is no charge for the dinner, a freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. Please RSVP by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or by contacting the church office. (Nursery care is available. Families are encouraged to eat together; then, children may move to the Nursery during the presentation.)

Easter Lilies - The Board of Deacons is again providing the opportunity for the placement of lilies in the sanctuary during the Easter worship services. Orders may be placed *in memory* of loved ones at a cost of \$8 per lily. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium and must be received by Sunday, March 6.

Communion Workshop and Dinner - On Wednesday, March 9, Children's Ministry welcomes children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families to gather in the Parish Hall for a dinner at 5:30 p.m. Then, at 6:00 p.m., in order to nurture and instruct our children in the significance of the invitation to the Lord's Table and the meaning of their response, Ellen Allston will conduct an educational workshop discussing Communion, the Last Supper, and the Passover Seder. After the workshop, participants will attend the 7:00 p.m. vespers service, and all baptized children will partake in the Lord's Supper with their families and the congregation. Please RSVP in the Sharp Atrium.

An Invitation to Membership - A two-week orientation class for new members occurs Sundays, March 13 and 20, 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, March 20, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Ruth Garrett in the church office.

Eighth Annual Pie Sunday - The Parish Life Ministry Team will host Pie Sunday in the Parish Hall during the Time of Fellowship on Sunday, March 13. We are looking for some terrific pie bakers to provide a variety of pies, ranging from sweet apple to savory shepherd's pie. Sign up in the Sharp Atrium to bring a pie, or call the church office. If you cannot bake pies, plan to come and taste them! We hope you can join us in fellowship.

Light Bite Night - On Wednesday, March 16, supper is served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu will include beef stew with winter root vegetables; mixed greens salad, with ranch dressing or balsamic vinaigrette; and warm, buttered rolls. Berry pie and assorted cookies will be served for dessert. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Monday, March 14. Cost: adults, \$6; children 10 and under, goodwill offering. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers in the sanctuary.

Runners Invited to "Own the Race" - Shadyside Presbyterian Church and our mission partner, Open Hand Ministries, welcome runners of any ability over the age of 16 to join in running with a purpose at the 2016 Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 1. The Marathon has generously provided a discount for our five relay teams, at only \$25 per person. The marathon relay divides the 26.2-mile course into five legs. We look toward a goal of \$8,000 in donations to further the work of OHM; runners are encouraged to raise support. All runners - young and old, seasoned and beginners - are welcome to sign up. If you would like to join a relay team or assemble your own team, please contact Rev. John Magnuson for additional information.

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.

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

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) literally distributes tons of food each month to low-income neighborhoods around the city. Before food reaches the homes of families in need, it is touched by the hands of many volunteers. (Only twenty-five percent of all food is handled by paid employees of the food bank.) Without the assistance of community volunteers, most of the food would go to waste before it ever reached those who need it most. Shadyside provides volunteers for the food distribution efforts of GPCFB.

For more information, visit www.pittsburghfoodbank.org. To join the efforts of the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC), contact Rev. Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

About the Cover Image

Pictured on the cover of this morning's bulletin is the Judean desert in Qumran, Israel, near the northern shore of the Dead Sea. The surroundings of this region provide the setting for Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; and Luke 4:1-13).

One of the oldest liturgical seasons of the Early Church, Lent is a forty-day period of spiritual renewal. As Christ spent forty days in the wilderness preparing for His ministry, Lent offers us a time of sustained spiritual reflection that we may be ready to follow our Lord into the Passion of the cross in order to encounter the joy of the Resurrection. Begun as a period of prayer, fasting, and instruction for adult baptismal candidates, today Lent is observed by congregations around the world as a means of following Jesus into the desert to focus upon God's call on our lives.

Lenten Vespers

..... *Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

Lenten vespers continue on Wednesdays through March 16. These 45-minute candlelight communion services include a homily, the Lord's Supper, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and the Choirs of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts. Childcare is provided.

Join us via the live webcast at www.shadysidepres.org/live.

Church Calendar

..... February 21 - 28

SUNDAY

February 21

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday in Lent
- 11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 5th 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
- 12:30 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
- 3:00 p.m. Music in a Great Space Concert in the Sanctuary
Reception following in the Sharp Atrium

MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Culinary Class in the Kitchen

TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga in the Hulme Room
- 8:00 p.m. Campus Ministry Mission Action Community off-site

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Mornings Out with Mom in the Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Women's Weekday Morning Bible Study in the Craig Room
- 6:00 p.m. Culinary Class in the Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel

SUNDAY

February 28

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third Sunday in Lent
- 11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 5th 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. Children's Ministry Committee in the Bethlehem Room and Stamy Room
- 12:30 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
- 12:30 p.m. All Members of the Guatemala Mission Team in the Hulme Room
- 2:00 p.m. College Members of the Guatemala Mission Team in the Craig Room

Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*
Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*
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Live Webcast

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

www.shadysidepres.org/live

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