

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.

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.

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

Basso Ostinato
Prelude in E Major

Max Reger
Max Reger

WELCOME

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

People: **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me.**

Pastor: “Come,” my heart says, “Seek His face.”

People: **Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

Isaiah 55:6; Psalm 27:7-8

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Healey Willan

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 (KJV)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Lord Jesus, as You have come to us, let us now come to You. Our hearts are cold. Warm them with Your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful. Cleanse them with Your precious blood. Our hearts are weak. Strengthen them with Your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty. Fill them with Your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are Yours. Possess them always and only for Yourself.

St. Augustine

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.

*Children who are participating in children's worship activities
are invited to leave through the Sharp Atrium door.*

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Elder Randy C. Adams II

The Parish Life Ministry Team

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

page 76 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth; Christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary, and sad; teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent, and pale; be this the token, Love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty, and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

Text: Edith Williams

SERMON

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Falling Towers

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 275

God of Our Life

Sandon

▲ 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.

COMMISSIONING OF GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Pastor: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

People: **As disciples of Christ, we are called into our communities and throughout the world to share the good news of God's undying love. We strive to minister in the midst of human need to display the wonders of God's grace. We thank God that in all parts of the earth, communities of love have been gathered to join God's kingdom-building efforts.**

Pastor: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, followers of Jesus Christ are united together as one body. Although gathering in different places, we remain one body. Although sent to different places, we remain one body.

QUESTIONS TO THE GUATEMALA TEAM MEMBERS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Do you, the members of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, commit to send these individuals and to lift them in prayer while on their journey?

People: **We do.**

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

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

He That Shall Endure

Felix Mendelssohn

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Text: Matthew 24:13 (KJV)

▲ 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 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

About This Morning's Music

The tune of the opening hymn, *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich* (Great God, We Praise Thee) has long been associated with the text, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." As was the practice in the earlier years of the Reformation, the hymn tunes were named according to the opening line of the text. Interestingly, the tune and text first appeared together in 1774 in a Catholic Psalm book. The original text was a versification of the *Te Deum* text, and was commissioned by Emperor Maria Teresa.

The text of the middle hymn was written in 1916 by Shadyside Presbyterian Church's own minister, Hugh Thompson Kerr, for our fiftieth anniversary. The text is engraved in the sanctuary on a plaque to the left of the pulpit. The tune, *Sandon*, originally was composed for the text, "Lead, Kindly Light, Amid the Encircling Gloom," by English composer Charles H. Purday (1799-1885) and was published in 1860.

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Cain from her family.

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.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Promised Land Ministries (PLM) is a multifaceted mission ministry based in Guatemala City. Shadyside has partnered with PLM's Spring of Hope mission, which provides educational services and a feeding program to some of the poorest children in the Lake Atitlan region. Shadyside also helps to support the Genesareth Medical Clinic, based in San Lucas Tolimán. Members from Shadyside have traveled twice to this region, conducting medical clinics in partnership with the Genesareth Clinic and providing Vacation Bible Schools for the children of Spring of Hope. Shadyside also has hosted Director Jorge Santizo twice in the past. In addition, Shadyside members sponsor the education costs for thirty-two students (comprising one entire class) attending the Promised Land School.

From March 5 through 12, 2016, we will engage in our third trip to the region. Please keep the participants – listed below and commissioned this morning during worship – in prayer as they travel. The team will distribute prayer cards after worship.

Charles P. Balaan
Susan W. Balaan
W. Dennis Bossick
Karla T. Byrd
Ana R. Cedillo
Amanda B. Dawes
James M. Gockley
Phillip D. Jones

Tasha L. Jordan
Todd E. Leach
Jae Eun (Esther) Lim
Alma I. Lleras
Alexis N. MacGregor
Molly A. McGill
Ian A. McGough
Richard L. McGough III

Susan L. Meadowcroft
Sang C. Park
Michael B. Schwerin
Nicolas G. Thompson-Lleras
Robert Thomson
Rebecca D. Verley
Corrin E. Walker

For more information about PLM, visit www.facebook.com/promisedlandministriesguatemala. To join the efforts of the International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), contact Rev. Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

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, 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.

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry Collection - Bags will be distributed after worship on Sundays, March 6 and 13. A list of suggested donation items is attached to each bag. Please return the filled bags on Sunday, March 20, or to the church office during the week before March 20.

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.

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.

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.

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. Please pick up a copy of this free booklet and read the Scriptures along with us daily.

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.

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... February 28 - March 6

Sunday, February 28

Psalms 124, 125

Genesis 44:1-17

Romans 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

Tuesday, March 1

Psalms 128, 129

Genesis 45:1-15

1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Mark 6:1-13

Thursday, March 3

Psalms 132, 133

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34

1 Corinthians 9:1-15

Mark 6:30-46

Saturday, March 5

Psalm 136

Genesis 47:27- 48:7

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Mark 7:1-23

Monday, February 29

Psalms 126, 127

Genesis 44:18-34

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, March 2

Psalms 130, 131

Genesis 45:16-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 6:13-29

Friday, March 4

Psalms 134, 135

Genesis 47:1-26

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 6:47-56

Sunday, March 6

Psalms 137, 138

Genesis 48:8-22

Romans 8:11-25

John 6:27-40

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.

Church Calendar

..... February 28 – March 6

SUNDAY

February 28

- 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

TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga in the Hulme Room

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Finance/Budget Committee in the Craig Room
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Dinner in the Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. International Partnerships Mission Action Community in the Stamy Room

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery School Board of Trustees in the Stamy 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

SATURDAY

- Mission Trip to Guatemala: March 5 through 12
- 9:00 a.m. Representative Nominating Committee in the Hulme Room
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor

SUNDAY

March 6

- 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 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
- 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. Community Partnerships Mission Action Community in the Stamy Room
- 12:15 p.m. Sesquicentennial Committee in the Craig 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.

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.

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