

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.

! 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

Two settings of “By the Waters of Babylon”

Johann Pachelbel
Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs
of praise.**

Psalms 124:8; 118:24; 95:1-2

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

ORISON

Justin M. Wallace

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us, that Thy way be known upon earth, Thy saving power among the nations.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the Church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life You offer in Christ, for You overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts You give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward Your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, and the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ’s name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

▲ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Sunday, March 13, 2016

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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 Dr. Conrad C. Sharps
Elder Jayne Adair Cox**

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

Jackson Stephen Sharps

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

John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 106 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

Prayer to Jesus

George Oldroyd

Jesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought, and help that I may to Thee be brought, withouten Thee I may do naught. Jesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and nothing is that Thee may let [hinder], with Thy grace my heart fulfill, my love and my liking in Thee is set. Jesu, at [in accordance with] Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfill, with perfect love to Thee. That I have done ill, Jesu, forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill [perish, be lost], Jesu, for pity. Amen.

Text: Richard Rolle (1300-1349)

SERMON

Remaining On Course

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

▲ 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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Leo Sowerby

Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper, the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Amen.

Text: Psalm 121

▲ 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 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

Eighth Annual Pie Sunday

..... Today, March 13

At the conclusion of worship, come and enjoy a variety of delicious sweet and savory pies along with plenty of wonderful fellowship in the Parish Hall, hosted by the Parish Life Ministry Team.

Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary

..... Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

This 45-minute candlelight Communion service includes a homily, the Lord's Supper, and music offered by the Choirs of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts. (Childcare and webcast available.)

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of S. Alexander and Anne M. Haverstick.

Acolytes for March – Emma R. Balaan and Isabel A. Brooke.

Ushers for March – Randy C. Adams II, Ronald A. Blumer, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Robert J. Miles Sr., Terrence H. Murphy, Victoria L. Potter, Stephen R. Stamy, and Michael S. Wickerham. **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

Richard Rolle (1300–1349) was an English hermit, mystic, and religious writer. In the words of Nicholas Watson, scholarly research has shown that “during the fifteenth century he was one of the most widely read of English writers, whose works survive in nearly four hundred English . . . and at least seventy Continental manuscripts, almost all written between 1390 and 1500.” His works are often classified into commentaries, treatises, and epistles. His “Prayer to Jesus” has been set by a number of composers, perhaps most effectively by English organist and composer, George Oldroyd (1887–1956).

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968) was the leading composer of American church music and many virtuoso organ works during the first half of the twentieth century. His best-known choral composition is his setting of Psalm 121. In this setting, Sowerby eschews counterpoint for a simple, unaffected musical means, including a gentle hint of blues-tinged harmony.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *March 13 – 20*

Sunday, March 13

Psalms 3, 4
Exodus 3:16- 4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59

Tuesday, March 15

Psalms 7, 8
Exodus 5:1- 6:1
1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50

Thursday, March 17

Psalms 10, 11
Exodus 7:25- 8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Saturday, March 19

Psalms 14, 15
Exodus 10:21- 11:8
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Monday, March 14

Psalms 5, 6
Ex. 4:10-20 (21-26), 27-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41

Wednesday, March 16

Psalm 9
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:14- 3:6
Mark 10:1-16

Friday, March 18

Psalms 12, 13
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Sunday, March 20

Psalms 32, 42, 84, 150
Zechariah 9:9-12; 12:9-11;
13:1, 7-9
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Luke 19:41-48

News and Notes

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry Collection - Bags will be distributed after worship today, March 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.

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.

An Invitation to Membership - A class for inquirers occurs Sunday, March 20, from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the Craig Room. (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.

Easter Egg Hunt - All Shadyside families and friends are invited to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 26, on the church lawn. (In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.) Junior and senior high students are encouraged to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to help hide the eggs, while infants to elementary-age students are invited to arrive with their families at 10:00 a.m. for a light breakfast and Easter egg hunt.

Room for One More? We are seeking congregants to host college students for Easter dinner. If you will be having Easter dinner in the Pittsburgh area and have room to host one more person, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office. Thank you!

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, April 6, when we welcome Rev. Caitlin Werth, Pre-Release Program Director of the Foundation of HOPE. 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.)

Culinary Classes - Tie on an apron and join Chef Steven Bright in the church kitchen for hands-on cooking classes in April. The theme for these classes is brunch. Get set to learn crowd-pleasing recipes which can be prepared in advance and simply heated, assembled, or presented before serving. The menu will include savory breakfast bread pudding; pesto scrambled eggs; watercress and arugula salad, with citrus-soy vinaigrette; cob-smoked bacon and sage sausage; miniature cinnamon rolls; and lemon posset. Two classes will be held: Monday, April 11, and Thursday, April 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes will be limited to groups of six in teams of two. Cost for the class is \$15 per person. Please wear comfortable closed-toe shoes and tie back long hair. Register by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or contacting the church office.

Campus Ministry Pirates Game - For our Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) spring celebration, we are headed to PNC Park to watch the Pirates take on the Milwaukee Brewers, on Friday, April 15, at 7:05 p.m. If you would like to watch some baseball and hang out with our area college students before they leave for the summer, you are most welcome to join us. Cost: \$10 per ticket, which includes a \$5 concessions voucher. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium, or contact Rebecca Verley or Katherine Ey. Our twenty-five tickets will go quickly, so reserve your ticket early.

Cookies for College Students - Final exams at Chatham and CMU give SPC the opportunity to care for studying college students. Please join Campus Ministry this semester in spreading the love of Christ through a simple act of baking cookies. We need your help to provide 2,000 cookies – that's 167 dozens. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium, and bring your cookies to the church on Sunday, April 17. Look for a table or cart collecting donations at the Time of Fellowship following worship. Thank you!

Divorce Support Group - A new group is forming for women impacted by separation or divorce. This group will meet monthly in members' homes and will provide support, prayer, and friendship. If you would like to learn more, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz.

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.

Mission Partner Spotlight

The Caribbean Youth Network (CYN) in the Bahamas exists to serve as an international mission organization fostering the planting, partnering, and networking of relational, Christ-centered youth ministry to the ends that youth can be introduced to the Gospel and grow into a mature relationship with Christ. Shadyside has supported this ministry since its founding by Dan and Kelly Weightman, who are native to Pittsburgh. Members from Shadyside have partnered with this ministry through short-term mission trips; most recently, our campus ministry led a trip to serve alongside CYN in March 2014.

For more information, visit www.caribbeanyouthnetwork.org. To join the efforts of the International Partnerships 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.

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

..... March 13 – 20

SUNDAY

March 13

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 5th grade
- 12:00 p.m. Sweet and Savory Pie Fellowship Event in the Parish Hall
- 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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Light Bite Night in the Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Session in the Hulme Room

THURSDAY

- 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

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. HOPE Training in the Hulme Room

SUNDAY

March 20

- 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. Inquirers' Class in the Craig Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Palm Sunday
- 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

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.

Holy Week and Easter at Shadyside

..... *The Passionate Life*

As we follow Christ to the cross, and then through death and loss to the resurrection, we discover that Jesus died to give us life. Join us during Holy Week to find your place in the Passion and the new life Easter offers.

March 20: *Palm Sunday*
11:00 a.m. Worship
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

March 24: *Maundy Thursday*
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

March 25: *Good Friday*
10:00 a.m. Family Service
with Communion in the Chapel
led by the Children's Ministry

7:00 p.m. Service
of Music and Readings
in the Sanctuary
Ešenvalds' Passion and Resurrection
The Chancel Choir with strings

March 27: *Easter*
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Identical Worship Services
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

For more information,
visit the website:

www.shadysidepres.org/lent.

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