

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. (If you are a first-time guest, please accompany your child to the Chapel, and then you may return to the Sanctuary.) 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 prelude.

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Charles Wesley Jr.

Sarabande (on Land of Rest)

Gerald Near

Forlana

Gerald Finzi

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The heavens proclaim Your righteousness, O God.

People: **And all the peoples behold Your glory.**

Pastor: Rejoice in God, O you righteous!

People: **And give thanks to God's holy name!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Psalm 97:6, 12

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

▲ 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 1:5

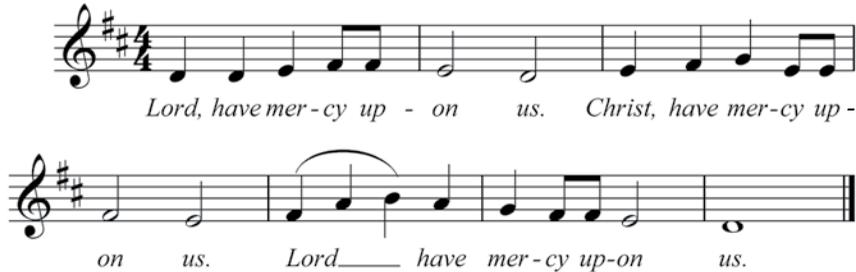
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful spirit; in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (sung in unison)

Healey Willan



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -
on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)

Westminster Abbey (Hymn no. 416)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

Children who are participating in children's worship activities are invited to leave through the Sharp Atrium door. (If you are a first-time guest, please accompany your child to the Chapel, and then you may return to the Sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

page 136 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Think About These Things

Nicholas White

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Text: Philippians 4:6, 8

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

No Opportunity Is a Coincidence

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 146

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Vineyard Haven

▲ 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

God Is Gone Up

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout, the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies. Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down Him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround His chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

Text: Edward Taylor, *Sacramental Meditations*

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen (Hymn no. 229)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Antonio Soler

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Josephine Hastings Brown by her family.

Acolytes for May - Zander B. Reppe and Graham C. Wallace.

Ushers for May - Frederick W. Brooke IV, Walker F. Brooke, Katherine E. Ey, Arthur G. Gilkes Jr., Robert C. Howard, Nathaniel C. Hunter, Margaret V. Kisslinger, James L. Matheny, Hunter A. McGeary Jr., and Thomas L. Wentling Jr. **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

..... May 8 - 15

Sunday, May 8

Psalms 89:38-52; 90
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 10:17-24

Tuesday, May 10

Psalms 94, 95
1 Samuel 16:1-13a
Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 8:18-27

Thursday, May 12

Psalms 98, 99
Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32
Matthew 9:1-8

Saturday, May 14

Psalm 102
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20
Ezekiel 36:22-27
Ephesians 6:1-24
1 Peter 2:4-10
Matthew 9:18-26

Monday, May 9

Psalms 91, 92, 93
Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 3:1-13
Matthew 8:5-17

Wednesday, May 11

Psalms 96, 97
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34

Friday, May 13

Psalms 100, 101
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-20
Matthew 9:9-17

Sunday, May 15

Psalms 29, 33, 104, 150
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
John 4:19-26

About This Morning's Music

The anthem, "Think About These Things," was commissioned by Shadyside Presbyterian Church in honor of Margaret Ross Mehl's forty-nine years of leadership in the Chancel Choir. Composer Nicholas White is a Grammy-nominated composer and conductor, as well as a versatile organist, pianist, and singer. He is Chair of the Arts and Director of Chapel Music at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire.

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956) was a British composer of choral, solo, instrumental, and chamber music. Poet Edward Taylor (1642-1729) was an American Puritan poet and minister of the Congregational church at Westfield, Massachusetts, for over fifty years. Considered one of the more significant poets to appear in America in the 17th and 18th centuries, he gained fame as a result of two works, the *Preparatory Meditations* (1682-1725) and *God's Determinations Touching His Elect* (1682).

Notice of the Annual Meetings

..... Corporation and Congregation of Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The members of the Corporation of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are hereby notified that the Annual Corporation Meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. The purposes of the meeting are to hear annual reports, to elect trustees, and to deal with other appropriate business. The Representative Nominating Committee will present as nominees for the Board of Trustees: Linda C. Fisher, Boyd S. Murray, W. Keith Smith, and Edward B. Wood.

(Signed) Roy G. Dorrance III, Secretary, Board of Trustees

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016, immediately following the Corporation Meeting at 12:00 p.m. The purposes of the meeting are:

1. To hear annual reports,
2. To elect elders, deacons, and members-at-large of the 2017 Representative Nominating Committee, and
3. To deal with any other appropriate business.

The Representative Nominating Committee will present as nominees for the Session: Jayne Adair Cox, James M. Gockley, Robert B. Luthultz, Terrence H. Murphy, Timothy E. Nye, Fallaw B. Sowell, Sharon A. Taylor, June Z. Weber, Richard J. Wood, and Rebecca L. Young.

The committee also will present as nominees for the Board of Deacons: Margaret A. Biddle, Sheila M. Blumer, Benjamin R. Cowley, Sherri P. Krofchik, Kathy Lash, Susan M. Moreland, and William T. Reutzel.

The committee also will present as nominees for the 2017 Representative Nominating Committee: John E. B. Baldrige, Warren R. Clark, Beatrice P. Jones, Susan F. Thomson, and Susan E. Wood.

(Signed) David R. Anthony, Clerk of Session

News and Notes

Midweek Vespers in the Chapel will resume on September 7, the first Wednesday after Labor Day.

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 typically gather on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stamy Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 12. Join us as we continue to build community through study.

An Invitation to Membership - A class for new members occurs Sunday, May 15, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and will include an overview of Presbyterian beliefs and history, as well as an opportunity to learn about the various ministries of SPC. A continental breakfast will be served. Childcare is available during the class. New members will be received on Sunday, May 15, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Ruth Garrett in the church office.

Annual Meetings - Our annual meetings will be held on Sunday, May 15, in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Members are asked to remain so that we can accomplish the election of officers and handle other important business. Extended childcare will be available for the duration of the meeting.

Sesquicentennial Kickoff Sunday and Birthday Cake Fellowship - During the same month in which we observe the liturgical “birthday of the Church” (Pentecost), we also launch the celebration of the 150th “birthday” of Shadyside Presbyterian Church with our annual birthday cake celebration, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, following worship in the Parish Hall. Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship as you discover others who share your birth month – perhaps even your birthday! (Did we mention there will be cake, too?) The Sesquicentennial Kickoff Sunday officially introduces a season dedicated to celebrating 150 years of blessings as a congregation, with many events to experience, guests to greet, and memories to share. Read more online at www.shadysidepres.org/150.

Calling All Bakers - Our annual birthday cake celebration is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, following worship in the Parish Hall. We need a minimum of two dozen cakes. Bake your favorite recipe or try a new one – a variety of cakes makes for a great event. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office to let us know what kind of cake you will bring and which month of the year you would prefer to honor.

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, June 1, when our mission team will share with us about their recent trip to visit our mission partners in India. 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.)

Strawberry Festival - Sponsored by the Board of Deacons, the 23rd Annual Strawberry Festival occurs on Friday, June 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and benefits Sojourner House MOMS, one of our mission partners. This community event offers fun, food, and entertainment for all. We are seeking volunteers to help staff the event as well as donations for the bake sale. Please sign up for these opportunities in the Sharp Atrium.

Vacation Bible School - Registrations are now being accepted for Shadyside's VBS program scheduled for June 20 through 24. Brochures and applications are available in the Sharp Atrium and in the Narthex, as well as online at www.shadysidepres.org/vacation-bible-school-2016. For additional information, please contact Ellen Allston (eallston@shadysidepres.org). Enrollment is limited, so please register soon.

Mars Hill Mission Experience: July 10-16, 2016 - Over 100 people from SPC have traveled to Mars Hill to serve our neighbors in the Appalachian region of North Carolina. We are hoping for fifty participants to take part in our annual mission, and we need you to consider joining the Shadyside team. Projects range from children's ministry to housing rehabilitation. Your presence would be a blessing to this team! For further information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach: tleach@shadysidepres.org.

New Pictorial Directory - Our church's new pictorial directory has been completed. If you were unable to pick up your copy last month, please contact the church office. (One directory per family.) If you would like to help the church conserve print editions for future new members, consider opting for an electronic edition. Contact the church office about this "green" alternative. We thank all members who helped to make our church family album more complete by participating in a portrait session or by submitting photographs.

Book Collection for Mothers of HOPE - The Foundation of HOPE empowers incarcerated and released individuals to restore their relationship with their God, rebuild their lives, and reconcile to their community. One aspect of this program is giving women in the Allegheny County Jail an opportunity to read and record stories for their children. This not only is a service to the women currently in jail, but also provides an outlet of love and support for their children as well. Please join us in providing new youth and children's books, which the mothers will then pass along to their children after recording. A collection basket is located by the Westminster Place entrance; book donations are welcome and appreciated at any time.

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

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.

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

Sojourner House provides in-patient residential treatment to addicted mothers and their children. Mothers can bring three children with them and stay up to six months while receiving intensive treatment for their addiction. Sojourner House is proud to be the only program in Allegheny County that provides each family with their own apartment while the mother receives treatment. Mothers and children can begin to experience the joys and challenges of living as an independent, drug-free family while securely surrounded by round-the-clock support.

The MOMS (Motivation, Opportunities, Mentoring, and Spirituality) Program builds on Sojourner House's experience in providing a holistic mind-body-spirit approach to treating addiction. MOMS provides permanent, supportive housing for homeless, single, dual-diagnosed women in recovery, as well as for their dependent children.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) has partnered with these groups to help transform vacant property into a play yard for the children of Sojourner House MOMS. The church hosts the mothers and their children at the annual Strawberry Festival, and also holds an annual retreat for the mothers while providing craft projects for their children. In addition, the women of Sojourner House and MOMS are recipients of SPC's "Giving Tree" program in December.

For more information, visit www.sojournerhousepa.org. To join the efforts of the Community Partnerships MAC, contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Music for Midsummer Nights

..... A Mini-Series of Midweek Concerts from Music in a Great Space

Music in a Great Space, the concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, thanks you for your support as it concludes its 23rd season. We invite you to join us for a series of delightful concerts on Wednesday evenings in June from 7:00 to 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1

The Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensemble

Wednesday, June 8

Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano, with Abigail Eagleson, piano

Wednesday, June 15

Ellen Fast, piano, with Ashley Freeburn, violin

Wednesday, June 22

The Chamber Choir of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts

Wednesday, June 29

Seth Beckman, piano, with Mark Houghton, French horn

No admission charge. Freewill donations accepted.

The Music in a Great Space concert series is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, an endowment created by Mr. Saul in memory of his mother, Lydia Schulze Saul.

Church Calendar

..... May 8 - 15

TODAY

May 8

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 5th grade
12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
4:30 p.m. Investment Committee in the Stamy Room
6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Haven Dinner Volunteers at Bethlehem Haven
6:00 p.m. Yoga in the Hulme Room

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Board of Trustees off-site
6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons 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
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts Spring Concert in the Sanctuary
Reception following in the Parish Hall

SUNDAY

May 15

9:00 a.m. New Member Class in the Craig Room
9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education in the Sharp Atrium and the Hulme Room
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Pentecost
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 5th grade
12:00 p.m. Annual Meetings in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Extended Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
12:45 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

Adult Bible Study

..... *The Book of Genesis*

On Sundays, May 15 and 22, the Adult Christian Education Team invites you to join us at 9:30 a.m. as our study of the Book of Genesis continues.
(Childcare available.)

Live Webcast

..... *Sundays at 11:00 a.m.*

Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at www.shadysidepres.org/live
Please share this link with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

23rd Annual Strawberry Festival

..... Friday, June 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Welcome summer with neighbors and friends!

Menu items will include fresh strawberries, ice cream, strawberry shortcake, grilled hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, tossed salad, and beverages. Baked goods also will be available for purchase. Activities will include games on the McClintock Lawn with prizes for everyone, children's crafts, balloons, and face painting.

(In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.)

There is no charge for admission; crafts and the cakewalk are free. Tickets for refreshments and other activities will be available for purchase. Baked goods may be purchased with cash. All proceeds from the festival's activities will benefit the Sojourner House MOMS program. For more information about Sojourner House, visit www.sojournerhousepa.org.

Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*

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Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*

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Rebecca V. Reeder, *Campus Ministry - Carnegie Mellon
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