

# 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.*

*Once the Welcome has begun, please wait to enter the Sanctuary until the choir has processed.*

## PRELUDE

Prelude, Menuet, and Prière

Léon Boëllmann

## WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to God, for God is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: God fills the hungry with good things.

**People: Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

Pastor: God leads us to a new identity, to new life.

**People: We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 253

I'll Praise My Maker

*Old 113<sup>th</sup>*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

## ORISON

George Thalben-Ball

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Text: Isaiah 26:3

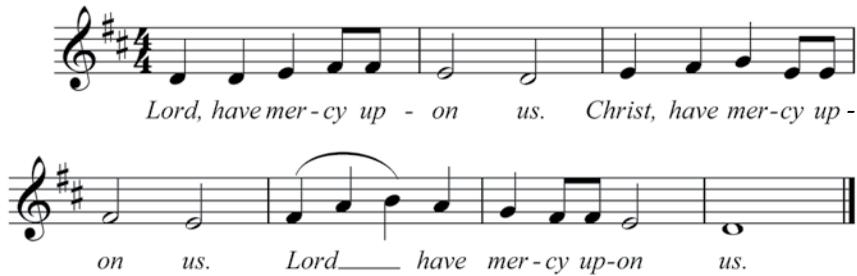
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**Righteous God, our lives are far from holy. You ache every time we destroy beauty, every time we harm one another, every time greed squashes kindness. You see us when we ignore the outstretched hand and turn a deaf ear to cries for help. Merciful God, forgive us and let us take up the challenge to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly on the earth. Forgive us and let Your Spirit fill us with courage. Forgive us and remind us of the ways You bless us. Never let us forget Your all-embracing love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## 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

Luke 12:13-21

page 74 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow Thee. O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love! Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; adapted G. Horder, 1884

## SERMON

It's Never Too Late

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

### ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

### ▲ 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

**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.**

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Richard Shephard

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace! Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace. He speaks, and, listening to His voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### ▲ 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 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*St. Thomas*

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

## About This Morning's Music

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) wrote extensively for various music journals, and was a professor of composition and musical history at the Royal College of Music. In 1895, Parry was named head of the College, remaining in the post for the rest of his life. He was concurrently professor of music at the University of Oxford from 1900 to 1908. He wrote several books about music and music history, the best-known of which is probably his 1909 study of Johann Sebastian Bach. Among those who studied under Parry at the Royal College were Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Frank Bridge, and John Ireland.

Richard Shephard (b. 1949) was educated at the King's School, Gloucester, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He is Chamberlain of Yorkminster, head of its development department, and Honorary Visiting Fellow in the Music Department of the University of York. His compositions include operas, oratorios, and orchestral works, but it is perhaps for his church music that he is best known. His anthems and service settings are sung widely in the cathedrals and churches of the United Kingdom, and they have a considerable following in the United States. He holds the Lambeth Doctorate of Music from Oxford University and two Honorary Doctorates from the University of the South (Sewanee, Tennessee) and the University of York (York, United Kingdom).

# Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning** are given in joyful gratitude for the cheerful and caring ministries of Laurel Schultz and Katherine Ey by Anne and Joe Camp. We pray many blessings on their new directions.

**Ushers for July** - Randy C. Adams II, Linda C. Fisher, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Sang C. Park, Frederick Porkolab, Richard H. Potter, Rebecca D. Reeder, 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.

## About the Cover Image

*We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*

..... Romans 12:5 .....

The Communications Committee is pleased to highlight both the spiritual depth and visual impact of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's graphic signature, pictured on the back cover in its entirety and incorporated partially in the cover artwork of this morning's bulletin. We believe it makes a dynamic statement about our church and faith, using profound scriptural imagery and evoking a unique aesthetic feature of our sacred space.

Worship is the core of our Christ-centered congregation. Appropriately, our graphic signature draws inspiration from the visual centerpiece of our worship space: Rudolf Sheffler's shimmering mosaic of the Transfigured Christ. Just as in the apse of our chancel, where innumerable individual tiles form an image of Jesus Christ, so, too, our graphic serves as an illustration of the biblical passage quoted above: In the church, many members unite to comprise one body in Christ. The graphic, in the shape of a cross, is formed by a collection of distinct pieces surrounding a common center: the bright light of Jesus. Indeed, rather than merely representing fixed, static mosaic tiles, the image also emits energy and movement, befitting our mission-minded and actively caring congregation. Considered as a whole, the glowing, growing cruciform imparts an impression of ongoing expansion, recalling our church's vision of continually building Christian community.

## News and Notes

**Campus Ministry Summer Fun Event** - Campus Ministry invites all college students to a dinner and movie night off-site on Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium; RSVPs are encouraged (but not required) by Wednesday, August 10, to help with food preparations. For more information, contact Rebecca Reeder through the church office.

**Young Adult Bible Study** - Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in a Bible study focusing on various books of the Bible, from Psalms to Philemon. We 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, August 11. Join us as we continue to build community through study.

**Summer Chancel Flowers** - Sunday, August 21, remains available to provide chancel memorial flowers. Please contact Ruth Garrett (rgarrett@shadysidepres.org) in the church office for details.

**An Invitation to Be a Christian Education Teacher, Leader, or Volunteer** - One of the wonderful things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need more! One of the frustrating and challenging things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need more! It's wonderful because there is room for you - make the decision to join us this year. Opportunities exist to engage with any age level - elementary, middle school, high school, college students, and even adults. Join us for a training workshop on Sunday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hulme Room. For more information, please contact Ellen Allston (eallston@shadysidepres.org) or Rev. John Magnuson (jmaguson@shadysidepres.org).

**PRISM Open House** - Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host the 2016 Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries' (PRISM) Open House, on Wednesday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The event includes dinner for approximately seventy-five international students and SPC volunteers. We need twenty wonderful people to volunteer to be present and welcome these students to Pittsburgh, and, more specifically, to Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium. For additional information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

**Summer Reading Suggestions** - The Adult Christian Education Team invites you to visit the bookshelf in the Parlor (accessible through the Sharp Atrium) for a curated selection of suggested summer readings, from novels to theology. Browse the recommended titles and consider participating in this relaxed reading program. Then, on Sunday, September 4, plan to join us at 9:30 a.m. for an informal gathering to engage in casual conversation about what we've read over the summer months.

**Save the Date** - If you are interested in uniting with our church family, the next Inquirers' Class is scheduled for Sundays, September 18 and 25, at 9:45 a.m. The class includes an overview of Presbyterian beliefs and history, as well as an opportunity to learn about the various ministries of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration** - Shadyside Presbyterian Church has begun a season dedicated to celebrating 150 years of blessings as a congregation, with many events to experience, guests to greet, and memories to share. We especially hope you will plan to join us for worship at 10:45 a.m. on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2016. Read more online at [www.shadysidepres.org/150](http://www.shadysidepres.org/150).

**All-Church Retreat** - Please join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for a time of fun, contemplation, fellowship, and spiritual growth during the church retreat which takes place on the evening of Friday, October 7, through the afternoon of Saturday, October 8, at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center, in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. This congregational event will be a casual opportunity both to engage in spiritual formation and to experience a time of fellowship and sanctuary in a natural setting that embodies the beauty of God's creation. Experiences will be geared toward all ages, including adults, children, college students, and young adults. (Childcare and children's activities are provided.) There will be opportunities for campfires, walks, exploring one's faith, and encountering a time of communing with God. Brochures with details and registration forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium, and online at [www.shadysidepres.org/retreat](http://www.shadysidepres.org/retreat). (Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 28, to guarantee your T-shirt.)

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org).

**The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, [www.shadysidepres.org](http://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.

## Sesquicentennial Mission Gift

..... *Celebrating 150 Years of Blessings* .....

In honor of our Sesquicentennial Anniversary, we are collecting a special offering to be presented on World Communion Sunday to two significant mission partners: the Neighborhood Academy in Pittsburgh, and our sister congregation, the Soche Church in Malawi, Africa. The Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation has agreed to join us in this historic effort through a matching grant. We ask you to give generously to both honor and advance our historic and biblical calling to share the gospel of Jesus Christ both near and far. More information and contribution envelopes may be found in the brochures located in the pews, Narthex, and Sharp Atrium.

## Mission Partner Spotlight

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's relationship with Malawi began in the mid 1990s, as forward-thinking members became involved with the Pittsburgh Presbytery's partnership with Blantyre Synod. Located in southern Malawi, this synod ministers to the largest denomination in the region (Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian or CCAP), and to its commercial and banking center. Over the past eighteen years, we have had five mission trips to this region, developing and sustaining several partner projects. The most recent of these trips occurred in September 2014.

Soche Church, located in the Blantyre Synod, is a sister church of Shadyside. These two churches have been in partnership for more than fifteen years. Projects completed together include a new church construction, the completion of a church manse, and a community kitchen which serves both congregation and community members. In addition, we have hosted multiple members of Soche Church in Pittsburgh. Most of our mission teams have enjoyed the privilege of worshipping with our brothers and sisters from the other side of the world; a small team from Shadyside worshipped with this sister church in 2014. Worship at Soche gives the best vision of God's Kingdom that penetrates to this world: a vision of radical hospitality, love, and brotherhood that transcends race, culture, geography, distance, and time. Our partnership with Soche was clearly ordained by God, and is a strong conduit through which God works not only in Central Africa, but in Pittsburgh as well.

Good relationships require maintenance. In addition to traveling to visit with Soche (a round trip journey approaching 20,000 miles), we are exploring ways in which we could partner more closely with them. Soche Church desires its own Orphan Care Center, and, aside from providing financing for this project, we may be able to host larger group travel to work physically with them on the other side of the world.

The Soche Church is one of two mission partners to receive Shadyside Presbyterian Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Gift. Please see page 9 for more information on how you can contribute to this historic effort.

To join the efforts of the International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Silent Auction, and Buffet Dinner in Support of Hosanna House

..... *Saturday, September 10, at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport* .....  
*Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m.; Dinner served between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.*

Not a golfer? Not a problem! Non-golfers are welcome to come just for the auction and dinner.

Cost for golf, cart, and dinner: \$80 • Cost for dinner only: \$15 per adult, \$7 per child (10 and under)

Registration deadline is August 28; forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. For details, contact Carla Gedman or JoAnn Patross through the church office, or visit [www.shadysidepres.org/golf-outing](http://www.shadysidepres.org/golf-outing).

**Hole sponsors are greatly appreciated at \$150 per hole; Angel sponsorship is \$1,000.**

# Church Calendar

..... July 31 – August 7 .....

<b>TODAY</b> <i>July 31</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship (location to be announced)
<b>MONDAY</b>	4:30 p.m.	Communications Committee in the Hulme Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>August 7</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship (location to be announced)

## Live Webcast

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

[www.shadysidepres.org/live](http://www.shadysidepres.org/live)

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

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... July 31 – August 7 .....

<b>Sunday, July 31</b> Psalms 87, 88 Judges 6:1-24 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Mark 3:20-30	<b>Tuesday, August 2</b> Psalms 89:38-52; 90 Judges 7:1-18 Acts 3:1-11 John 1:19-28	<b>Thursday, August 4</b> Psalms 94, 95 Judges 8:22-35 Acts 4:1-12 John 1:43-51	<b>Saturday, August 6</b> Psalms 98, 99 Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 Acts 4:32- 5:11 John 2:13-25
<b>Monday, August 1</b> Psalm 89:1-37 Judges 6:25-40 Acts 2:37-47 John 1:1-18	<b>Wednesday, August 3</b> Psalms 91, 92, 93 Judges 7:19- 8:12 Acts 3:12-26 John 1:29-42	<b>Friday, August 5</b> Psalms 96, 97 Judges 9:1-16, 19-21 Acts 4:13-31 John 2:1-12	<b>Sunday, August 7</b> Psalms 100, 101 Judges 11:1-11, 29-40 2 Corinthians 11:21b-31 Mark 4:35-41

## Church Staff

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