

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

Pastorale

Darius Milhaud

A Meditation on “Brother James’ Air”

Harold Darke

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Faith is a gift from God to those who will accept it, but it requires the giving of ourselves in trust to God.

People: **The faith which God gives inspires us to believe and enables us to put our trust in God through all questioning and doubt.**

Pastor: When God promises, we believe. When God leads, we follow. That is the response faith stirs in us.

People: **May God’s revelation in Christ stir us to faith in His salvation and obedience to His leading.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text: Sarum Primer, 1558

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O God of love and mercy, we confess that we have done that which is wrong in Your sight. We have wronged ourselves by yielding to the desires of our lower nature. We have wronged others by word and deed. We have wronged You, O God, for we have failed to be true to the insights You have given us. We have kept our eyes on this world, when You have called us to Christ-like mission and ministry in Your kingdom. We have turned our faces away from injustices and evil, when You have called us to encounter the reality of sin and to overcome it. We have hidden behind clichés and slogans instead of searching for Your truth. Cleanse our hearts that we may love You above all else and our neighbor as ourselves, through 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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

page 227 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Glenn Rudolph

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind! Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize will be; Jesus be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Text: 12th century Latin

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1, 7-14

page 77 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

The Eternal Host

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 310

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

▲ 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder JoAnn F. Patross

The Golf Outing Benefitting Hosanna House

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Brother James' Air

James L. Bain, arr. A. Bullard

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for His own name's sake. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1625

▲ 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 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Erickson

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Curt and Polly Hockenberry and John and Helen Lewis by their granddaughter, Kelly Lewis.

The Chancel Choir is in recess for the month of August. The ensemble singing today is Gail Roup and Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano; Abigail Eagleson and Jolanta Doherty, alto; David M. Johnson, tenor; and Brian Doherty and Curt Scheib, baritone.

Ushers for August - Brigetta P. Del Re, Richard O. Goehring, Herold S. Hannah Jr., Rebecca D. Reeder, 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

..... August 28 - September 4

Sunday, August 28

Psalms 130, 131, 132
Job 11:1-9, 13-20
Revelation 5:1-14
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, August 30

Psalms 136
Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27
Acts 12:1-17
John 8:33-47

Thursday, September 1

Psalms 139, 140, 141
Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16
Acts 13:1-12
John 9:1-17

Saturday, September 3

Psalms 145, 146
Job 22:1-4, 21-23:7
Acts 13:26-43
John 10:1-18

Monday, August 29

Psalms 133, 134, 135
Job 12:1-6, 13-25
Acts 11:19-30
John 8:21-32

Wednesday, August 31

Psalms 137, 138
Job 12:1, 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25
John 8:47-59

Friday, September 2

Psalms 142, 143, 144
Job 19:1-7, 14-27
Acts 13:13-25
John 9:18-41

Sunday, September 4

Psalms 147, 148
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Midweek Vespers in the Chapel

..... Wed., Sept. 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek vespers in the Chapel resume Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 p.m. These thirty-minute candlelight services, with Communion, offer a more intimate worship experience in the midst of our hectic lives.

Live Webcast

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

Listen to a live audio stream 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.

Adult Christian Education

..... Beginning Sunday, September 18, at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, September 18, 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.

Adult Bible Study

Starting September 18, we will study the writings of St. John, beginning with the Gospel, continuing with the epistles, and concluding with the Book of Revelation. Join us for this year-long study led by Elder Richard L. McGough III.

Please pick up a bookmark available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium to preview the schedule for future studies.

Topical Book Study

Read and discuss recent books on Christianity, faith, and life. From September 18 through October 16, discover your God-given talents with Elders Jayne Adair Cox and Randy C. Adams II as we read *Living Your Strengths*.

News and Notes

Campus Ministry Welcomes College Students - We extend a special welcome to all new and returning college students as life on campus begins to be re-energized with the start of a new academic term. Our Campus Ministry staff would love to connect with you; please meet Brytani Clifton (Chatham) or Rebecca Reeder (CMU) in the Sharp Atrium following worship today, or contact them through the church office.

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.

Mission Partner Breakfast - Next Sunday, September 4, our mission partners from India will visit Shadyside Presbyterian Church. The congregation is welcome to an informational breakfast that will be led by our mission partners at 9:45 a.m. in Parish Hall. To RSVP, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office by Wednesday of this week. For further information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

Summer Reading Discussion - The Adult Christian Education Team invites you to join us on Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 a.m. for an informal gathering to engage in casual conversation about what we have read over the summer months, whether that includes our recommended reading or a book of your own choosing. Ranging from memoirs to theology, suggested titles include *Traveling Mercies*, by Anne Lamott; *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, by Ron Sider; *When God Isn't Green*, by Jay Wexler; and *Fear of the Other*, by William H. Willimon. We hope you will participate as we wrap up our summer of reading.

Women's Weekday Bible Study begins Thursday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Craig Room. The study will engage Lysa TerKeurst's book *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God*. Women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us! Questions? Please contact Connie Coffelt, Eileen Flaherty, or Lauren Sharps 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, September 8. Join us as we continue to build community through study.

Daily Lectionary - As a part of our church-wide discipleship, we will continue following the daily lectionary. This September and following, we will be using the *Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer*. This book, full of prayers and intimate worship services, also contains the daily lectionary. Feel free to pick up one of the books from the book case in the Parlor (accessible via the Sharp Atrium) for a suggested donation of \$10. (Checks may be placed in an offering plate and made payable to "Shadyside Presbyterian Church" with "Daily Lectionary" in the memo line.) On Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 a.m., a class will occur in the Chapel to discuss how best to use this book and all of its resources, including prayers, services, and the daily lectionary. We hope you will join us on this journey of discipleship! We are currently in Year 2 of the daily lectionary, located in the back of the book. If you have questions, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

God and Family First (GAFF) on Second Sundays at SPC - On the second Sunday of the month, join other families at 9:30 a.m. for a child-friendly family fellowship in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be provided to help you start the morning. Young children can play and parents can converse with each other (or at least try to do so). This opportunity is a great way to meet other families; while children form and explore new friendships, adults may discover other exciting things happening at Shadyside. Our next gathering occurs on Sunday, September 11.

Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) is a comprehensive music training program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. SAM introduces our church family's children to our rich heritage of music and allows them the opportunity to be leaders in worship. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 11, at 11:20 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. Questions? Please contact Stephen Donnelly through the church office.

Campus Ministry "Welcome" Cookout - Join the Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) as we welcome our area college students with a cookout under the tent on the McClintock Lawn on Thursday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. We also will show a family-friendly movie under the tent beginning at 8:00 p.m. for those who want to continue enjoying fellowship after dinner. All are welcome! RSVPs are encouraged to ensure enough food; please register before Monday, September 12, by signing up in the Sharp Atrium, calling the church office, or contacting Brytani Clifton or Rebecca Reeder.

An Invitation to Membership - A two-week class for inquirers occurs Sundays, September 18 and 25, 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, September 25, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Ruth Garrett in the church office.

Connections Dinner - On Wednesday, September 21, supper is served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The menu will include chicken and mushroom Alfredo; kale and romaine Caesar salad; and sliced baguettes or yeast rolls. Assorted cookies will be served for dessert. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Monday, September 19. Cost: adults, \$6; children 10 and under, goodwill offering. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers. Also mark your calendar for the next Connections Dinner on Wednesday, October 26.

Chancel Flowers - Sunday, September 25, remains available to provide chancel memorial flowers. Please contact Ruth Garrett (rgarrett@shadysidepres.org) in the church office for details.

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.

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. (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.

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

As a mission of SPC, the Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School was founded in 1951 to provide a stimulating environment in which children can achieve their potential for social, intellectual, creative, emotional, moral, and physical development. With more than sixty years of experience with pre-school children, the nursery school takes pride in its long tradition of providing a safe, nurturing environment in which our children are encouraged to learn and grow. We believe each child is unique and special. The school has its own board of directors, but remains a mission of SPC.

For more information about the nursery school, visit www.shadysideschool.org. To join the efforts of the Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC), contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Church Calendar

..... August 28 - September 4

TODAY

August 28

- 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 (location to be announced)
- 12:15 p.m. Sesquicentennial Committee in the Craig Room
- 12:15 p.m. Training for Christian Education Volunteers in the Hulme Room – Youth through Adult Session (for those teaching ages 6th grade through adult)

TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries' (PRISM) Dinner in the Parish Hall

THURSDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library

SUNDAY

September 4

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education: Summer Reading Discussion in the Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Mission Partner Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
- 12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship (location to be announced)
- 12:15 p.m. Community Partnerships Mission Action Community in the Stamy Room

Annual Potluck Picnic Under the Tent

..... Sunday, September 18, following worship

Great food and fun for all ages. Everyone is welcome! The church will provide fried chicken, ham, and baked beans. Please bring an entrée or side dish to feed 12 people. Ice cream, sorbet, and a variety of toppings will be provided for dessert. Don't cook? Come anyway; we will have enough food for all. Comfortable clothing is encouraged. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office to RSVP by Wednesday, September 14.

17th 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 today, 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.

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

Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*

John F. Magnuson, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

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

Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for
Children's Ministry*

Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*

Robert K. Anderson, *Head Sexton*

Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*

Jane M. Boyle, *Director of Children's Handbell Choir*

Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*

Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*

Brytani A. Clifton, *Campus Ministry -
Chatham University*

Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music
Education*

Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*

Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*

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Mary E. Lang, *Director of the Nursery School*

Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*

Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*

Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*

Rebecca D. Reeder, *Campus Ministry -
Carnegie Mellon University*

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Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*



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