

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 evening, 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.

Individual listening devices for improved sound are available for those with hearing needs. Please see an usher in the Narthex.

This Evening in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Ushers - Ellen L. Allston, Mark G. Allston, and Kelly L. Lewis

! 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

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O come, let us sing unto the Lord!

People: **Let us shout with joy to the Rock of our Salvation.**

Pastor: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: **And let us sing joyful songs of praise.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

▲ HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Come with Hearts and Voices

Johann Sebastian Bach (arr. K. Lee Scott)

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

When we lose patience, when we are unkind, when we are envious, when we are proud, when we are selfish or irritable, and when we will not forgive: have mercy on us, O God. Help us not to delight in evil, but to rejoice in Your truth with thankful hearts; help us always to protect, to trust, to hope, and to persevere, so that we may see You face to face, and learn to love as You love us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Dundee (Hymn no. 234)

Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin. According to Your steadfast love, come, cleanse us deep within.

Text: Based on Psalm 51, Fred R. Anderson, 1986

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Ash Grove (Hymn no. 554)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:11-20

page 200 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

O Give Thanks

Robert J. Powell

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano

MEDITATION

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Giving Thanks for Our Inheritance

▲ 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.

THE PROCESSION OF THANKSGIVING

Worshippers are invited to come forward to place their monetary offerings and their donations of food upon the Communion table. The ushers will release your pews.

Please approach the table using the center aisle and return to the pews using the side aisles. If you are unable to process, please give your offering to an usher who will place it on the table for you.

HYMN 559

We Gather Together

Kremser

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

▲ HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Walther

Immediately following the service, the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) needs your assistance carrying the donated food to the Chapel. East End Cooperative Ministry will deliver the food to their food pantry on Tuesday.

Adult Christian Education

..... Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday mornings, 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.

Topical Book Study

From November 27 through January 8, pause and take a heartfelt look at the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah as we read Enuma Okoro's *Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent* with Tamika Barrett and Janice L. Murray.

Adult Bible Study

Explore Scripture in-depth in this study led by Elder Richard L. McGough III. This year, join us as we study the writings of St. John, beginning with the Gospel, continuing with the epistles, and concluding with the Book of Revelation.

News and Notes

Christmas Poinsettias – The Board of Deacons is providing the opportunity for the placement of poinsettias for the worship services on Christmas Eve. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. All orders must be received by Sunday, November 27.

Connections Dinner – On Wednesday, November 30, supper is served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The menu will include meatloaf with stewed tomato jam; sour cream whipped potatoes; steamed buttered peas; and sliced baguettes with butter. Assorted cookies will be served for dessert. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Monday, November 28. The suggested donation for adults is \$6; for children 10 and under, a goodwill offering. If you are able, we hope you will stay for Advent Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Care Packages for Students and Military – Next month, the Deacons will send care packages to our college students and military. We need current contact information for new and existing students or military personnel. If you have a child or loved one in college or the military, please share the recipient's name and address with us by contacting the church office before Friday, December 2. Thank you!

The Giving Tree – On Sundays, December 4 and 11, the Giving Tree will be decorated with special ornaments listing the name and clothing/shoe sizes of the women from Sojourner House and POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery). A member of the Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) will be present to register your name along with the name of the recipient. Gift-wrapped pajamas and slippers should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 18. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Iadicicco through the church office.

Christmas Community Open House – On Wednesday, December 7, take a break from the hustle and bustle of this hectic season, and refresh your spirit in the beauty and serenity of our sacred space. Warm beverages and desserts will be available in the Sharp Atrium from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection. Elder Tim Engleman will lead interactive architectural tours of the sanctuary from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Join us as your schedule permits, and please invite friends and neighbors to this welcoming event.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church and Sojourner House Women's Retreat – Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host a Women's Retreat for the women of Sojourner House on Saturday, December 10. All women from Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to attend the retreat and spend a morning in fellowship with our community partner. Volunteers are needed and should plan on arriving at 9:00 a.m., and leaving by 1:30 p.m. (The women and children should start to arrive at 9:30 a.m., and will start to depart at 1:00 p.m.) If you would like to volunteer, or simply would like to attend the retreat, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Flaherty through the church office.

Alternative Gifts for Christmas – During Advent, we invite you to consider donating to one or several of six beloved SPC missions in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship on Sundays, December 11 and 18, to learn more about each organization. You also may support our mission partners by purchasing baked goods from the youth of our church. Your monetary gift includes an acknowledgement card and is tax deductible. Additional order forms will be available in the Sharp Atrium and Narthex in late November. What a caring, giving way to honor your loved ones while supporting those in need locally and internationally!

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 which lifts up urgent prayer requests. 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

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is a ministry in the East Liberty neighborhood that provides services for people and families in need. For those who are hungry, EECM provides Meals on Wheels, a food pantry, and a soup kitchen. For those who are homeless, EECM provides single-night housing, transitional housing, and specialized housing for those who are mentally ill and those with special needs.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) holds a quarterly food drive for the EECM food pantry and serves monthly meals at the EECM shelter. Some Shadyside members also participate in the Meals on Wheels program.

For more information, visit www.eecm.org. To join the efforts of the Hunger and Homelessness MAC, contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Advent Vespers

..... *Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, at 7:00 p.m.*

During the season of Advent, Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to join us on Wednesdays for an evening of music and reflection in our Sanctuary. These 45-minute candlelight Communion services include a homily, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and the choirs of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts. Childcare is available.

Wednesday, November 30

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Wednesday, December 14

Rev. John F. Magnuson, preaching

Wednesday, December 7

Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching

Wednesday, December 21

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Join us via the live webcast at www.shadysidepres.org/live.

Sundays in Advent

..... Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for His coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

First Sunday of Advent, November 27

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

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