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 second-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- and second-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.

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.

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 on *Veni*, *Emmanuel* Divinum Mysterium

Philip Moore Richard Purvis

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

Daniel, Victoria, Brooklyn, and Hudson Potter, Children's and Family Ministries

A HYMN IN PROCESSION 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Carol of Prophecy

Shirley W. McRae

The Nazareth Choir

Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo! The desert will rejoice and blossom as a rose, it will blossom and shout for joy. Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Text based on Isaiah 11 and 35

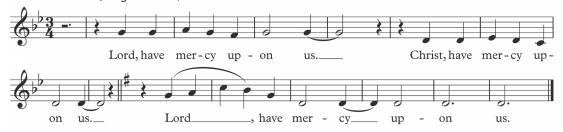
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken in unison)

God, Your love is wider than our sight; Your grace is more wonderful than we can sing. Yet You choose to visit us as a Child in a manger and save us as a Redeemer. We admit that we are often not ready to receive You. Our world is torn by horrors in distant countries, and our communities have children lost in ways of hopelessness and despair. Our lives are busy to the point of exhaustion, and we carry so much worry that our prayer life seems dry and our joy flat. Holy and awesome God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song on the darkest night, might feel Your presence in the midst of common tasks and sense joy and hope that flows from the strength of Your care. Come, give us a heart of praise and a song of gladness, for it is in Jesus' name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson



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

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Matthew 11:2-11

page 11 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

And the Glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Text: Isaiah 40:5

SCRIPTURE

James 5:7-11

page 231 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Accepting Strain to Gain Strength

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

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 Percy M. Jackson

Alternative Gifts for Christmas

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.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Magnificat Lee Hoiby

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel as He promised to our forefather Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 1:46-55

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth (Hymn no. 220)

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

- **▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER**
- A HYMN 13

Prepare the Way

Bereden väg för Herran

- **A BENEDICTION**
- **▲ CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Noël Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Acolytes for December - Luke A. Diel and Jonathan P. Stamy.

Ushers for December - Brigetta P. Del Re, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Herold S. Hannah Jr., Percy M. Jackson, W. Duff McCrady, Terrence H. Murphy, Sang C. Park, Martin E. Powell, 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.

Chancel Choir Concert

······ Today, at 3:00 p.m. ·······

The Chancel Choir sings John Rutter's *Gloria* accompanied by brass, percussion, and organ, along with other carols for the Advent and Christmas seasons. (Free; no tickets necessary.)

Pittsburgh Camerata Concert

...... Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh's premier professional chamber choir presents *Sure on This Shining Night*: music for the season that evokes wonder and mystery. Tickets may be purchased at www.pittsburghcamerata.org

About This Morning's Music

Richard Irven Purvis (1913–1994) was an American organist, composer, conductor, and teacher. Educated at the Curtis Institute as well as privately in England and Paris, he spent the bulk of his career as organist and choirmaster at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

Lee Hoiby (1926–2011) was an American composer, pianist, and teacher. He was a student of Gian Carlo Menotti (*Amahl and the Night Visitors*) at the Curtis Institute. Mostly known for his operas, he also wrote extensively for solo singers, most notably Leontyne Price and William Stone. His music was a refreshingly melodic and harmonic counter to the atonal experimentalism of his day.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18 Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching For more information, visit the website: www.shadysidepres.org/advent

Advent Vespers

...... Wednesdays, December 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, December 14

Rev. John F. Magnuson, preaching

Wednesday, December 21 Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

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

News and Notes

If you use offering envelopes, they will be available in the Parish Hall today and Sundays, December 18 and 25. Please help the church economize on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

The Giving Tree - Today, December 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.

Alternative Gifts for Christmas - During Advent, we invite you to consider donating to one or several beloved SPC missions in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship today and next Sunday, December 18, to learn more about all six organizations this event supports: Brother's Brother Foundation, the Foundation of Hope, Garfield Community Farm, Promised Land Ministries in Guatemala, Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard, and our mission partners in India. You also may support our mission partners by purchasing baked goods from the youth of our church today. Additional order forms are available in the Sharp Atrium and Narthex. What a caring, giving way to honor your loved ones while supporting those in need locally and internationally!

Share Gifts of Shadyside - Does your gift list include someone interested in architecture, history, or Shadyside Presbyterian Church? Copies of the church's recently published history book, *Liturgy: A Reflection on Shadyside Presbyterian Church*, will be sold after worship today and Sunday, December 18. Limited copies of author Tim Engleman's previous book about the Christian symbolism of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's architecture, *Evidence of Things Not Seen*, also will be available for purchase. Need more gift ideas? We have choral and organ music CDs, as well, including the Chancel Choir's latest release, *Through All the Circling Years*. The church office is able to assist with fulfillment on weekdays; order forms may be found in the Narthex.

Cookies for College Students - Campus Ministry hopes to gather 2,000 cookies to distribute to students in our continuing efforts to share love and encouragement during the stressful finals week for CMU and Chatham. Homemade cookie donations will be collected and bagged in the Hulme Room during the Time of Fellowship following worship today, December 11. Not a baker but have a heart for college students and a smile to cheer them up? Join us Monday or Wednesday, December 12 or 14, to deliver the cookies to students. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium, or contact Brytani Clifton or Rebecca Reeder.

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 one Wednesday of each month, dinner occurs from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us on Wednesday, December 14, when we welcome Joann Cyganovich, Executive Director of Sojourner House. 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.)

Young Adult Gathering: Movie & Dinner - On Sunday, December 18, join other young adults at 5:00 p.m. for a viewing of *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Regent Square Theater (1035 S. Braddock Avenue). We will meet at the theater and then head to dinner afterward. The cost of the movie is free, but East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is collecting canned food items. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

Pledges and Year-End Giving - As we come to the close of the year, please consider whether you have completed paying your pledge for this calendar year. For those who make year-end gifts, please remember the church in your giving. Both pledges and gifts must be **received** by December 31 in order to be included in this year. Looking ahead, if you have not made your pledge for 2017, please do so by filling out one of the pledge forms in the pews and placing it in the offering plate or sending it to the church office.

Midweek Vespers will not be held on Wednesday, December 28. Vespers resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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

- **Daily Lectionary** As a part of our church-wide discipleship, we follow the daily lectionary in the *Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer*, which also contains prayers and intimate worship services. Feel free to pick up one of the books from the bookcase 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.) We hope you will join us on this journey of discipleship!
- **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.

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 December 18, 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.

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

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 11 - 18

Sunday, December 11	Tuesday, December 13	Thursday, December 15	Saturday, December 17
Psalms 24; 150	Psalms 33; 146	Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20	Psalms 90; 149
Isaiah 13:1-13	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:18- 10:4	Isaiah 10:20-27
Hebrews 12:18-29	2 Peter 1:12-21	2 Peter 2:10b-16	Jude 17-25
John 3:22-30	Luke 22:54-69	Matthew 3:1-12	Luke 3:1-9
Monday, December 12	Wednesday, December 14	Friday, December 16	Sunday, December 18
Psalms 122; 145	Psalms 50; 147:1-11	Psalms 102; 148	Psalms 24; 150
Isaiah 8:16-9:1	Isaiah 9:8-17	Isaiah 10:5-19	Isaiah 11:1-9
2 Peter 1:1-11	2 Peter 2:1-10a	2 Peter 2:17-22	Ephesians 6:10-20
Luke 22:39-53	Mark 1:1-8	Matthew 11:2-15	John 3:16-21

About the Cover Artist

Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. She serves as director of the Wellspring Studio and travels widely as a retreat leader and conference speaker. Known for her distinctive intertwining of word and image, Jan's work has attracted an international audience drawn to the welcoming and imaginative spaces that she creates in her books, online blogs, and public events. Whether creating her luminous painted paper collages, or laying down the haunting lines of her charcoal drawings, Jan illuminates the landscape of faith with courageous vision and a generous spirit. To learn more about Jan's ministry in word and image, visit her website at janrichardson.com.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Shadyside Presbyterian Church serves area college students by partnering with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) through our Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC). Our two dedicated Campus Ministry staff, Brytani Clifton and Rebecca Reeder, are actively "transforming college students to transform the world" and do so by developing "men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of their life." For more information about the CCO, visit www.ccojubilee.org.

Brytani and Rebecca develop student leaders on campus at Chatham and CMU by leading Bible studies, forming discipleship groups, and advising student groups such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). They also develop student leaders through transformative opportunities such as the Jubilee Conference (www.jubileeconference.com), Ocean City Beach Project (www.ocbp.ccojubilee.org), and spring break mission trips offered in conjunction with Shadyside Presbyterian Church's International Partnerships MAC.

The Campus Ministry MAC provides opportunities for students to become part of the life of our congregation. For more information, visit www.shadysidepres.org/campus-ministry. To join the efforts of the Campus Ministry MAC, contact Rev. Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Church Calendar

..... December 11 – 18

TODAY December 11	11:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary — Third Sunday of Advent Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall Alternative Gifts for Christmas and the Giving Tree in the Parish Hall Campus Ministry Cookie Collection and Bagging in the Hulme Room Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel Growth Task Force in the Craig Room SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room Chancel Choir Concert for Advent and Christmas in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Sharp Atrium
MONDAY	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Campus Ministry Cookie Distribution at Chatham University — Meet in the Sharp Atrium Mission Involvement Task Force in the Craig Room Pittsburgh Camerata Rehearsal in the Chapel
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room Staff Christmas Gathering off-site — Office Closed Bethlehem Haven Shelter Dinner Volunteers at Bethlehem Haven Yoga in the Hulme Room Pittsburgh Camerata Rehearsal in the Sanctuary and Chapel
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	Mission Dinner in the Parish Hall Advent Vespers in the Sanctuary Mission and Urban Ministry Team in the Stamy Room Campus Ministry Cookie Distribution at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) — Meet at CMU's Hunt Library on Frew Street
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class in the Youth Room Visitation for the Family of Gerald N. Potts in the Sharp Atrium and Parlor Memorial Service for Gerald N. Potts in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY December 18	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages Morning Worship in the Sanctuary — Fourth Sunday of Advent Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall Alternative Gifts for Christmas in the Parish Hall Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel SPYS (Youth Group) off-site at the Magnuson Residence Pittsburgh Camerata Concert in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Sharp Atrium

Christmas Eve

...... Saturday, December 24, in the Sanctuary

Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

Led by the children's choirs, the Sunday school children, and Shadyside's youth, this service includes a homily from the Reverend John F. Magnuson. The service – filled with familiar carols, costumed players, and candle lighting – lasts approximately 45 minutes and appeals to congregants of all ages.

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:00 p.m.

A series of Scripture readings, carols, and hymns concludes with a ceremony of lights in this beloved service which began at King's College, Cambridge, in 1918. The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps will preach a homily titled "God's Peace and Presence." The service will be preceded by an extended choral and orchestral prelude at 8:40 p.m.

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