

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.

A cry room with a video broadcast of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Enlarged bulletins and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

Concerning the Ceremony of Lights - Worshippers will have received candles with wax guards upon entering the nave. These will be used during the Ceremony of Lights occurring at the conclusion of this evening's service. The ushers will light the first candle in each pew on the aisle, and each worshipper will then share with his or her neighbor, representing the presence of Christ in the world with His neighbor. For safety, please always tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. (Never tilt a lighted candle.) Please return your candle to the baskets in the Narthex as you exit tonight.

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.

Restrooms can be accessed by exiting the back of the Sanctuary and turning right. Additional restrooms are located at the top of the grand staircase through the Sharp Atrium.

! 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 Greeting has begun, please wait to enter the Sanctuary until the choir has processed.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE

CHORAL PRELUDE

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soloist

The Offering

Lee Hoiby

The Chancel Choir

ORGAN PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré

GREETING

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Verse 1 – Soloist

Verse 2 – Quartet

▲ ORGAN INTERLUDE

3. For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew:
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.
5. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

3. (WOMEN) Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.
4. (ALL) At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Text: from Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 640 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (*seated*)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein' Ros'

- Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.
- Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

Text: German carol, 15th century; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934), alt.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

page 56 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHOIR CAROL

Magnificat

Lee Hoiby

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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 forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever.

Text: Luke 1:46-55

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

page 1 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
*(Refrain:) Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

2. Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Refrain

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

page 58 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The shepherds go to the manger.

CHOIR CAROL

Verbum Caro

16th century English, anonymous

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia. The Lord hath made known His salvation. Alleluia. Nigh to me, He called unto me, Thou art my Father. Alleluia.

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

page 2 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
*(Refrain:) O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

(carol continues on page 7)

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God___, glory in the highest!
Refrain

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee__ be all glo—ry given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

OFFERING CAROL

Joys Seven

arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one: to see the blessed Jesus Christ, when He was first her Son; when He was first her Son, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go; to make the lame to go, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see; to make the blind to see, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er; to read the Bible o'er, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive; to bring the dead alive, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix; upon the crucifix, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven; to wear the crown of heaven, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

Text: English, anonymous

▲ NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

MEDITATION

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

God's Peace and Presence

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL *(seated)*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young, 1863

BLESSING

May He who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the blessing.

▲ POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

*For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one,
the flowers will be available to take home following the service.*

A Christmas Gift to the Congregation

In 1997, the Chancel Choir recorded twenty-nine compositions with the intention of producing a double Christmas CD; however, only a single disc was eventually produced later that year in time for the holidays. The remaining unreleased tracks were recently remastered and comprise the contents of a special holiday album titled *Noel*, a Christmas gift to the Shadyside congregation from the Stamy family. Together with an opportunity to make a freewill offering benefitting those who are hungry and homeless in Pittsburgh, this new CD is available in the Narthex as you depart tonight's service.

May the joy and wonder that is Christmas be rekindled for you and your loved ones by revisiting the story of our Savior's birth through this music and texts.

The Stamy Family

This Evening in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Chancel this evening are given in loving memory of Mr. Richard D. Baker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Baker, and Susan Dunstan Baker.

Acolytes - Nathan Boyle, 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.

We welcome the Shadyside Strings. Their presence in worship this evening is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Mark A. Anderson, conductor • Justin M. Wallace, assistant organist

Geoffrey Arnold	Meghan DeWald	Lauren-Rose King	Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco
Kathryn Barnard	Brian C. Doherty	Kathy Linger	Virginia Schaap
Jane M. Boyle	Jolanta Doherty	Margaret A. Ross Mehl	Curt A. Scheib
Lauren E. Boyle	Abigail Eagleson	George Milosh	Alexis McCune Secosky
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Claire Campbell	Rhondda J. Gabud	Timothy E. Nye	Lloyd F. Stamy Jr.
Jonathan P. Clunies	Joel Goodloe	William Ottow	Emily Swora
Kara Cornell	Dexter L. Gulick	Ryan Ricarte	John Teresi
Karen B. Crenshaw	Margaret E. Heely	Anastasia Robinson	Richard A. Walker
Scott Cuva	David M. Johnson	Gail E. Roup	

Mission Partner Spotlight

The Blantyre Synod Orphan Care Project in Malawi is a mission project of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC). In Malawi, a child is considered an orphan if the breadwinner of the family has died. Many of these Malawian orphans either live with their mothers or with extended family members. The challenge for these single-parent families is that the adult cannot leave the home for work because he or she must care for the child. Under the leadership of the Blantyre Synod, Shadyside has constructed three orphan day care centers in the communities of Mwanza, Chaweza, and Billila, so that children will have a safe and loving environment in which to stay while the adult caretaker is at work.

Having completed these three centers, Shadyside Presbyterian Church next turned to assessing the need for a center in Soche. Recently, the Soche Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) has initiated an outreach to the orphan and vulnerable children in their community. Soche CCAP, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's sister church for twenty years, has commissioned volunteers to establish, build, and staff a community-based orphan care center. The center will provide meals and education to preschool-aged children, giving the children's caregivers an opportunity either to seek employment or farm their land.

Within months of its establishment, the center already serves nearly one hundred children. Shadyside Presbyterian Church is providing funds for the volunteers to be trained by the Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission. In addition, SPC is providing educational and playground equipment for the center. Evance Thindo, Soche's Clerk of Session, requests continued prayer for this endeavor.

A mission team from Shadyside last visited Malawi from late August through early September 2014, and, earlier this year in October as part of our 150th anniversary celebration, Shadyside Presbyterian Church welcomed four guests from Malawi, including Lindirabe Gareta Mazinyane, Executive Director of the Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission.

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

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.

Adult Bible Study

Explore Scripture in-depth in this study led by Elder Richard L. McGough III.

Resuming January 8, join us as we continue to study the writings of St. John, including the Gospel, Epistles, and the Book of Revelation.

Topical Book Study

From January 15 through February 26, encounter a challenging yet energizing vision of God and redemptive love as we read Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Strength to Love* with Lee G. Branstetter and Elder Percy M. Jackson.

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

About the Cover

Pictured on the cover of this evening's bulletin is a detail of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Nativity Window, located at the center of the south transept in the sanctuary. The window was manufactured by Tiffany Glass Company and installed when the church was erected in 1890. It is the only original stained glass window remaining at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The window is based on the 1522 painting "The Holy Night" (also known as "The Adoration of the Shepherds") by Correggio, who was a contemporary of Raphael. Depicted are the Infant Jesus and His mother Mary. Those surrounding the Child are illuminated by a radiance that emanates from Him. It is a powerful use of opalescent glass and Pre-Raphaelite realistic pictorial depiction, strongly associated with Louis Tiffany. Opalescent glass (actually patented by Tiffany's rival, John LaFarge) is less translucent and has greater color variety than normal (or "antique") stained glass. The glass thickness varies and is sometimes layered.

The placement of this window on the southern wall of the church demonstrates thoughtful consideration. The sun, low in the sky and near the end of its trip south, provides optimal illumination of the window at Christmastime, creating a beautiful and captivating effect.

Elder Timothy C. Engleman

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News and Notes

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

Christian Education Classes will not be held on Sundays, December 25, 2016, and January 1, 2017. Education classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at 9:45 a.m.

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. These thirty-minute candlelight worship services, with Communion, offer a more intimate worship experience in the midst of our hectic lives. Childcare is provided.

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.

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. During the month of January, we will gather each Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stamy Room. Resolve to join us in the new year as we continue to build community through study.

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, January 11, when we welcome Michael Thornhill, Assistant Director of Cross-Cultural Ministry for the Coalition for Christian Outreach. 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.)

Youth Retreat - All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend the fifth annual Youth Winter Retreat at Pine Springs Camp from Friday, January 13, through Sunday, January 15. Enjoy snow tubing, games, good food, and a weekend in a warm cabin in the mountains. For more information or to RSVP for this event, please contact Rev. John Magnuson: jmagnuson@shadysidepres.org.

Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) is a comprehensive music training program for children in kindergarten through fifth 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 resume Sunday, January 15, at 11:20 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. Questions? Contact Stephen Donnelly through the church office.

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) invites you to an all-church workday, partnering with the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). We will gather at the church on Monday, January 16, to prepare the meal for the EECM shelter dinner. That evening, we will meet at the EECM Community House in East Liberty to serve dinner to shelter guests. The dinner will be followed by a short program involving discussions about Dr. King. To sign up or for further information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach or Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office.

An Invitation to Membership - A two-week orientation class for inquirers occurs Sundays, January 22 and 29, 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 Jan. 29, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Michelle Dzikowski in the church office.

Caring for Ourselves and Others - Shadyside Stephen Ministries is sponsoring a series of educational opportunities surrounding the issues of caring for others in need of daily or weekly physical care, in the home or in a professional setting. This series of lectures and discussions are open to the public and anyone who has an interest or concern for family or friends who are giving care to others, and those who are in need of and/or receiving care. Join us Monday, January 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hulme Room to hear speaker Rob Ferguson, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute.

Connections Dinner - On Wednesday, January 25, supper is served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The menu will include baked ziti with meatballs; mixed greens salad; 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, January 23. 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 vespers in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Warm Up on Soup Sunday, January 29 - We look forward to filling the Parish Hall with the aroma of hearty and delicious homemade soups on Sunday, January 29. Would you be willing to make a pot of your favorite soup recipe for this event? We are looking for volunteers to contribute a variety of soups - from beef and barley to vegetarian delights, creamy chowders, and more. If you would prefer to make your favorite dessert to contribute, that would be wonderful, too. The kitchen will provide bread, salad, and beverages. Not a cook or a baker? Come and enjoy; there will be plenty to share! Make your reservations by signing up in the Sharp Atrium. Could you lend us your crock pot to keep these goodies piping hot? Let us know when you make your reservation. There is no cost to attend.

Bedding and Pillow Collection - Also on Sunday, January 29, we will hold the eighth annual Bedding and Pillow Collection for Off the Floor Pittsburgh. The items that are most needed include new pillows (must be new by state law); complete queen, full/double, and twin bedding sets; blankets of all sizes (queen are most needed); and towels and washcloths. Please put a size label on the blankets, and bring donations to the Off the Floor truck located outside the Parish Hall before worship or before the soup luncheon.

Grief Support Group - Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers a Grief Support Group designed to provide encouragement and a faith-centered perspective for those who have lost a loved one. The group meets periodically to discuss a variety of subjects that are important in the grief recovery process, including the variety of emotions which grief brings, and resources for moving forward. Our first gathering of 2017 occurs Monday, January 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. New participants are always welcome to join; there is no cost to attend the group. For more information, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz or call the church office.

Help Send College Students to Jubilee - Campus Ministry would like to thank those of you who have already committed to helping our local college students attend the Jubilee Conference this February by becoming benefactors of the Jubilee scholarship program. As always, we welcome additional Jubilee benefactors at any scholarship level and would love for you to get involved. Contact Brytani Clifton or Rebecca Reeder for details. Campus Ministry will host a reception for students and benefactors to meet and mingle on Friday, February 3, 2017, prior to the conference.

Nursery School Registering Students for 2017-2018 - The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School (SPCNS) offers developmentally appropriate classes on weekday mornings (September through May) for two-, three-, four-, and pre-kindergarten five-year-olds. Currently, SPCNS is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Returning students and SPC members are given preference for enrollment. Call Director Mary Lang at 412-681-6311, or visit the school's website: shadysideschool.org.

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 sending your subscription request in 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.

Church Calendar

..... December 24 - January 1

TODAY <i>December 24</i>	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary – Choral and Orchestral Prelude begins at 8:40 p.m.
SUNDAY <i>December 25</i>	11:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – The Nativity of the Lord Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
MONDAY		Office Closed
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Office Closed
SUNDAY <i>January 1</i>	11:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten

Christmas Poinsettias

IN HONOR OF:

Abigail, Elizabeth, Lucy & their Families

Frances & Bobby Berglund

Kiara & Ryan Berglund

Jackson, Walker & Isabel Brooke

Anne M. Camp

Ana-Lena Dressmann-Freymark

Alexander & Emma Duerr

Della L. Ellard

Jack, Colin, Grace & Mackenzie

Beatrice Jones

Dorothy N. Hunter Hook Malone

David & Momoko Mills

Lois O'Connor

GIVEN BY:

Gail & Phil Jones

Jayne Adair & Basil Cox

Jayne Adair & Basil Cox

Sara & Ted Brooke

Anonymous

Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark

Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark

Anonymous

Susie Pettler

Anonymous

Martha L. Hunter,
M. Michael Elmer, &
Thomas M. Hunter

Anonymous

Gail & Phil Jones

IN HONOR OF:

Our Children & Grandchildren

Our Children & Grandchildren

Our Children & Granddaughter

Our Daughters & their Families

Daniel J. Price, Jr. & JoAnn Jackson

Rebecca Reeder,
Katherine Ey, and
Brytani Hinson Clifton

Laurel S. Schultz

Shadyside Choir and Organists

Donald C. Wobb

Adair Lee Yates

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History of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (He devised King's Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty-two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, organist from 1876 to 1929. The choir included sixteen trebles as laid down in King Henry VI's statutes, but until 1927 the men's voices were provided partly by Choral Scholars and partly by older Lay Clerks, and not, as now, by fourteen undergraduates.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City." In almost every year, some carols have been changed and some new ones introduced by successive organists: Arthur Henry Mann; Boris Ord, 1929-1957; Harold Darke (his substitute during the war), 1940-1945; Sir David Willcocks, 1957-1973; Philip Ledger, 1974-1982; and, from 1982, Stephen Cleobury. The backbone of the service, the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged.

The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1880. A.C. Benson recalled: "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop." The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately, other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928, and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's could not be broadcast for security reasons. Sometime in the early 1930s, the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom. In recent years, it has become the practice to broadcast a digital recording on Christmas Day on Radio Three, and since 1963 a shorter service has been filmed periodically for television. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame.

In these and other ways, the service has become public property. From time to time, the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East, and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as "the place where the carols are sung."

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. “The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God . . .” seen “through the windows and words of the Bible.” Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage “all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.” The center of the service is still found by those who “go in heart and mind” and who consent to follow where the story leads.

To-night ungather'd let us leave
This laurel, let this holly stand:
We live within the stranger's land,
And strangely falls our Christmas-eve.

Our father's dust is left alone
And silent under other snows:
There in due time the woodbine blows,
The violet comes, but we are gone.

Let cares that petty shadows cast,
By which our lives are chiefly proved,
A little spare the night I loved,
And hold it solemn to the past.

But let no footstep beat the floor,
Nor bowl of wassail mantle warm;
For who would keep an ancient form
Thro' which the spirit breathes no more?

Be neither song, nor game, nor feast;
Nor harp be touch'd, nor flute be blown;
No dance, no motion, save alone
What lightens in the lucid east

Of rising worlds by yonder wood.
Long sleeps the summer in the seed;
Run out your measured arcs, and lead
The closing cycle rich in good.

“In Memoriam,” CV – Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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Midweek Vespers in the Chapel

..... Wednesdays 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. Childcare is provided. Vespers resume Jan. 4.

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 p.m.

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