

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.

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.

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

Solemn Prelude

Edward Elgar

Adagio, from *Nimrod*

Edward Elgar

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,

People: **A present help in trouble.**

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear

People: **Though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: Though its waters roar and foam,

People: **Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

All: **Let us worship God, our refuge and our strength!**

Psalm 46:1-3

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 224

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being

Rustington

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

ORISON

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is found. Christ's love has gathered us into one; let us rejoice and be pleased in God. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. May we love each other with a sincere heart.

Text: Traditional Latin based on 1 Corinthians

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy Laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their sin. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson

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)*

Mark A. Anderson

Glo - ry be to the Fa ther, and to — the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;
as it was in the be - gin - ning —, is now, and ev - er shall be
world — with - out — end. A - - - men.

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

John 9:1-41

page 102 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Super Flumina Babylonis

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat and wept, as we reminisced about Sion.

Text: Psalm 137:1

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

A Different Way to Say Thank You

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 380

O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt uns, Herr

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Light of the World

Edward Elgar

Light of the world, we know Thy praise the angels and archangels raise, and all the host of heaven, more worthily than our faint hymns, whose jarring sound that glory dims, which God to Thee has given. But Thou didst ordain to take our low estate, or e'en to make the tomb Thy resting place so that Thou might bring into our night the dawn of Thine eternal Light to shine upon our face. Nor death, nor hell nor sin is Lord, but Thou, O Son of God. Thy Word is now our sovereign law. Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray Thy Light may shine on us unto the Perfect Day, and forevermore.

Text: Rev. Edward Capel-Cure

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth (Hymn no. 592)

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

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ **HYMN 470**

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Grand choeur in C

Theodore Salome

About This Morning's Music

We welcome the Fox Chapel High School Madrigal Singers, an auditioned choral ensemble comprised of women in grades 11-12 and men in grades 10-12. Under the direction of conductor Ben Murray, the choir will offer a brief concert after worship today, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. We invite you to visit the Sharp Atrium to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship, then please return to the Sanctuary for a wonderful program of varied sacred and secular music.

The Madrigal Singers also are part of the school's Concert Choir. The ensemble has a history of excellence, receiving superior ratings at adjudication, and performing at both regional and national conferences. The Fox Chapel Area High School choirs prepare three performances and one concert tour each year. Additionally, they perform for more than twenty community events throughout each school year. In April, the choir will perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Conference.

Choral Concert

..... *Today, March 26*

The Fox Chapel High School Madrigal Singers
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Time of Fellowship at Noon
Free Concert from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary

..... *Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.*

This 45-minute candlelight Communion service includes a homily, the Lord's Supper, and special guest musicians. Childcare available. Listen live at www.shadysidepres.org/live

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Acolytes for March – Nathan Boyle and Evan H. Kuhn.

Ushers for March – Randy C. Adams II, Ronald A. Blumer, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Robert J. Miles Sr., Terrence H. Murphy, Victoria L. Potter, Stephen R. Stamy, and Michael S. Wickerham. **Coordinators:** Randy C. Adams II, Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, and Robert P. O’Neil.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... March 26 – April 2

Sunday, March 26

Psalms 84; 150
Jer. 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22
Galatians 4:21- 5:1
Mark 8:11-21

Monday, March 27

Psalms 119:73-80; 145
Jeremiah 16:(1-9) 10-21
Romans 7:1-12
John 6:1-15

Tuesday, March 28

Psalms 34; 146
Jeremiah 17:19-27
Romans 7:13-25
John 6:16-27

Wednesday, March 29

Psalms 5; 147:1-11
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Romans 8:1-11
John 6:27-40

Thursday, March 30

Psalms 27; 147:12-20
Jeremiah 22:13-23
Romans 8:12-27
John 6:41-51

Friday, March 31

Psalms 22; 148
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Romans 8:28-39
John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 1

Psalms 43; 149
Jeremiah 23:9-15
Romans 9:1-18
John 6:60-71

Sunday, April 2

Psalms 84; 150
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31- 9:1

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Saturday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Handel’s *Messiah*

The Pittsburgh Camerata with Chatham Baroque
Tickets: \$25 in advance; pre-ordering encouraged.
If available, tickets at the door cost \$30 each.

Birthday Cake Fellowship

..... Sunday, April 30, after worship

Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship in the Parish Hall as you discover others who share your birth month – perhaps even your birthday!
(Did we mention there will be cake, too?)

News and Notes

Lenten Vespers Bible Study with the Pastors - As Lent is a season for self-reflection, it is also a good time to reflect upon Scripture and its importance in our lives. During the Wednesdays in Lent, join our pastors after vespers from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Craig Room for a Bible study and casual conversation about the Scripture preached on that night. Booklets with the Scripture passages, accompanied by thoughts to ponder, are available in the Sharp Atrium and Narthex. You may also download the booklet from the church website.

Young Adult Bible Study - Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to join us as we continue to build community through study. During the season of Lent, we will meet on Wednesdays following vespers; please see the announcement above.

Easter Lilies - The Board of Deacons is again providing the opportunity for the placement of lilies in the Sanctuary during the Easter worship services. Orders may be placed *in memory of* loved ones at a cost of \$8 per lily. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium and must be received today, March 26.

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 range of emotions which grief brings, and resources for moving forward. Our next gathering occurs Monday, April 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Craig Room. New participants are always welcome to join; there is no cost to attend the group. For more information, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz.

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, April 5, when our Mexico mission team will share with us about their recent experience serving with our partner ConeXión Mosaico. 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.)

Campus Ministry Pirates Game - For our Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) spring celebration, we are headed to PNC Park to watch the Pirates take on the Atlanta Braves, on Saturday, April 8, at 7:05 p.m. If you would like to watch some baseball and hang out with our area college students before they leave for the summer, you are most welcome to join us. Cost: \$10 per ticket, which includes a \$5 concessions voucher. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium, or contact Brytani Clifton or Rebecca Reeder. Our thirty tickets will go quickly, so reserve your ticket early.

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. 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, April 9.

Room for One More? Shadyside's Campus Ministry is seeking congregants to host college students for Easter brunch. If you will be having an Easter meal in the Pittsburgh area and have room to host one more person, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt – All Shadyside families and friends are invited to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 15, on the church lawn. (In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.) Junior and senior high students are encouraged to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to help hide the eggs, while infants to elementary-age students are invited to arrive with their families at 10:00 a.m. for a light breakfast and Easter egg hunt.

An Invitation to Membership – A two-week orientation class for inquirers occurs Sundays, April 23 and 30, 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 April 30, and recognized in worship that day. If you would like to register for the class, please contact Michelle Dzikowski in the church office.

Connections Dinner – On Wednesday, April 26, supper is served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu will include beef stroganoff, steamed white rice, and sautéed corn. Assorted cookies will be served for dessert. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Monday, April 24. A freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Calling All Bakers – Our annual birthday cake celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, in the Parish Hall following worship. We need a minimum of two dozen cakes. Bake your favorite recipe or try a new one – a variety of cakes makes for a great event. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office to let us know what kind of cake you will bring and which month of the year you would prefer to honor.

Intergenerational Prayer Partnerships – Are you in your 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s? Then we need you! The Children’s Ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church is extending an invitation to members of our church family in these age groups to become a prayer partner with one of our children and his or her family. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, which will enable you to unite your voice of wisdom, inspiration, comfort, and care to the young of our congregation. If you are interested in learning more or if you would like to become part of this exciting, supportive ministry, please contact Krissy Moehling, Ellen Allston, or Rev. Lynn Portz through the church office.

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.

Daily Prayer – 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!

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

“A Just Race” – Shadyside Presbyterian Church and our mission partner, Open Hand Ministries (OHM), welcome runners of any ability over the age of 16 to join in running with a purpose at the 2017 Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 7. The marathon relay divides the 26.2-mile course into five legs. If you are interested in joining a relay team or assembling your own team, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium, or contact Rev. John Magnuson. All runners – young and old, seasoned and beginners – are welcome to sign up. The marathon has generously provided registration for our five relay teams. Each runner is asked to raise \$150 in support of OHM’s urban-renewal work in the East End. If you would like to support our runners financially, visit www.crowdrise.com/openhandministriespitt2017 to donate.

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

The Foundation of HOPE is an interfaith ministry at the Allegheny County Jail which seeks to “empower incarcerated and released individuals to restore their relationship with their God, rebuild their lives, and reconcile to their community.”

Volunteers can get involved in one-time events, office assistance, or volunteering on a regular basis through any of the three areas of HOPE:

- Volunteers can serve with the HOPE Chaplaincy Program by visiting inmates one on one, leading worship services, and/or leading Bible studies for inmates.
- Volunteers with the HOPE Pre-Release Program assist with teaching classes to participants who live in a communal, faith-based, rehabilitative housing unit.
- Volunteers in the HOPE Aftercare Program can serve as mentors to former inmates or assist with support groups held in the community.

Shadyside has partnered with HOPE by providing space for volunteer trainings and events, sending volunteers for Lessons and Carols, Christmas packaging, HOPE Pre-Release instructors, mentors, and more. Shadyside also helps give parents in the Allegheny County Jail an opportunity to read and record stories for their children. You are welcome to join us in providing new youth and children’s books, which the mothers and fathers will then pass along to their children. A collection basket is located by the entrance to the Sharp Atrium; book donations are welcome and appreciated at any time. Please keep the participants of the HOPE program in your prayers and prayerfully consider ways you can participate in this ministry.

For more information about the Foundation of HOPE, visit www.foundationofhope.org. To join the efforts of the Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Church Calendar

..... March 26 - April 2

TODAY

March 26

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fourth Sunday in Lent
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 2nd grade
12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
12:00 p.m. Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel
12:30 p.m. Choral Concert in the Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Activity: Creating Glass Easter Eggs off-site at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, 5472 Penn Avenue, Garfield (15206)

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Human Resources Committee in the Craig Room
8:00 p.m. Campus Ministry Mission Action Community off-site

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
6:00 p.m. Mission and Vision Task Force in the Craig Room

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary
7:45 p.m. Midweek Lenten Bible Study in the Craig Room

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Foundation of HOPE Training in the Hulme Room

SUNDAY

April 2

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fifth Sunday in Lent
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
12:00 p.m. Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel
12:15 p.m. Community Partnerships Mission Action Community in the Stamy Room
12:30 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
12:30 p.m. Mexico City Mission Teams in the Hulme Room

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 March 5 through April 9, you are invited to deepen your Lenten journey by reading John Indermark's *Parables and Passion:*

Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent

with Mark A. Krofchik and Deacon Sherri P. Krofchik.

Adult Bible Study

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

Join us as we continue to study the writings of St. John, including the Gospel, Epistles, and the Book of Revelation.

Holy Week and Easter at Shadyside

..... *The Passionate Life*

As we follow Christ to the cross, and then through death and loss to the resurrection, we discover that Jesus died to give us life. Join us during Holy Week to find your place in the Passion and the new life Easter offers.

April 9: Palm Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

April 13: Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

April 14: Good Friday
10:00 a.m. Family Service
with Communion in the Chapel
led by the Children's Ministry

7:00 p.m. Service
of Music and Readings
in the Sanctuary
John Tavener's *Svyati*
The Chancel Choir with cello

April 16: Easter
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Identical Worship Services
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

*For more information,
visit the website:*

www.shadysidepres.org/lent

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 H. Clifton, *Campus Ministry -
Chatham University*

Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music
Education*
Michelle M. Dzikowski, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*
Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*
Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*
Karen S. Jueng, *Associate for Children's Ministry*
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*
Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance*
Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*



A Member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

5121 Westminister Place ■ Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232 ■ Phone: 412.682.4300
www.shadysidepres.org ■ www.facebook.com/ShadysidePresbyterian



This bulletin is printed on paper manufactured from recycled content. If you would like to recycle your bulletin, kindly place it in any of the blue bins located in the Sharp Atrium or Narthex.