

# 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.

**Flower Ministry** - After worship, members of the Board of Deacons' Flower Ministry divide the chancel flowers into bouquets to be distributed to individuals who are celebrating joyous occasions and to those who could use some cheer. If you would like to deliver a bouquet to someone you know, please stop by the front of the Sanctuary after worship to receive one. Help us to share God's love through flowers.

**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 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

Prelude on “Filled with the Spirit’s Power”

Kim Patterson

Prelude and Fugue in F

Clara Schumann

Prelude for Organ

Fanny Mendelssohn

## WELCOME

**The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Grant to us, O Lord, the ability to worship You in spirit and in truth,

People: **To submit all our nature to You, that our consciences may be cleared by Your holiness,**

Pastor: Our minds nourished by Your truth,

People: **And our imaginations purified by the presence of Your Holy Spirit.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**The Reverend Lynn M. Portz**

## ORISON

Vincent Persichetti

O Light, invisible, we praise Thee! We hail the brighter glory. Almighty Lord, we praise Thee for Thy Light.

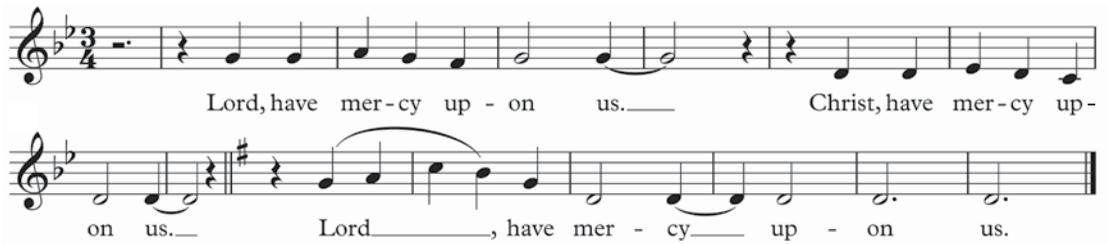
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**A broken and contrite heart is something You do not despise, O God. We turn to You for help because the burden of the world’s suffering is too heavy for us to bear alone, and so is the burden of guilt; for in ways known and unknown to us we have made our personal contributions to humanity’s agony and pain. Cast our sins into the sea of Your loving forgiveness, dear God. Assure us that in partnership with Yourself and with all Your faithful children, we may work for that which is good and creative, without fear, through Jesus our Lord and Savior, in whose name we confess our sins and seek Your loving forgiveness.**

## 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.

*During the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward to the baptismal font.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz  
Elder Jason M. Huber

*Please refrain from taking pictures.*

### THE BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

#### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

**Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

## THE BAPTISMS

Lucille Loraine Bake  
Everett Charles Haden

## PRAYER OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE *(sung with the choir)*

*Kingdom (Hymn no. 498)*

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner

*At the beginning of the hymn, 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

Romans 7:13-8:2

page 157 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Prevent Us, O Lord

Alan Ridout

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text from the Book of Common Prayer

## SERMON

Our Story: Contradictions and Grace

**The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps**

## ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing Grace*

## ▲ 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

**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

O God, My Heart Is Ready

Peter Niedmann

O God, my heart is ready to burst with melodies. My prayers have ripened into song. Let me awaken with the dawn to lift my voice in praise. O God, my heart is ready, filled with your heavenly love. Teach me to sing on earth awhile, with voice and spirit of a child, as angels sing above. O God, my heart is ready; make it your instrument. Let me, within the choral art present to You, O God, my heart in anthems without end. O God, my heart is ready.

Text: Jane Penfield

## ▲ DOXOLOGY

*Lasst uns erfreuen (Hymn no. 229)*

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

## ▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

## ▲ HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Duke Street*

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter

# Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The women of the Chancel Choir will sing the choral music this morning.

**Ushers for July** - Randy C. Adams II, Linda C. Fisher, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Sang C. Park, Frederick Porkolab, Richard H. Potter, and Carey T. Vinson. **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.

## Mission Partner Spotlight

**Mars Hill Mission Experience** - In partnership with the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County ([www.chcmadisoncountync.org](http://www.chcmadisoncountync.org)), Shadyside organizes and participates in an annual one-week intergenerational mission trip to the Appalachian region of North Carolina. Youth and adults work on home improvement projects, while children participate in age-appropriate service opportunities. All participants join together in the evening for a daily worship service. The team will arrive in Mars Hill, North Carolina, today, July 9, and return to Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 15. Please keep the team in prayer as they are serving Christ through their actions.

Ellen L. Allston	Dustin M. Cheeks	Linda G. Leach	Owen L. Regentin
Laura E. Allston	Joseph Cheeks	Nadia J. Leach	Quinn A. Reppe
Charles P. Balaan	Karen DeVries	Todd E. Leach	Michael B. Schwerin
Christopher Balaan	Raymond DeVries	Vinodhini G. Leach	Jonathan P. Stamy
Mark A. Boyle	Luke A. Diel	Sonja Lipski	Audrey L. H. Werling
Nathan N. Boyle	Joseph R. Eyerman	Ian A. McGough	James W. H. Werling
Patrick Boyle	James M. Gockley	John F. Magnuson	John L. Werling
Frederick W. Brooke IV	Carey A. Harris	Della J. R. Pennywell	Lillian J. H. Werling
Jackson C. Brooke	Eric J. Hunter	Emmett M. Regentin	Catherine M. Wilson
Benjamin R. Cowley	Beatrice P. Jones	Matthew H. Regentin	

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... July 9 - 16 .....

### **Sunday, July 9**

Psalms 108; 150  
1 Samuel 14:36-45  
Romans 5:1-11  
Matthew 22:1-14

### **Monday, July 10**

Psalms 62; 145  
1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23  
Acts 9:19b-31  
Luke 23:44-56a

### **Tuesday, July 11**

Psalms 12; 146  
1 Samuel 15:24-35  
Acts 9:32-43  
Luke 23:56b-24:11 (12)

### **Wednesday, July 12**

Psalms 96; 147:1-11  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Acts 10:1-16  
Luke 24:13-35

### **Thursday, July 13**

Psalms 116; 147:12-20  
1 Samuel 16:14-17:11  
Acts 10:17-33  
Luke 24:36-53

### **Friday, July 14**

Psalms 84; 148  
1 Samuel 17:17-30  
Acts 10:34-48  
Mark 1:1-13

### **Saturday, July 15**

Psalms 63; 149  
1 Samuel 17:31-49  
Acts 11:1-18  
Mark 1:14-28

### **Sunday, July 16**

Psalms 103; 150  
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4  
Romans 10:4-17  
Matthew 23:29-39

## News and Notes

**Freedom Camp** - The Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC) needs volunteers to assist the children at Valley View Presbyterian Church (Garfield) with their art and craft projects on Tuesdays through July 18, from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. You may volunteer for one Tuesday or for as many as you are able; we particularly need volunteers for this Tuesday, July 11. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Susan Thomson through the church office.

**Young Adult Bible Study** - Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in a Bible study focusing on the Book of Acts. We typically gather from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Stamy Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

**Young Adult Potluck Picnic** - After worship on Sunday, July 23, you are invited to enjoy the summer weather with other young adults and friends for a potluck picnic on the McClintock Lawn after worship. Pulled pork barbecue will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Sign up in the Sharp Atrium to let us know you plan to attend, or contact Rev. John Magnuson for more information.

**Faith Night at PNC Park** - You are invited to join your church family on Thursday, August 17, at PNC Park as the Pirates take on the St. Louis Cardinals. This game is the fifth annual Faith Night at PNC Park, when the players and coaches gather after the game to share with the fans about the ways in which their faith has affected their lives and careers. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.; plan to stay late to hear the players speak. Tickets are \$17 for adults, and \$13 for children ages 12 and under (\$55 maximum per family). Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Rev. John Magnuson ([jmagnuson@shadysidepres.org](mailto:jmagnuson@shadysidepres.org)) for details.

**All-Church Workday** - 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 in the church kitchen immediately following worship on Sunday, August 20, to prepare the meal for the EECM shelter dinner, which will be served to shelter guests on the following evening, Monday, August 21, at the EECM Community House in East Liberty. For further information, you may contact Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office. Please sign up for this opportunity in the Sharp Atrium.

**PRISM Event** - Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host the 2017 Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries' (PRISM) "Welcome to Pittsburgh" Dinner on Wednesday, August 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The event includes dinner for approximately seventy-five international students and SPC volunteers. We need twenty wonderful people to volunteer to be present and welcome these students to our community and our church. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium. For additional information, please contact Krissy Moehling through the church office.

**Pastoral Sabbatical** - Rev. Todd Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions, is presently engaged in a three-month sabbatical, during which he will research and write a curriculum for a mission study series, to be implemented during the 2017-2018 program year. Rev. Leach's sabbatical continues through September 16.

**Midweek Vespers** in the Chapel will resume on Wednesday, September 13.

**Save the Date** - An all-church retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, at the Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. Plan to take a break this fall and treat yourself to a weekend away with church friends, old and new.

**Shadyside's Divorce Support** is a faith-based group designed to help separated or divorced women move toward healing and new life. The group meets monthly in the home of a member for fellowship, support, prayer, and friendship. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz.

**Stephen Ministry** - Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to use their gifts of compassion and encouragement by providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you would like information about becoming a Stephen Minister or if you would like to be paired with a Stephen Minister for care, contact Rev. Lynn Portz or speak with one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: Janet Rohrer or Cathy Wilson.

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

**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!

**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** complements our ongoing prayer groups by lifting 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org).

**Live Webcast** - Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please share the link [www.shadysidepres.org/live](http://www.shadysidepres.org/live) with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

**Pulpit Notes** - Dr. Sharps' blog, *Pulpit Notes*, is published online at [www.shadysidepres.org/blog](http://www.shadysidepres.org/blog) for readers to explore thoughts, prayers, and devotions from the pastor.

Visit the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website [www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org) for even more information.

## About the Cover Artwork

In November 2011, Shadyside Presbyterian Church revealed more than six months of planning and artistic effort with the unveiling of a mosaic mural on the lower level of the church. This installation crafted by local artist Lisa Platt now greets members and visitors arriving to our educational spaces.

Made with handcrafted red-clay tiles, stained glass, and recycled objects, the mosaic was a collaborative creation of the artist, SPC's Art Task Force, and the children and youth of the church and nursery school. Under Lisa's direction, the children and youth created bordering tiles and embellishments such as leaves and hearts.

The mosaic emphasizes our Christian faith and illustrates our commitments to the areas of education, missions, and music. Our church building is represented prominently alongside a cross and a depiction of Jesus Christ – all nestled within a stylized global context, establishing through multiple natural motifs a wonder-filled sense of God's creation. The artwork incorporates the nursery school's logo, which was designed by the first husband of church member and nursery school volunteer Susie Pettler. Ms. Platt also has expressed our local and international connections, including in the design reminders of our missions-based relationships in Mexico, Malawi, China, Guatemala, and Mars Hill, as well as nods to our immediate neighborhood. For example, the artwork includes a Scottish terrier vested in tartan as a reference to Carnegie Mellon University. A pipe organ is visible through the open doors of the church's façade, while a traditional Scottish bagpiper appears elsewhere.

Repeated viewings prove rewarding, as new elements emerge and enrich the overall piece. The mosaic captivates and delights viewers of all ages as we discover details and appreciate previously unnoticed figures. Visit the lower level and look closely – you may even see a church mouse!

**About the Artist:** Lisa Platt likes to make people smile with her whimsical work, which can be seen around the city. She has crafted mosaic pieces for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in Lawrenceville and for the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. Her work is available at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts in Shadyside. For information, visit [www.pittsburgharts.org](http://www.pittsburgharts.org).

# Church Calendar

..... July 9 - 16 .....

## TODAY

July 9

Mars Hill Mission Team departs for North Carolina  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

## TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room  
12:45 p.m. Freedom Camp Volunteers at Valley View Presbyterian Church in Garfield  
6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Haven Shelter Dinner Volunteers at Bethlehem Haven

## THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library  
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room

## SUNDAY

July 16

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:20 a.m. Chapel Worship for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Raffle, and Buffet Dinner in Support of Hosanna House

..... Saturday, September 9, at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport .....

*Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m.; Dinner served between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.*

Not a golfer? Not a problem! Non-golfers are welcome to come just for the raffle and dinner.

Cost for golf, cart, and dinner: \$80 • Cost for dinner only: \$15 per adult, \$7 per child (10 and under)

Registration deadline is August 27; forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. For details, visit [www.shadysidepres.org/golf-outing](http://www.shadysidepres.org/golf-outing) or contact Carla Gedman or JoAnn Patross through the church office.

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

## Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*  
Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*  
John F. Magnuson, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*  
Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*  
Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry*  
Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Robert K. Anderson, *Head Sexton*  
Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*  
Jane M. Boyle, *Director of Children's Handbell Choir*  
Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*  
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Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music Education*  
Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*  
Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*  
Karen S. Jueng, *Associate for Children's Ministry*  
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Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*  
Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*  
Gwendolyn R. Missouri, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*  
Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*  
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