

# 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

Adagio from Symphonie No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Adagio from Symphonie No. 3

Louis Vierne

## WELCOME

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**People:** **For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.**

**Pastor:** As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

**People:** **That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

**Pastor:** As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

**People:** **That we might understand with our hearts and turn to our Lord Jesus Christ and praise His name.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**The Reverend John F. Magnuson**

## ORISON

Alleluia!

William Boyce

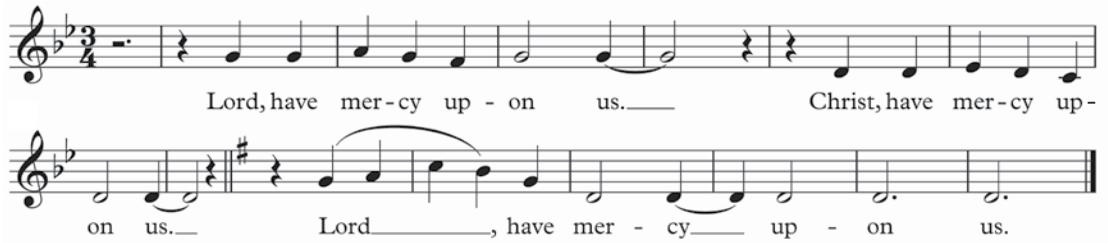
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and we have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

## 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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

page 13 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

*George Milosh, soloist*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Text: Psalm 23

## SERMON

Soil Conditions

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

### ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Crusaders' Hymn*

### ▲ 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 Lynn M. Portz**

**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

May Now Thy Spirit

Joseph Schuetky

May now Thy Spirit, O Father, descend upon us; in adoration and praise, we worship Thee. Alleuia! Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify, replenish all the earth with Thy gracious love. Our sins, Lord, forgive in Thy mercy. In song, we hail Thee forevermore.

▲ **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 560**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

*Nyland*

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Bishops' Promenade

Norman Coke-Jephcott

## Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

**The men 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.

## About This Morning's Music

The text of hymn 482 is based on Psalms 103 and 150. The author, Joachim Neander (1650-1680), wrote over sixty hymn texts, nearly all in verse form (metered) so they could be sung to the tunes published in the Calvinist psalters. The tune is a late 16<sup>th</sup>-century German folk tune which was adapted for this text, and later, by Johann Sebastian Bach, in two cantatas and an organ prelude.

The text of hymn 306 has been traced to the Jesuits in Münster. The earliest version we know of is a handwritten copy from 1662. The tune is a German folk melody, likely from the region around Leipzig.

The original German text of hymn 560 was written in 1782. The hymn was seventeen stanzas long; each stanza was sung by a soloist with the entire congregation joining for a refrain. The hymn was a celebration of the harvest, with each verse representing the contribution of a different member of the community. The tune is a Finnish folk tune.

## Mission Partner Spotlight

Sojourner House provides in-patient residential treatment to addicted mothers and their children. Mothers can bring three children with them and stay up to six months while receiving intensive treatment for their addiction. Sojourner House is proud to be the only program in Allegheny County that provides each family with their own apartment while the mother receives treatment. Mothers and children can begin to experience the joys and challenges of living as an independent, drug-free family while securely surrounded by round-the-clock support.

The MOMS (Motivation, Opportunities, Mentoring, and Spirituality) Program builds on Sojourner House's experience in providing a holistic mind-body-spirit approach to treating addiction. MOMS provides permanent, supportive housing for homeless, single, dual-diagnosed women in recovery, as well as for their dependent children.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) has partnered with these groups to help transform vacant property into a play yard for the children of Sojourner House MOMS. The church hosts the mothers and their children at the annual Strawberry Festival, and also holds an annual retreat for the mothers while providing craft projects for their children. In addition, the women of Sojourner House and MOMS are recipients of SPC's "Giving Tree" program in December.

This year's Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 9, drew a large crowd and raised \$2,266 for the Sojourner House MOMS program. We thank all those who helped to make the event so successful by volunteering, donating baked goods, or attending. We especially thank the Board of Deacons for organizing all aspects of this great evening of fellowship and fun.

For more information, visit [www.sojournerhousepa.org](http://www.sojournerhousepa.org). To join the efforts of the Community Partnerships MAC, contact the church office.

## 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 Tuesday, July 18, from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. 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 20. 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.

**Acolyte Training** - On Sunday, August 20, youth interested in serving as acolytes will meet in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. for a half-hour training session. Acolytes help during worship by lighting candles, carrying the Bible, and assisting with baptisms. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson through the church office.

**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.

**Appreciation for Nancy Shaytar's Forty Years of Service** - This summer, the church's Finance Office begins a major transition as Nancy Shaytar concludes her forty years of service as the Director of Finance. For months, the Human Resources Committee has worked diligently through a search sub-committee to identify the candidate who is most qualified and best suited to follow Nancy, and we anticipate being able to make a hiring announcement in the near future. To ensure a smooth transition, Nancy will help to train her successor during an orientation period. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the Lord for Nancy's faithful service among us, and we rejoice with her in the new opportunities that lie ahead. Please join us in praying for God's blessings upon her, and plan to join us on Sunday, September 10, as we recognize Nancy's ministry during the service of worship, with an opportunity for individual congregation members to express their appreciation to her during the potluck picnic following worship.

**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.

**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.

**The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, [www.shadysidepres.org](http://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.

## 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.

In addition to books such as *Sacred Journeys*, *Night Visions*, *In Wisdom's Path*, and *In the Sanctuary of Women*, Jan also publishes work at her blog, *The Painted Prayerbook*: [paintedprayerbook.com](http://paintedprayerbook.com).

Jan makes her home in central Florida. She frequently collaborated with her husband, the singer/songwriter Garrison Doles, until his sudden death in December 2013.

To learn more about Jan's ministry in word and image, visit her website at [janrichardson.com](http://janrichardson.com).

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... July 16 - 23 .....

### Sunday, July 16

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

### Monday, July 17

Psalms 5; 145  
1 Samuel 18:5-16 (17-27a)  
27b-30  
Acts 11:19-30  
Mark 1:29-45

### Tuesday, July 18

Psalms 42; 146  
1 Samuel 19:1-18 (19-24)  
Acts 12:1-17  
Mark 2:1-12

### Wednesday, July 19

Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11  
1 Samuel 20:1-23  
Acts 12:18-25  
Mark 2:13-22

### Thursday, July 20

Psalms 97; 147:12-20  
1 Samuel 20:24-42  
Acts 13:1-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

### Friday, July 21

Psalms 51; 148  
1 Samuel 21:1-15  
Acts 13:13-25  
Mark 3:7-19a

### Saturday, July 22

Psalms 104; 149  
1 Samuel 22:1-23  
Acts 13:26-43  
Mark 3:19b-35

### Sunday, July 23

Psalms 19; 150  
1 Samuel 23:7-18  
Romans 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 25:14-30

# Church Calendar

..... July 16 - 23 .....

<b>TODAY</b> <i>July 16</i>	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE) Event
	6:30 p.m.	EECM Shelter Dinner Volunteers at EECM, 6140 Station Street
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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.	Adult Christian Education Committee in the Craig Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	Board of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts in the Stamy Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Summer Youth Gathering in the Parish Hall and Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>July 23</i>	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
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adult Potluck Picnic on the McClintock Lawn (Rain Location: Parish Hall)

## 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*  
Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*  
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*  
Mary E. Lang, *Director of the Nursery School*  
Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*  
Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*  
Gwendolyn R. Missouri, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*  
Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*  
Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance*  
Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*

Cover Artwork: *Getting Grounded* © Jan L. Richardson. janrichardson.com.



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

5121 Westminster Place ■ Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232 ■ Phone: 412.682.4300  
[www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org) ■ [www.facebook.com/ShadysidePresbyterian](http://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.