

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. Paggers 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

William Mathias

Meditation in A-flat

Alec Rowley

Prologue

Healey Willan

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Something inside so strong pulls us, beckons us;

People: Some presence in the still of night,

Pastor: A sense of peace on a frantic day,

People: A fragment of a dream that hears much promise.

Pastor: Something inside so strong steadies us, calms us;

People: A quiet confidence that we will make it through,

Pastor: A growing faith that we are not alone.

All: God is with us; let us worship God!

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

ORISON

Noel Rawsthorne

O sing unto the LORD a new song! Let the congregation of saints praise Him. Let them praise His name in the dance. Let them sing praises unto Him with tabret and harp. Let the saints be joyful in glory! O sing unto the LORD a new song.

Text: Psalm 149

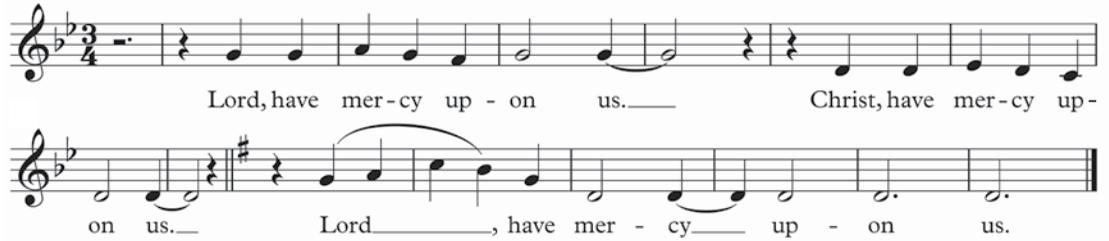
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question Your judgment when Your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course You prescribe. Our patience grows thin when You intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. O God, we seek to be faithful and obey Your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling Your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception, in the name of 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

Hebrews 11:17-21

page 226 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A New Commandment

Richard Hubbard

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another. Those who love each other have been born of God, and God showed His love by sending His son that we might live through Him. A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.

Text: John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7, 9

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-32

page 14 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Learning to Appreciate the Unexpected

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

▲ 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

Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise

Malcolm Archer

Come, O come, our voices raise, sounding God Almighty's praise. Hither bring in one consent heart and voice and instrument. Alleluia! Sound the trumpet! Touch the lute! Let no tongue or string be mute, nor a voiceless creature found, that hath neither note nor sound. Alleluia! So this huge wide orb we see shall one choir, one temple be, where in such a praiseful tone we shall sing what He hath done. Alleluia! Thus our song shall over-climb all the bounds of space and time. Come, O come, our voices raise, sounding God Almighty's praise. Alleluia!

Text: George Wither (1588-1667)

▲ 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 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March

Malcolm Archer

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 the opening hymn is an adaptation of Psalm 98 by the American theologian and poet Ruth Duck (b. 1947). Duck served as Professor of Worship at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and edited several books and hymn collections. The music was written by American musician William Henry Walter (1825-1893), who served as the organist at Trinity Chapel of Columbia University.

Hymn 441 is the oldest American hymn in common useage today. The author, Timothy Dwight (1752-1817), wrote it while he was President of Yale College. It was a revision of Isaac Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 137. The tune used for this text dates from 1770. An earlier version of the tune was used for Charles Wesley's "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." The composer, Aaron Williams, was music director and clerk of Scots Church, London Wall.

The text of "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" was written by the German poet and cleric Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737). Schmolck was the best-loved hymn writer of his day and wrote over nine hundred hymns. The music dates from 1680 and has been altered several times.

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 church office.

News and Notes

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, August 3. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

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) 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.

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 subcommittee 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 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 for readers to explore thoughts, prayers, and devotions from the pastor.

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.

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.

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... July 30 - August 6

Sunday, July 30

Psalms 67; 150
2 Samuel 1:17-27
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, August 1

Psalms 54; 146
2 Samuel 3:6-21
Acts 16:6-15
Mark 6:30-46

Thursday, August 3

Psalms 143; 147:12-20
2 Samuel 4:1-12
Acts 16:25-40
Mark 7:1-23

Saturday, August 5

Psalms 122; 149
2 Samuel 5:22-6:11
Acts 17:16-34
Mark 8:1-10

Monday, July 31

Psalms 57; 145
2 Samuel 2:1-11
Acts 15:36-16:5
Mark 6:14-29

Wednesday, August 2

Psalms 65; 147:1-11
2 Samuel 3:22-39
Acts 16:16-24
Mark 6:47-56

Friday, August 4

Psalms 88; 148
2 Samuel 5:1-12
Acts 17:1-15
Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, August 6

Psalms 108; 150
2 Samuel 6:12-23
Romans 14:7-12
John 1:43-51

Church Calendar

..... July 30 - August 6

TODAY <i>July 30</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adult Planning Team in the Hulme Room
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Board of the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts in the Craig Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
THURSDAY	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
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	Foundation of HOPE Training in the Hulme Room
SUNDAY <i>August 6</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

18th 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 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*
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