

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 and Fugue in G minor

Johann Krebs

Praeludium in G minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Faith is a gift from God to those who will accept it, but it requires the giving of ourselves in trust to God.

People: **The faith which God gives inspires us to believe and enables us to put our trust in God through all questioning and doubt.**

Pastor: When God promises, we believe. When God leads, we follow. That is the response faith stirs in us.

People: **May God's revelation in Christ stir us to faith in His salvation and obedience to His leading.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

ORISON

John Duggan

The LORD, even the most mighty God, hath spoken and called the world from the rising sun unto the going down thereof.

Text: Psalm 50:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Righteous God, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking Your forgiveness. We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience Your grace, then act defeated. We rely on Your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.

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 16:13-20

page 18 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Ledger

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.

Text: John 14:15-17

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Not for a Week, or a Season, or a Year ...

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

▲ 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

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

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

Psalm 150

Bob Chilcott

O Praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him in His noble acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him upon the lute and harp. Praise Him in the cymbals and dances; praise Him upon the strings and pipe. Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD!

Text: Psalm 150

▲ **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 391**

Take My Life

Hendon

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

**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 today, 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.

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The Chancel Choir is in recess for the month of August. Singing in the ensemble this morning are Meghan DeWald Althouse and Gail E. Roup, soprano; Jane M. Boyle and Abigail Eagleson, alto; Mark A. Boyle, tenor; and Brian C. Doherty, bass.

Ushers for August - Brigetta P. Del Re, Richard O. Goehring, Herold S. Hannah Jr., Rebecca D. Reeder, and Thomas L. Wentling Jr. **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.

Music in a Great Space Celebrates 25th Anniversary Season

..... *Musica Mundana presents Canticum*
Saturday, September 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel

The 25th anniversary season of Music in a Great Space, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's concert series, begins with Musica Mundana presenting *Canticum*, a program including music by Johann Sebastian Bach, François Couperin, Antonio Vivaldi, Claudio Monteverdi, and more. Join us on Saturday, September 16, at 2:00 p.m. for an intimate afternoon in the Chapel. (Seating will be limited.)

Musica Mundana – a duo comprised of Justin Wallace, harpsichord, and Raquel Winnica Young, mezzo-soprano – will be joined by guest artists Elena Mullins, soprano, and Patricia Halverson, viola da gamba.

As part of our silver anniversary celebration, there will be no charge for admission to Music in a Great Space concerts throughout the 2017-2018 season. Freewill offerings will be accepted and appreciated. (Please note that co-sponsored concerts, such as those presented in partnership with the Pittsburgh Camerata and the Organ Artists Series, will require tickets; ticket costs will vary according to the series partner's pricing schedule.) Season brochures will be available soon; details are available at www.shadysidepres.org/migs.

The Music in a Great Space concert series is a memorial to Lydia Schulze Saul, made possible by a generous act of her son, William E. Saul, upon his death in 1995 – a wonderful and lasting legacy.

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

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 will resume on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. These thirty-minute candlelight worship services, with Communion, offer a more intimate worship experience in the midst of our hectic lives. This fall, the pastors' homilies will focus on 1 Corinthians, following the daily lectionary. Childcare is provided.

Women at the Well - An interesting and varied group of women gathers twice each month for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Friendships and connections grow deeper when we share the Scriptures in study and prayer. Join us beginning Thursday, September 14, as together we seek to quench the thirsting of our souls on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Craig Room. Women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us! If you need more information, please contact Lauren Sharps 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.

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 regularly 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, September 25, 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.

Connections Dinner - Enjoy friendly conversation along with a delicious home-cooked meal on Wednesday, September 27, when supper will be served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For reservations, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office by Monday, September 25. A freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers at 7:00 p.m.

The Opioid Addiction Crisis - Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Stephen Ministry continues to sponsor a series of educational opportunities with the presentation of "The Opioid Addiction Crisis: What You Need to Know," on Monday, October 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Join us to hear speakers Dr. Mitchell West, Medical Director of Addiction Medicine at Allegheny Health Network, and Det. Calvin Kennedy, from the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. To register, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office; there is no cost to attend.

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.

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 an ongoing faith-based ministry designed to help those who are separated or divorced move toward healing and new life. For more information, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz.

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.

Visit the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website www.shadysidepres.org for even more information.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Off the Floor Pittsburgh (OFP) is a volunteer organization that helps families in Pittsburgh who are eating and sleeping on their floors because they cannot afford furniture. OFP arranges donations of furniture and furniture deliveries for these families.

Shadyside's Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) has a delivery team that works one Saturday every six to eight weeks. The MAC has held fundraisers for OFP, and individuals at Shadyside Presbyterian Church have donated furniture to OFP.

For more information, visit www.offthefloorpittsburgh.org. To join the efforts of the Community Partnerships MAC in support of OFP, contact the church office. The Community Partnerships MAC is still looking for a volunteer to take over the volunteer coordinator position. This team leader coordinates the logistical details to prepare for the Saturday delivery days on which a team from Shadyside works (about five to six Saturdays per year). If you would like more information about this liaison position, please contact the church office.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... August 27 - September 3

Sunday, August 27

Psalms 67; 150
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25
Galatians 3:23-4:7
John 8:12-20

Monday, August 28

Psalms 57; 145
1 Kings 1:(1-4) 5-31
Acts 26:1-23
Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday, August 29

Psalms 54; 146
1 Kings 1:32-2:4 (5-46a) 46b
Acts 26:24-27:8
Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday, August 30

Psalms 65; 147:1-11
1 Kings 3:1-15
Acts 27:9-26
Mark 14:1-11

Thursday, August 31

Psalms 143; 147:12-20
1 Kings 3:16-28
Acts 27:27-44
Mark 14:12-26

Friday, September 1

Psalms 88; 148
1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7
Acts 28:1-16
Mark 14:27-42

Saturday, September 2

Psalms 122; 149
1 Kings 7:51-8:21
Acts 28:17-31
Mark 14:43-52

Sunday, September 3

Psalms 108; 150
1 Kings 8:22-30 (31-40)
1 Timothy 4:7b-16
John 8:47-59

Church Calendar

..... August 27 - September 3

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| TODAY <i>August 27</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 |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Parish Life Ministry Team in the Stamy Room |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Training for Christian Education Volunteers in the Hulme Room – Youth through Adult Session (for those teaching ages 6 th grade through adult) |
| MONDAY | 6:00 p.m. | Board of Deacons Kick-off Dinner, off-site |
| TUESDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room |
| 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 <i>September 3</i> | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, with Communion |
| | 11:20 a.m. | Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium |

Annual Potluck Picnic Under the Tent

..... Sunday, September 10, following worship

Great food and fun for all ages. Everyone is welcome! The church will provide fried chicken and baked beans. Please bring an entrée or side dish to serve 12 people. Ice cream, sorbet, and a variety of toppings will be provided for dessert. Don't cook? Come anyway; we will have enough food for all. Comfortable clothing is encouraged.

Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office to RSVP by Wednesday, September 6.

Adult Christian Education

..... Beginning Sunday, September 10, at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, September 10, the Adult Christian Education Team invites you to gather in the Sharp Atrium at 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and light refreshments before attending the study of your choice.

Adult Bible Study

The Book of Daniel

Led by Elder Richard McGough

Topical Book Study

*Body & Soul: Reclaiming the
Heidelberg Catechism,*
by Reverend Dr. M. Craig Barnes
Led by Elders Sara and Ted Brooke
(September 10–October 15)

Pastors' Bible Study

The Sermon Scripture Passage
Led by Sunday's Preacher

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*



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