

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

Let All Things Now Living a Song of Thanksgiving

David Cherwien

We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

Now Thank We All Our God

Geoffrey Honoré

At the Name of Jesus

John Hebdens Schaffner

WELCOME

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As the dawn awakes, we will give thanks to You, O God.

People: **We will sing your praises among all peoples.**

Pastor: For God's steadfast love is higher than the skies,

People: **And God's faithfulness reaches beyond our sight.**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Text adapted from Psalm 108

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

ORISON

Mark A. Boyle

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! This day is God's day! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad!

Text: Psalms 100 and 118

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O God, our judge and savior, set before us the vision of Thy purity, and let us see our sins in the light of Thy holiness. Pierce our self-contentment with the shafts of Thy burning love, and let love consume in us all that hinders us from service to Thy cause; for Thy holiness is our judgment, so are Thy wounds our salvation.

William Temple

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 Todd E. Leach

Elder Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons

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 BAPTISM

Susanna Victoria Rodgers-Genuardi

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, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

page 205 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou LORD of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even Thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be always praising Thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper Thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Text: Psalms 84 and 90

SERMON

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

Keep the Kingdom Weird

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

▲ **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 Todd E. Leach

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

A Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving

Michael McCabe

O praise the LORD, ye nations; praise Him, ye people. Praise Him in the sound of trumpet. Praise Him in dances; praise Him on lute and harp; praise Him with strings, and praise Him with pipe. Grant us this day, O Lord, a blessing for Thy house, that those who hunger for Thy holy Word may find it here. We give Thee thanks and praise this day. O praise the Lord and give Him thanks this day. Let all the people praise the Lord, both now and evermore.

Text: Psalms 117 and 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 148**

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The fruits of the harvest are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Scott Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. George and Virginia Beckwith, and Mr. and Mrs. James Scott Beckwith III from their family.

Acolytes for November - Christopher Balaan and Quinn A. Reppe.

Children's Offering - In our efforts to help our children learn about stewardship and serving our neighbors, we invite our young families to participate in monthly children's offerings on the third Sunday of the month. Today, our children are sharing non-perishable food items with East End Cooperative Ministry and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Visit www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others to learn more about our mission partners. Children also share their time by serving as ushers and greeters this morning. Families may contact Ellen Allston to coordinate their children's participation in these times of sharing.

Ushers for November - Barbara L. Dunkelman, Robert J. Ferguson, Peter J. Freymark, David M. Gilliland, Robert C. Howard, James S. Kissel, Hunter A. McGeary Jr., and Robert J. Miles Sr. **Coordinators:** Mark G. Allston, Randy C. Adams II, Brigetta P. Del Re, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, and Robert P. O'Neil.

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Today, at 3:00 p.m.

Tenor Eric Rieger and pianist J.J. Penna present *Voyage of Life*, exploring journeys of life, love, death, and the subconscious in songs by Schubert, Duparc, and Britten. No tickets; donations welcome.

Chancel Choir Concert

..... Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir sings Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* accompanied by organ, along with other carols for the Advent and Christmas seasons. No tickets; donations welcome.

Adult Christian Education

..... Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Through January 28

in the Hulme Room

The Gospel according to Luke

Led by Elder Richard McGough

TOPICAL BOOK STUDY

December 3-24, and January 7

in the Craig Room

While We Wait:

Living the Questions of Advent

Led by Elder Robert Luthultz and

Sharon Luthultz

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

Through May 2018

in the Chapel

The Sermon Scripture Passage

Led by Sunday's Preacher

News and Notes

Moms' Group – Bring your little ones and join American and international moms of young children for friendship, support, and a good cup of coffee or tea. Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) is partnering with Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries (PRISM) to host a weekly gathering at SPC on each Monday from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Please contact Rev. Todd Leach for details.

Christmas Poinsettias – The Board of Deacons is providing the opportunity for the placement of poinsettias in the Sanctuary during the worship services on Christmas Eve. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. All orders must be accompanied by payment and received by Sunday, November 26.

Special Advent-Themed Connections Dinner – On Wednesday, November 29, join us for an extended Advent-themed congregational dinner in the Parish Hall. You are invited to make an Advent wreath beginning at 5:15 p.m.; then, enjoy friendly conversation along with a delicious home-cooked meal from 6:00 until 6:50 p.m. Please make your reservation by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or by contacting the church office by Monday, November 27. A freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. Nursery care is available. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Vespers are held on Wednesdays 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. Childcare is available. Vespers will not be held in the Chapel on November 22, due to the service in the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving Eve. Vespers will be held in the Chapel on November 29.

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, November 30. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

Care Packages for Students and Military – Next month, the Deacons will send care packages to our college students and military. We need current contact information for new and existing students or military personnel. If you have a child or loved one in college or the military, please share the recipient's name and address with us by contacting the church office before Friday, December 1. Thank you!

Community Open House – On Sunday, December 3, take a break from the hustle and bustle of this hectic season, and refresh your spirit in the beauty and serenity of our sacred spaces. Warm beverages and cookies will be available in the Sharp Atrium from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Join us as your schedule permits, and please invite friends and neighbors to this welcoming event. Consider returning or remaining afterward for a free choral concert at 3:00 p.m.

The Giving Tree – On Sundays, December 3 and 10, the Giving Tree in the Sharp Atrium will be decorated with special ornaments listing the name and clothing/shoe sizes of the women from Sojourner House and POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery). A member of the Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) will be present to register your name along with the name of the recipient. Please return gift-wrapped pajamas and slippers to the church by Sunday, December 17. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Iadicicco through the church office.

Caroling at Allegheny County Jail - Get an early start on polishing your finest Christmas carols *and* share community with those who will spend Christmas in jail. Come and participate in the Advent Lessons and Carols service at the Allegheny County Jail on Tuesday, December 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with Shadyside Presbyterian and other local churches. All participants must be 21 or older. If you are interested, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Corinne Nunez through the church office by Wednesday, November 29.

God and Family First (GAFF) on Second Sundays at SPC - On the second Sunday of the month, join other families at 9:30 a.m. for a child-friendly family fellowship in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be provided to help you start the morning. This opportunity is a great way to meet other families; while children form and explore new friendships, adults may discover other exciting things happening at Shadyside. Our next gathering, which will have an Advent focus, occurs on Sunday, December 10.

Cookies for College Students - Do you have a passion for baking, or are you able to make an extra batch of Christmas cookies to share with college students? Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) will once again be spreading cookie love to college students as they study for their final exams. Please bring cookies to church on Sunday, December 10, for distribution during the week of December 11. Would you like to help us spread the love on campus? Please contact Vicki Potter through the church office for more information.

Stewardship Reminder - If you have not submitted your pledge form, please remember to return it soon. Additional pledge forms are located in the pew racks. We greatly appreciate the many pledge forms that have already been received.

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

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.

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.

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.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides additional information about the church's many programs, activities, and events, as well as access to audio recordings of worship.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Since 2008, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) has been supporting a ministry in India. Founded in 1995, this ministry's vision is to reach out to men, women, and children of the Devadasi (temple prostitution) community; to rescue girls and boys from the Devadasi system; to provide, care for, and educate Devadasi children; to provide job-oriented training and develop natural gifts and skills; and to address the many needs of HIV+ Devadasis and their families. Shadyside Presbyterian Church has hosted the founders on numerous visits to Pittsburgh, most recently in September 2016. Also, in January 2016, a mission team from Shadyside first traveled to India to visit this ministry, display support, and envision opportunities to better walk alongside our partners in India.

To join the efforts of the International Partnerships MAC, contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Sundays in Advent

..... *Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for His coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return.

First Sunday of Advent, December 3

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Advent Vespers

..... *Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20, at 7:00 p.m.*

During the season of Advent, Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to join us on Wednesdays for an evening of music and reflection in our Sanctuary. These 45-minute candlelight Communion services include a homily, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and the Pittsburgh Girls Choir. Childcare is available.

Wednesday, December 6

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Wednesday, December 13

Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching

Wednesday, December 20

Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching

Church Calendar

..... November 19 - 26

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
<i>November 19</i>	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
	3:00 p.m.	Music in a Great Space Concert in the Sanctuary
		Reception in the Sharp Atrium following
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Moms' Group in the Nursery Room
	6:30 p.m.	EECM Shelter Dinner Volunteers at EECM, 6140 Station Street
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session in the Hulme Room
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Sanctuary
THURSDAY & FRIDAY		Office Closed
SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
<i>November 26</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Christ the King Sunday
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... November 19 - 26

Sunday, November 19	Tuesday, November 21	Thursday, November 23	Saturday, November 25
Psalms 67; 150	Psalms 54; 146	Psalms 143; 147:12-20	Psalms 122; 149
Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26	Ezra 9:1-15	Nehemiah 9:1-15 (16-25)	Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18
Acts 28:14b-23	Revelation 21:1-8	Revelation 21:22-22:5	Revelation 22:14-21
Luke 16:1-13	Matthew 17:14-21	Matthew 18:1-9	Matthew 18:21-35
Monday, November 20	Wednesday, November 22	Friday, November 24	Sunday, November 26
Psalms 57; 145	Psalms 65; 147:1-11	Psalms 88; 148	Psalms 108; 150
Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36	Ezra 10:1-17	Nehemiah 9:26-38	Isaiah 19:19-25
Revelation 20:7-15	Revelation 21:9-21	Revelation 22:6-13	Romans 15:5-13
Matthew 17:1-13	Matthew 17:22-27	Matthew 18:10-20	Luke 19:11-27

Thanksgiving Eve Service

..... Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We have chosen to set aside this time to celebrate God's many blessings to us as a congregation. The service will include Thanksgiving hymns and a meditation by the Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps. Special food donation bags will be distributed in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium today, November 19, with a list of suggested non-perishable items attached to each bag. Please return the filled bags during the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22, or to the church office during the week of Thanksgiving. All gifts collected will be contributed to the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Food Pantry to replenish its food supply. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to "Shadyside Presbyterian Church" with "EECM Food Collection" on the memo line, and placed in the offering plate today or on Thanksgiving Eve. Questions may be directed to the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions, or to any member of the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC).

Church Staff

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