

# 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.

**Gluten-free, vegan Communion wafers** are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them to the regular Communion bread.

**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.

**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

The Advent

Gordon Young

Once He Came in Blessing

Michael Burkhart

Fantasia on “Veni Emmanuel”

Alec Rowley

## WELCOME

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

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Michelle and Brenden Van Buren, Young Adult Ministry*

Leader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope. With Christians around the world, we use this light to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.”** (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the joy and gladness of Jesus’ coming, for He is our light and our hope. Come, let us worship God.

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**The Reverend Todd E. Leach**

## ORISON

Martin How

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen! The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

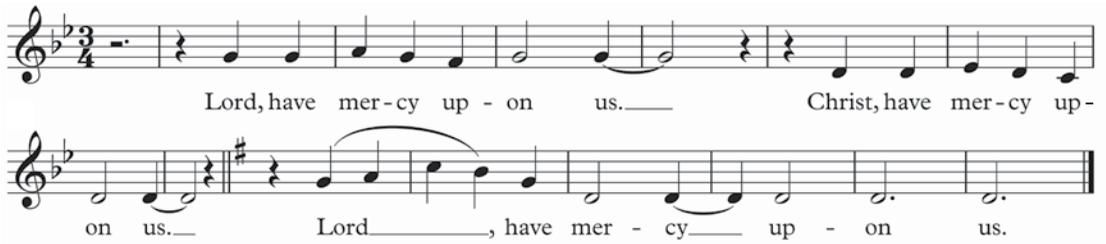
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**God of hope, as we enter the season of Advent, we are often like wanderers without direction. We are pleased to spend our time wandering aimlessly, just as long as we are in control. We are satisfied with interpreting this season in our own way as we merely shop and prepare for the exchanging of gifts. Forgive us for wandering in the wrong direction, failing to see the great opportunities of this time of preparation. Give us strength to follow new directions. Inspire us to accept the challenge of Advent, a challenge to be made new as we are confronted by Your grace. May we live in the freshness of Your presence as we are filled with the hope, joy, peace, and love that are the true signs of the Advent; for we pray these things in Christ’s name.**

## 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 four years old through kindergarten will leave with their teachers through the Sharp Atrium doors. (If you are a first-time guest, please accompany your child to the Chapel, and then you may return to the Sanctuary.) First- and second-graders will remain in worship throughout the service.*

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-27

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

**The Reverend John F. Magnuson**

page 50 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

## ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin, who loved us all, and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Text: Ruth Manz, adapted from the Book of Revelation

## SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Living Between Two Advents

## ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## OFFERING ANTHEM

Gloria

Francis Poulenc

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on Earth.

# THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The pastor prays.*

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who sing to the glory of Your name:

## SANCTUS (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The pastor continues in prayer.*

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, eternal God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**DISTRIBUTION** (please commune as you receive the elements)

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**  
The Truth from Above

Michael McCabe

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Hymnal page 16*

▲ **HYMN 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Truro*

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

O Thou of God the Father

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

**Acolytes for December** - Luke A. Diel and Ian A. McGough.

**Ushers for December** - Brigetta P. Del Re, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Herold S. Hannah Jr., Percy M. Jackson, W. Duff McCrady, Terrence H. Murphy, Sang C. Park, Martin E. Powell, 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

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" is a 1953 motet composed by Paul Manz (1919-2009) with lyrics adapted by Ruth Manz. The piece is adapted from text found in the Book of Revelation. Dr. Manz long served as a recitalist, composer, teacher, and leader in church music. He was Music Director Emeritus at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke, Chicago, Illinois; and Music Director Emeritus of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the director of the Paul Manz Institute of Church Music, and was Professor Emeritus of Church Music at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. This anthem is known as Dr. Manz's most notable composition, and sung by choirs the world over.

### Chancel Choir Concert

..... Today, 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.

### Bach's *Magnificat*

..... Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. ....

The Pittsburgh Camerata and Chatham Baroque present J.S. Bach's glorious 30-minute vocal canticle alongside a cappella choral music for the season. Tickets: [www.pittsburghcamerata.org](http://www.pittsburghcamerata.org) or at the door.

## News and Notes

**Advent Reflections** - Please pick up a copy of this booklet, available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium, to help guide your own daily prayer and personal devotions throughout the season of Advent. Each day offers a personal reflection composed by a member of our church family to complement one of the daily Scripture readings from the Daily Prayer lectionary. We pray that your time with these writings will be an opportunity to engage with one another and with Christ, through whom we receive the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. (The booklet is also available on the church website; read the blog daily, or download the full booklet.)

**Community Open House** - 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 today 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.

**The Giving Tree** - Today, 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.

**Children's Ministry** - This year's Family Christmas Service is scheduled on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals will occur on Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17, throughout our Children's Ministry programs in the morning. A mandatory dress rehearsal will be conducted after worship on December 10. Children must participate in rehearsals to be part of the service. Families with four-year-olds through fifth-graders are invited to contact Ellen Allston about their children's participation.

**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.

**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, December 7. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

**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.

**Immersive Advent Experience** - On Sunday, December 10, the youth of Shadyside Presbyterian Church invite you to a special interactive Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship 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.

**Midweek Vespers** will not be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, and Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Vespers resume on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Pledges and Year-End Giving** – As we come to the close of the year, please consider whether you have completed paying your pledge for this calendar year. For those who make year-end gifts, please remember the church in your giving. Both pledges and gifts must be **received** by December 31 in order to be included in this year. Looking ahead, if you have not made your pledge for 2018, please do so by completing one of the pledge forms in the pews and placing it in the offering plate or sending it to the church office.

**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! Today, we begin Year 2 of the daily lectionary, located in the back of the book. If you have questions, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

# Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *December 3 - 10* .....

## Sunday, December 3

Psalms 24; 150  
Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 21:5-19

## Tuesday, December 5

Psalms 33; 146  
Amos 3:1-11  
2 Peter 1:12-21  
Matthew 21:12-22

## Thursday, December 7

Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20  
Amos 4:6-13  
2 Peter 3:11-18  
Matthew 21:33-46

## Saturday, December 9

Psalms 90; 149  
Amos 5:18-27  
Jude 17-25  
Matthew 22:15-22

## Monday, December 4

Psalms 122; 145  
Amos 2:6-16  
2 Peter 1:1-11  
Matthew 21:1-11

## Wednesday, December 6

Psalms 50; 147:1-11  
Amos 3:12-4:5  
2 Peter 3:1-10  
Matthew 21:23-32

## Friday, December 8

Psalms 102; 148  
Amos 5:1-17  
Jude 1-16  
Matthew 22:1-14

## Sunday, December 10

Psalms 24; 150  
Amos 6:1-14  
2 Thessalonians 1:5-12  
Luke 1:57-68

## 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

## 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

# Church Calendar

..... December 3 - 10 .....

<b>TODAY</b> <i>December 3</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – First Sunday of Advent
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Nazareth Room
	12:00 p.m.	College Care Package Assembly in the Hulme Room
	12:30 p.m.	Advent Community Open House in the Sharp Atrium
	12:30 p.m.	Budget and Finance Committee in the Craig Room
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
	3:00 p.m.	Advent Choral Concert in the Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:15 p.m.	Moms’ Group in the Nursery Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	5:30 p.m.	Lessons and Carols at the Allegheny County Jail
	6:00 p.m.	Human Resources Committee in the Craig Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Nursery School Board in the Stamy Room
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons in the Hulme Room
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Vespers in the Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.	“Women at the Well” Christmas Party in the Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	2:00 p.m.	Pittsburgh Girls Choir Holiday Concert in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Parish Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>December 10</i>	9:30 a.m.	God and Family First (GAFF) on Second Sundays in the Parish Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry in the Walton Library
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday of Advent
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM) continues in the Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Children’s Ministry Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
	3:00 p.m.	Pittsburgh Camerata Concert in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Parish Hall

## 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.

### Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

### Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

For more information, visit the website:

[www.shadysidepres.org/advent](http://www.shadysidepres.org/advent)

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Inspired by Isaiah 64:1: “O that You would tear open the heavens and come down . . . .”

## Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*

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