

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

Two Airs

George Frideric Handel

Allegro Moderato and Hornpipe

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew H. Regentin and Sarah E. Spiegel, The Board of Deacons

Leader: We lit the first candle for hope. On this Second Sunday in Advent, we light the candle for peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus brings peace unlike anything the world can give us.

All: **“For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: God promises us that, in Jesus, His Kingdom will reign, bringing peace to all. Let us worship with hope, for our Savior is indeed coming.

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 10

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Winchester New

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

CALL TO PRAYER

George Frideric Handel

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him, all ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Text: Matthew 11:28-29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 543 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

John Clements

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1633

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

page 34 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Contagious Nature of Dreams

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein' Ros'

▲ 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 John F. Magnuson

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

And the Glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Text: Isaiah 40:5

▲ **DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth (Hymn no. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

▲ **HYMN 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Sleepers Wake

Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

Immersive Advent Experience

..... *Today following worship*

The youth of Shadyside Presbyterian Church invite you to a special interactive Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship today. Please join us and experience Advent in a new way!

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 or at the door.

About This Morning's Music

Handel's *Messiah* was originally an Easter offering on the stage of Musick Hall in Dublin on April 13, 1742. Handel composed *Messiah* in an astounding interlude, somewhere between three and four weeks in August and September 1741. The creation of Handel's *Messiah* was actually induced by Handel's librettist, Charles Jennens. Jennens expressed in a letter that he wanted to create a Scriptural anthology set to music by Handel. Since its debut, there have been many versions of *Messiah*. Handel himself reworked and edited his score countless times to fit the needs and abilities of his performers.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 10 – 17

Sunday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 12

Psalms 33; 146
Amos 7:10-17
Revelation 1:9-16
Matthew 22:34-46

Thursday, December 14

Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20
Amos 9:1-10
Revelation 2:8-17
Matthew 23:13-26

Saturday, December 16

Psalms 90; 149
Haggai 2:1-9
Revelation 3:1-6
Matthew 24:1-14

Monday, December 11

Psalms 122; 145
Amos 7:1-9
Revelation 1:1-8
Matthew 22:23-33

Wednesday, December 13

Psalms 50; 147:1-11
Amos 8:1-14
Revelation 1:17-2:7
Matthew 23:1-12

Friday, December 15

Psalms 102; 148
Haggai 1:1-15
Revelation 2:18-29
Matthew 23:27-39

Sunday, December 17

Psalms 24; 150
Amos 9:11-15
2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17
John 5:30-47

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

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 to download in full from the church website, or you may read along daily as the devotions are published through the blog.)

Cookies for College Students - Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) is gathering cookies to distribute to students in our continuing efforts to share love and encouragement during the stressful finals week for Carnegie Mellon University and Chatham University. Cookie donations will be collected in the Hulme Room during the Time of Fellowship following worship today, December 10. Would you like to help us spread the love on campus? Please contact Vicki Potter through the church office for more information.

Children's Ministry - This year's Family Christmas Service is scheduled on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals for four-year-olds through fifth-graders will occur on Sundays, December 10 and 17, throughout our Children's Ministry programs in the morning.

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

The Giving Tree - The Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) thanks you for your generosity with the Giving Tree project in partnership with Sojourner House and POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery). Gift-wrapped pajamas and slippers should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 17. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Book Collection for Parents of HOPE - The Foundation of HOPE gives interested parents and grandparents in the Allegheny County Jail the opportunity to read and record a book or books for their children and sends the books and recordings on to the children's homes. This program allows HOPE's Pre-Release participants to stay in contact with their children while promoting literacy. The Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) accepts new books for all ages, from 0 to 18, but we are currently most in need of board books and picture books. A collection basket is located in the Sharp Atrium; book donations are welcome and appreciated at any time, but we extend a special invitation to consider participating in this collection during the month of December as the holidays approach.

If you use offering envelopes, they will be available in the Sharp Atrium today and Sundays, December 17 and 24. Please help the church to economize on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

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.

Youth Retreat - All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend the sixth annual Youth Winter Retreat at Pine Springs Camp from Friday, January 5, through Sunday, January 7. Youth will enjoy a weekend in a warm cabin in the mountains with fellowship, camp fires, Bible study, and snow tubing (weather permitting). For more information or to RSVP for this event, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

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! Currently, we are in 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. 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.

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.

Mission Partner Spotlight

The Neighborhood Academy (TNA) is a faith-based, independent school with a mission to break the generational cycle of poverty by preparing low-income youth for college and citizenship. This school exists to provide a holistic college-prep education for students in grades eight through twelve who come from families demonstrating financial need. TNA is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies, and spirits of students so that they might become fully productive members of our society.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church has supported TNA since its inception, and currently provides an “Over the Bridge Scholarship” that offsets the educational expenses and provides a full scholarship for one student. Shadyside’s Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC) also offers a book scholarship to a graduating senior and provides opportunities for parishioners to meet students, including after-school tutoring and a college internship program. For a complete list of current opportunities, please contact to Rev. Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

In October 2016, half of the mission gift collected for Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s 150th anniversary celebration was given to TNA for the purpose of equipping classrooms as the school grows to include grades six and seven. In thanks for this contribution to TNA’s middle school capital campaign, Bryant Jordan, an eleventh-grade TNA student, presented to the church a beautiful piece of artwork he created. We invite you to view Bryant’s creative graphic, which echoes the church’s logo and is currently displayed in the Sharp Atrium.

For more information, visit www.theneighborhoodacademy.org. To join the efforts of the Community Kids MAC, contact Rev. Leach.

Live Webcast

Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays:

www.shadysidepres.org/live

Please share this link with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, preaching

Church Calendar

..... December 10 – 17

TODAY <i>December 10</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday of Advent
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd 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
	12:30 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
MONDAY	12:15 p.m.	Moms’ Group in the Nursery Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	12:00 p.m.	Staff Christmas Gathering off-site – Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Advent Vespers in the Sanctuary
	7:45 p.m.	Mission and Urban Ministry Team in the Stamy 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
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
SUNDAY <i>December 17</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third Sunday of Advent
	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
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Service for Children and Families in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Parish Hall	

Advent Vespers

..... Wednesdays, December 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 13
Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching

Wednesday, December 20
Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching

Celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ

..... *Services of Worship in the Sanctuary*

Family Service on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Led by the children's choirs, the Sunday school children, and Shadyside's youth, this service includes a homily from the Reverend John F. Magnuson. The service – filled with familiar carols, costumed players, and candle lighting – lasts approximately 45 minutes and appeals to congregants of all ages.

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 24, at 9:00 p.m.

A series of Scripture readings, carols, and hymns concludes with a ceremony of lights in this beloved service, which is based on the tradition which began at King's College, Cambridge, in 1918. Including a homily from the Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, the service will be preceded by an extended choral and string prelude at 8:40 p.m.

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

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