

# 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

Chorale Prelude on “Savior of the Nations, Come”  
“Nimrod,” from *Enigma Variations*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Edward Elgar

## WELCOME

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

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

*Andrea Casas and Lillian, Diana Rodgers and Louisa – Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School*

Leader: On the first two Sundays of Advent, we lit the candles for hope and peace. Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of His birth.

All: **“Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.”** (Isaiah 65:18)

Leader: The light of Christ’s joy shines into the darkness of our world. Let us rejoice as we worship our Savior.

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

**The Reverend John F. Magnuson**

## ORISON

Russell S. Widmar

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, world without end. Amen.

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

**We confess, O Lord, that we are too easily misled. We have come to accept the testimony of some, merely because of their fame, rather than faithfully seeking a personal understanding. We have sometimes been unduly impressed by the glitter of wealth, by the conferring of degrees, and by the aura of popularity. Forgive us, God, for our laziness – physically, mentally, and spiritually. Open our eyes and our ears this day to Your true Word, as well as our hearts and minds to the testimony of Your Spirit; for it is in Christ’s name we pray.**

## 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.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, starting with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. This is followed by a whole rest, then another series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a whole rest, then a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## 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.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. This is followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The third staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*During the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward to the baptismal font.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Elder Rebecca L. Young

*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

Virginia Ann Baldrige

## 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 5:12-24

page 205 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Magnificat

Richard Baker

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever.

Text: Luke 1:46-55

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

page 691 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

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## SERMON

The Importance of Relationships

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

## ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

## ▲ 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

The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me (from *The Apostles*)

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

Text: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

## ▲ 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 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*Aberystwyth*

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel

# Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

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

**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 children's books with the Foundation of HOPE. Please visit [www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others](http://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 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.

## 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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24**

Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps, 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

## 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.)

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

**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 today, 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.

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

**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.

**Christian Education Classes** will not be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017. Education classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 9:45 a.m.

**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.

**Retreat for Mothers of Sojourner House** - On Saturday, January 13, Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host a retreat for Sojourner House, one of our mission partners. This event offers uplifting discussion, learning, fellowship, and praise for women and their children who are working hard to reclaim their lives. We need volunteers to greet, talk, and share with the mothers as well as volunteers to provide child care from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are able to help, please sign up in the Sharp Atrium.

**Sunday Adventures in Music (SAM)** is a comprehensive music training program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. SAM introduces our church family's children to our rich heritage of music and allows them the opportunity to be leaders in worship. Rehearsals resume Sunday, January 14, at 11:20 a.m. in the Chapel. Questions? Contact Stephen Donnelly through the church office.

**This Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) invites you to an all-church workday, partnering with the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). We will gather at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, to prepare the evening meal for the EECM shelter. That evening, at 6:30 p.m., we will meet at the EECM Community House in East Liberty to serve dinner to shelter guests. The dinner will be followed by a short program including discussions about Dr. King. To sign up or for further information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach through the church office.

**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](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.

**The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, [www.shadysidepres.org](http://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

The Foundation of HOPE is an interfaith ministry at the Allegheny County Jail which seeks to “empower incarcerated and released individuals to restore their relationship with their God, rebuild their lives, and reconcile to their community.”

Volunteers can get involved in one-time events, office assistance, or volunteering on a regular basis through any of the three areas of HOPE:

- Volunteers can serve with the HOPE Chaplaincy Program by visiting inmates one on one, leading worship services, and/or leading Bible studies for inmates.
- Volunteers with the HOPE Pre-Release Program assist with teaching classes to participants who live in a communal, faith-based, rehabilitative housing unit.
- Volunteers in the HOPE Aftercare Program can serve as mentors to former inmates or assist with support groups held in the community.

Shadyside has partnered with HOPE by providing space for volunteer trainings and events, sending volunteers for Lessons and Carols, Christmas packaging, HOPE Pre-Release instructors, mentors, and more. Shadyside also helps give parents in the Allegheny County Jail an opportunity to read and record stories for their children. You are welcome to join us in providing new youth and children’s books, which the mothers and fathers will then pass along to their children. A collection basket is located by the entrance to the Sharp Atrium; book donations are welcome and appreciated at any time. Please keep the participants of the HOPE program in your prayers and prayerfully consider ways you can participate in this ministry.

For more information about the Foundation of HOPE, visit [www.foundationofhope.org](http://www.foundationofhope.org). To join the efforts of the Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 17 - 24 .....

### **Sunday, December 17**

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

### **Tuesday, December 19**

Psalms 33; 146  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Titus 1:1-16  
Luke 1:1-25

### **Thursday, December 21**

Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20  
2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Titus 2:11-3:8a  
Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56)

### **Saturday, December 23**

Psalms 90; 149  
Jeremiah 31:10-14  
Galatians 3:15-22  
Luke 1:67-80 or Matt. 1:1-17

### **Monday, December 18**

Psalms 122; 145  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Revelation 12:1-10  
John 3:16-21

### **Wednesday, December 20**

Psalms 50; 147:1-11  
1 Samuel 2:1b-10  
Titus 2:1-10  
Luke 1:26-36

### **Friday, December 22**

Psalms 102; 148  
2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Galatians 3:1-14  
Luke 1:57-66

### **Sunday, December 24**

Psalms 24; 150  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Galatians 3:23-4:7  
Matthew 1:18-25

# Church Calendar

..... December 17 - 24 .....

<b>TODAY</b> <i>December 17</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third 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 Sharp Atrium
	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:15 p.m.	Moms' Group in the Nursery Room
	6:30 p.m.	EECM Shelter Dinner Volunteers at EECM, 6140 Station Street
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session in the Hulme Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Advent Vespers in the Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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>FRIDAY</b>	12:00 p.m.	Office Closed
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>December 24</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fourth 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 Sharp Atrium
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary – Choral and String Prelude begins at 8:40 p.m.

## Advent Vespers

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

## Celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ

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

### **Family Service Today, 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 . . . ."

## Church Staff

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