

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 evening, our ushers are available to assist you.

A cry room with a video broadcast of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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.

Concerning the Ceremony of Lights - Worshippers will have received candles with wax guards upon entering the nave. These will be used during the Ceremony of Lights occurring at the conclusion of this evening's service. The ushers will light the first candle in each pew on the aisle, and each worshipper will then share with his or her neighbor, representing the presence of Christ in the world with His neighbor. For safety, please always tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. (Never tilt a lighted candle.) Please return your candle to the baskets in the Narthex as you exit tonight.

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.

Restrooms can be accessed by exiting the back of the Sanctuary and turning right. Additional restrooms are located at the top of the grand staircase through the Sharp Atrium.

! 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 Greeting has begun, please wait to enter the Sanctuary until the choir has processed.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soloist

In the Bleak Midwinter

Ēriks Ešenvalds

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Carl Shalk

In Sweetest Joy

Marcel Dupré

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Kara Cornell, soloist

GREETING

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
*(Refrain:) O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God__, glory in the highest!
Refrain

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee__ be all glo—ry given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

▲ BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 3 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CHOIR CAROL

This Is the Truth Sent from Above

Alan Bullard

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love; therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create; the next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell. Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose, and so a promise soon did run, that He would redeem us by His Son. And at this season of the year, our blest Redeemer did appear, and here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands He did teach. Thus He in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved; and if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what He did say.

Text: Herefordshire folk song

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

page 18 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

CHOIR CAROL

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

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

page 638 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CHOIR CAROL

A Tender Shoot

Simon Lole

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted, from Jesse's holy race. It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing. Our God of endless might gave her this Child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Text: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

1. (ALL) Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.
2. (MEN) King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.
3. (WOMEN) Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.
4. (ALL) At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: from Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

page 640 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

CHOIR CAROL

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

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

page 56 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated)

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen



1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns, and_
2. Not, as of old, a___ lit - tle Child, to___
3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns, and_
4. and let the end- less_ bliss be - gin, by___
5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and_



light tri - um-phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
bear, and fight and die, but crown'd with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wear - y___ saints fore-told, when right shall tri-umph
light and_ beau-ty brings; Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



east - ern_ hills and life to___ joy a - wakes.
like the_ sun that lights the_ morn-ing sky.
of that_ morn, the day that_ e'er shall last;
o - ver___ wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple___ pray, come quick - ly,___ King of _ kings!

Music: William Jones (1726-1800); Text: Greek, tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925)

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

page 1 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
*(Refrain:) Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*
2. Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Refrain

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

page 58 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The shepherds go to the manger.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
(Refrain:) Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star: *Refrain*

Text: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

page 2 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

OFFERING CAROL

A Boy Is Born

Elis Pehkonen

Unto us a Boy is born, King of all creation: Came He to a world forlorn, Lord of every nation. Cradled in a stall was He ’midst the cows and asses; but the very beasts could see He all men surpasses. Herod then with fear was filled: “A prince,” he said, “in Jewry!” All the little boys he killed at Beth’em in his fury. Now may Mary’s Son, who came long ago to love us, lead us all with hearts aflame to the joys above us. Omega and Alpha He! Let the organ thunder, while the choir with peals of glee rends the air asunder.

Text: *Moosburg Gradual*, circa 1360

▲ NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

MEDITATION

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

The Heart of an Angel

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God (Luke 2:13)

CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (*seated*)

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young, 1863

BLESSING

May He who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the blessing.

▲ POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

*For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one,
the flowers will be available to take home following the service.*

This Evening in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Chancel this evening are given in loving memory of Mr. Richard D. Baker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Baker, and Susan Dunstan Baker.

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.

We welcome the Shadyside Strings. Their presence in worship this evening is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Mark A. Anderson, conductor • Justin M. Wallace, assistant organist

Meghan DeWald Althouse	Scott Cuva	Chris Lynch	Ryan Ricarte
Geoffrey Arnold	Brian C. Doherty	Christina Lynch	Anastasia Robinson
Loghan Bazan	Jolanta Doherty	Margaret A. Ross Mehl	Gail E. Roup
Jane M. Boyle	Abigail Eagleson	Alexis A. McCune Secosky	Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco
Lauren E. Boyle	Ashley Episcopo	Bethany Mingle	Virginia Schaap
Mark A. Boyle	Ellen Fast	Franklin Mosley	Alex Sesenton
Jamie N. Burrows	Joel Goodloe	Boyd S. Murray	Kendra Buckwalter Smith
Claire Campbell	Anneke Harger	Timothy E. Nye	Lloyd F. Stamy Jr.
Jonathan P. Clunies	Margaret E. Heely	William Ottow	Emily S. Tiberi
Kara Cornell	David M. Johnson	Greg Piszczek	Richard A. Walker
Karen B. Crenshaw	Kathy Linger	Ivan Plazacic	

Christmas Poinsettias

IN HONOR OF:

The Berglund Family
Lawrence R. Breletic
Jackson, Walker, & Isabel
Brooke
Ana-Lena Dressmann-
Freymark
Alexander & Emma Duerr
Della L. Ellard
Jack, Colin, Grace, &
Mackenzie
Beatrice Jones

GIVEN BY:

Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
A friend
Sara & Ted Brooke
Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
Friends
Susie Pettler
Friends

IN HONOR OF:

Dorothy N. Hunter Hook
Malone
David O. Mills
Our Children &
Grandchildren
Victoria Sova
Donald Charles Wobb
The Yates Family

GIVEN BY:

Martha L. Hunter,
M. Michael Elmer, &
Thomas M. Hunter
A friend
Lucy & Bob Popelka
Paula Work
A friend
Jayne Adair & Basil Cox

IN MEMORY OF:

Georg & Liesel Ahrens
 Lucy Jo Atkinson
 Ubaldo & Angela Silvioni
 Baccelli
 Harold M. Beisel
 August & Mary Bernard
 Anne Beukema
 Hal Beukema
 Herman & Margaret
 Beukema
 Norman Boehm
 Walter & Emily Bossick
 Omar & Mary Bradley
 Thurman & Helen
 Brendlinger
 Janet Brooke
 Parents of David Buchter
 Barbara Hunter Burghart

 J. Glenn & Helen Burke
 Helen S. Cain
 Helen S. Cain
 Byron & Bertha Mae
 Chaplin
 Bertha Mae Chaplin
 Marlo Cheeks
 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Cochran
 Christian Liam Connelly
 Donald T. Corfield
 Frances & Duncan Cox
 Hugo Del Re
 Art & Marjorie DeVries
 Glen DeVries
 Emily Elizabeth Dorrance
 Ben & Elizabeth Bradley
 Dorsey
 Dorothy June Downing
 Ferdinand & Frieda Duerr

GIVEN BY:

Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
 Marilyn & Ray Fitzsimmons
 Laura B. Vondas

 The Beisel & York Families
 David & Marilyn Burke
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
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 Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
 W. Dennis & Penny Bossick
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 The Beisel & York Families

 Sara & Ted Brooke
 David Buchter
 Martha L. Hunter,
 M. Michael Elmer, &
 Thomas M. Hunter
 David & Marilyn Burke
 Her Family
 Marilyn Cain
 Susan Buchter

 Byron Chaplin III
 Ray & Karen DeVries
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Laura B. Vondas
 Chancel Choir
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 Russell & Brigetta Del Re
 Ray & Karen DeVries
 Ray & Karen DeVries
 The Dorrance Family
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema

 Sandra Hawkins Miller
 Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark

IN MEMORY OF:

Nell & Tom Edwards
 Albert & Rosetta Elmer

 Edward M. Elmer

 Daniel Evans
 Walter H. Evert
 David R. & Lucille H.
 Fitzsimmons
 Sally Fownes
 Hans-Ulrich & Ilse
 Freymark
 The Rev. George P. Fulton
 Shirley & William Gedman
 Shirley A. Gedman
 William P. Gedman Sr.
 Ann Elizabeth Gilbert
 Ann & Murray Gilbert
 The Rev. Walter W. Gilliland
 Dwight C. & Jane A. Hanna
 Herold S. Hannah Sr.
 Charles E. Hawkins
 Nancy G. Hoffman
 Donna Boyle & Robert
 Cleveland Holland
 Frank & Janet Hollar
 Jay Hook
 John I. Hook Jr.

 Matilda Hook
 Amanda T. Hunter

 Margaret L. Hunter

 S. Knox Hunter Jr.

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 M. Michael Elmer, &
 Thomas M. Hunter
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 Paula Work
 Jancy S. Evert
 Marilyn & Ray Fitzsimmons

 Beatrice Jones
 Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark

 Kathleen S. Fulton
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 Carla M. Gedman
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 Sara & Ted Brooke
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 David Gilliland
 Marilyn & Ray Fitzsimmons
 Herold S. Hannah Jr.
 Sandra Hawkins Miller
 Dr. & Mrs. W.J. Hoffman
 Mary Margaret & Lloyd
 Stamy
 Timothy E. Nye
 Bob & Sharon Luthultz
 Martha L. Hunter,
 M. Michael Elmer, &
 Thomas M. Hunter
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IN MEMORY OF:

Jack Japp
 Patricia Burke Josefick
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Carl Kleinschmidt
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert F. Kleinschmidt
 Christian & Kevin Lasser
 Mary Leonard
 Norman Lipski
 Judith C. Little
 Judith Cain Little
 Dr. & Mrs. William Thompson MacLauchlin
 Lorenzo Malfatti
 James C. Malone

 Gloria & Susan Maradei

 Susan Maradei
 Eunice & Daniel Mehl
 Marjorie Mercer
 Karl & Martha Merkle
 Mr. & Mrs. William E. Miller
 William E. Miller Jr.
 Momoko H. Mills
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 Maryann Misutka
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mowry
 Jack Glenn Nye
 Parents
 Carl Partanen
 Richard Partanen
 The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. LeRoy Patrick
 Vera Perry
 Mark Pennywell
 Donald H. Pettler

GIVEN BY:

Sara & Ted Brooke
 David & Marilyn Burke
 Lucy & Bob Popelka

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 Gary Lasser & Lisa Susalla
 Sara & Ted Brooke
 Sonja Lipski
 Her Family
 Marilyn Cain
 Jonathan, Caroline, Mary Margaret, & Lloyd Stamy
 Laura B. Vondas
 Martha L. Hunter, M. Michael Elmer, & Thomas M. Hunter
 Fred Maradei & Bill Gedman
 Carla M. Gedman
 John & Peggy Mehl
 Diane E. Mercer
 Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
 Sandra Hawkins Miller
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 A friend
 Paul K. Dodworth
 Beatrice Jones
 Carla M. Gedman
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Timothy E. Nye
 The Lipski-Bergman Family
 Jane Partanen
 Sisters Karen & Kirsten
 Kathleen S. Fulton

 Peter J. & Helga G. Freymark
 Della Pennywell
 Susie Pettler & The Westerbergs

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Phillips
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Popelka
 Dr. Charles G. Popelka
 John & Sophia Regas
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rhodes
 Helen Ulrich Breletic Roberts
 Jeanie Rogér

 Fred Rogers
 Margaret & David Ross
 William E. Saul
 Dr. C. Russell & Mrs. Jean M. Schaefer
 Virginia Schatz
 Marjorie & Reginald Scott
 Emma O. & H. Parker Sharp
 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Smith
 Theodore S. Sová
 Barbara & Lloyd Stamy

 Edgar Henshall Steedle
 Ernest & Clara Strassburger
 Mary & Joseph Susalla
 George A. Taaffe
 Tesauro Family
 Elaine Bernard Thorp
 Jerry Vondas

 Jerry Vondas
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wagner
 Alice Long Walker
 John J. Walker
 Thomas M. Walker
 Phyllis Jean Weigel
 Russell George Wichmann

 Mary Helen Burke Wobb
 Lois & Mark Wolfe

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News and Notes

If you use offering envelopes, they will be available in the Sharp Atrium today. 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. These thirty-minute candlelight worship services, with Communion, offer a more intimate worship experience in the midst of our hectic lives. Childcare is provided.

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.

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.

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, January 4. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

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.

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 occurs on Sunday, January 14.

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.

Extended Connections Dinner: Bring Your Favorite Bible - On Wednesday, January 24, join us for an extended dinner in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring your favorite Bible to share with others over conversation beginning at 5:15 p.m.; then, enjoy 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, January 22. 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.

Warm Up on Soup Sunday, January 28 - We look forward to filling the Parish Hall with the aroma of hearty and delicious homemade soups on Sunday, January 28. Would you be willing to make a pot of your favorite soup recipe for this event? We are looking for volunteers to contribute a variety of soups – from beef and barley to vegetarian delights, creamy chowders, and more. If you would prefer to make your favorite dessert to contribute, that would be wonderful, too. The kitchen will provide bread, salad, and beverages. Not a cook or a baker? Come and enjoy; there will be plenty to share! Make your reservations by signing up in the Sharp Atrium. Could you lend us your crock pot to keep these goodies piping hot? Let us know when you make your reservation. There is no cost to attend.

Bedding and Pillow Collection - Also on Sunday, January 28, we will hold the ninth annual Bedding and Pillow Collection for Off the Floor Pittsburgh. The items that are most needed include new pillows (must be new by state law); complete queen, full/double, and twin bedding sets; blankets of all sizes (queen are most needed); and towels and washcloths. Please put a size label on the blankets, and bring donations to the Off the Floor truck located outside the Parish Hall before worship or before the soup luncheon.

Nursery School Registering Students for 2018-2019 - The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School (SPCNS) offers developmentally appropriate classes on weekday mornings (September through May) for two-, three-, four-, and pre-kindergarten five-year-olds. Currently, SPCNS is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Returning students and SPC members are given preference for enrollment. Call Director Mary Lang at 412-681-6311, or visit the school's website: shadysideschool.org.

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.

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

Stephen Ministry - Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to use their gifts of compassion and encouragement by providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you would like information about becoming a Stephen Minister or if you would like to be paired with a Stephen Minister for care, contact Rev. Lynn Portz or speak with one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: Janet Rohrer or Cathy Wilson.

The Mini-Mouse - Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in 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 additional information about the church's many programs, activities, and events, as well as access to audio recordings of worship.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 24 - 31

Sunday, December 24	Tuesday, December 26	Thursday, December 28	Saturday, December 30
Psalms 24; 150	Psalms 116; 146	Psalms 2; 147:12-20	Psalms 93; 149
Isaiah 60:1-6	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Isaiah 49:13-23	1 Kings 17:17-24
Galatians 3:23-4:7	Acts 6:1-7	Isaiah 54:1-13	3 John 1-15
Matthew 1:18-25	Acts 7:59-8:8	Matthew 18:1-14	John 4:46-54
Monday, December 25	Wednesday, December 27	Friday, December 29	Sunday, December 31
Psalms 2; 145	Psalms 34; 147:1-11	Psalms 96; 148	Psalms 98; 150
Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4	Proverbs 8:22-30	2 Samuel 23:13-17b	1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28
1 John 4:7-16	1 John 5:1-12	2 John 1-13	Colossians 1:9-20
John 3:31-36	John 13:20-35	John 2:1-11	Luke 2:22-40

About the Cover

Pictured on the cover of this evening's bulletin is a detail of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Nativity Window, located at the center of the south transept in the Sanctuary. The window was manufactured by Tiffany Glass Company and installed when the church was erected in 1890. It is the only original stained glass window remaining at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The window is based on the 1522 painting "The Holy Night" (also known as "The Adoration of the Shepherds") by Correggio, who was a contemporary of Raphael. Depicted are the Infant Jesus and His mother Mary. Those surrounding the Child are illuminated by a radiance that emanates from Him. It is a powerful use of opalescent glass and Pre-Raphaelite realistic pictorial depiction, strongly associated with Louis Tiffany. Opalescent glass (actually patented by Tiffany's rival, John LaFarge) is less translucent and has greater color variety than normal (or "antique") stained glass. The glass thickness varies and is sometimes layered.

The placement of this window on the southern wall of the church demonstrates thoughtful consideration. The sun, low in the sky and near the end of its trip south, provides optimal illumination of the window at Christmastime, creating a beautiful and captivating effect.

Elder Timothy C. Engleman

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History of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (He devised King's Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty-two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, organist from 1876 to 1929. The choir included sixteen trebles as laid down in King Henry VI's statutes, but until 1927 the men's voices were provided partly by Choral Scholars and partly by older Lay Clerks, and not, as now, by fourteen undergraduates.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City." In almost every year, some carols have been changed and some new ones introduced by successive organists: Arthur Henry Mann; Boris Ord, 1929-1957; Harold Darke (his substitute during the war), 1940-1945; Sir David Willcocks, 1957-1973; Philip Ledger, 1974-1982; and, from 1982, Stephen Cleobury. The backbone of the service, the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged.

The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1880. A.C. Benson recalled: "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop." The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately, other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928, and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's could not be broadcast for security reasons. Sometime in the early 1930s, the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom. In recent years, it has become the practice to broadcast a digital recording on Christmas Day on Radio Three, and since 1963 a shorter service has been filmed periodically for television. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame.

In these and other ways, the service has become public property. From time to time, the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East, and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as "the place where the carols are sung."

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. “The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God . . .” seen “through the windows and words of the Bible.” Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage “all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.” The center of the service is still found by those who “go in heart and mind” and who consent to follow where the story leads.

To-night ungather'd let us leave
This laurel, let this holly stand:
We live within the stranger's land,
And strangely falls our Christmas-eve.

Our father's dust is left alone
And silent under other snows:
There in due time the woodbine blows,
The violet comes, but we are gone.

Let cares that petty shadows cast,
By which our lives are chiefly proved,
A little spare the night I loved,
And hold it solemn to the past.

But let no footstep beat the floor,
Nor bowl of wassail mantle warm;
For who would keep an ancient form
Thro' which the spirit breathes no more?

Be neither song, nor game, nor feast;
Nor harp be touch'd, nor flute be blown;
No dance, no motion, save alone
What lightens in the lucid east

Of rising worlds by yonder wood.
Long sleeps the summer in the seed;
Run out your measured arcs, and lead
The closing cycle rich in good.

“In Memoriam,” CV – Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Text adapted from the website of King's College, Cambridge: www.kings.cam.ac.uk

Church Calendar

..... December 24 – 31

TODAY <i>December 24</i>	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.
MONDAY		Office Closed
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Office Closed
SUNDAY <i>December 31</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – First Sunday after Christmas Day
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

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.

Mission Partner Spotlight

The mission outreach efforts of Shadyside Presbyterian Church range from educating community youth and feeding the homeless, to international efforts of caring for orphans and promoting health care.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's relationship with Malawi began in the mid 1990s, as forward-thinking members became involved with the Pittsburgh Presbytery's partnership with Blantyre Synod. Located in southern Malawi, this synod ministers to the largest denomination in the region (Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian or CCAP), and to its commercial and banking center. Over the past nineteen years, we have led five mission trips to this region, developing and sustaining several partner projects. The most recent of these trips occurred in September 2014, and Shadyside Presbyterian Church welcomed four guests from Malawi for a visit to Pittsburgh in October 2016 as part of our 150th anniversary celebration.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church funded the Malawian vision of a hospital in Mulanje, a town on the eastern border with Mozambique. This hospital serves as a multifunctional facility. In addition to the hospital, Shadyside helped coordinate efforts to fund a nursing students' dormitory called the "Emily House." This dormitory was erected in memory of Emily Dorrance, who visited this region on a short-term mission.

Please visit www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others for more information regarding the church's local, national, and international mission partners. To join the efforts of the International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), please contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

The Mission and Values of Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Our Values

We seek to be a faithful Christian presence by

- **Glorifying God through Worship and Music**
By gathering for worship services in the Reformed tradition to encourage our life of faith and witness through biblical preaching, the celebration of the sacraments, participation in confessions and prayer, and inspiring music
- **Nurturing a Family of Faith**
By building a joyful community of faith that engages in the life of the church by sharing mutual encouragement, compassionate care, and gracious hospitality
- **Supporting Individual Growth and Discipleship**
By encouraging the discipline of personal prayer and providing a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth, education, and service to people of all ages
- **Participating in the Mission of Christ**
By offering ourselves, our gifts, and our time to serve others, to promote peace, and to pursue righteousness by actively joining with mission partners in Pittsburgh and around the world

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

Please note that no classes will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 31. Classes for all ages resume on Sunday, January 7.

Simply Strings

..... Sunday, January 21, at 3:00 p.m.

The strings of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra present the third suite from Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*; *St. Paul's Suite*, by Holst; and more. No tickets; donations welcome.

Heaven to Earth: Earth to Heaven

..... Sunday, February 11, at 3:00 p.m.

Join the Pittsburgh Camerata, with special guest, the Pittsburgh Girls Choir, as they take you on a musical journey between heaven and earth. Tickets: www.pittsburghcamerata.org or at the door.

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