

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.

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

Selections from *Little Organ Book*

Johann Sebastian Bach

A Boy Is Born in Bethlehem

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

In Sweet Jubilation

The Old Year Has Passed Away

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

WELCOME

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light,

People: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

All: Come, let us worship God.

Text adapted from Isaiah 60:1, 3

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

▲ CONGREGATIONAL ORISON *(sung in unison)*

Go Tell It (Hymn no. 29)

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Text: African American spiritual refrain based on Luke 2:7-20; Isaiah 40:9-11 and 42:11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

St. Louis (Hymn no. 44)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Gloria, French carol (Hymn no. 23)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

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

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

page 692 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

See amid the Winter's Snow

Sarah Rodgers

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on Earth below. See, the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. *Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.* Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, sits among the cherubim. Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today; wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light: angels singing, 'Peace on Earth,' told us of the Saviour's birth." Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild, teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility.

Text: Edward Caswall, 1858

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-40

page 59 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

All About God

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 67

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Morning Star

▲ 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

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

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Malcolm Archer

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining, low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom, and offerings divine? Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine? Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure; richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1811

▲ **DOXOLOGY**

Antioch (Hymn no. 40)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

▲ **HYMN 68**

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

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

The quartet singing today is Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano; Jane Boyle, alto; Mark A. Boyle, tenor; and Scott Cuva, baritone. Justin M. Wallace is this morning's organist. The Chancel Choir is in recess until Sunday, January 7.

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.

Mission Partner Spotlight

As a mission of SPC, the Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School was founded in 1951 to provide a stimulating environment in which children can achieve their potential for social, intellectual, creative, emotional, moral, and physical development. With more than sixty years of experience with preschool children, the nursery school takes pride in its long tradition of providing a safe, nurturing environment in which our children are encouraged to learn and grow. We believe each child is unique and special. The school has its own board of directors, but remains a mission of SPC.

For more information about the nursery school, visit www.shadysideschool.org. To join the efforts of the Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC), contact Rev. Todd Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 31 – January 7

Sunday, December 31

Psalms 98; 150
1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28
Colossians 1:9-20
Luke 2:22-40

Monday, January 1

Psalms 98; 145
Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, January 2

Psalms 48; 146
1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:1-14

Wednesday, January 3

Psalms 111; 147:1-11
1 Kings 19:9-18
Ephesians 4:17-32
John 6:15-27

Thursday, January 4

Psalms 20; 147:12-20
Joshua 3:14-4:7
Ephesians 5:1-20
John 9:1-12, 35-38

Friday, January 5

Psalms 99; 148
Jonah 2:2-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 11:17-27, 38-44

Saturday, January 6

Psalms 72; 149
Isaiah 49:1-7
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, January 7

Psalms 104; 150
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:29-34

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 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.

News and Notes

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.

Midweek Vespers will not be held on Wednesday, January 3. 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.

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.

Culinary Classes - Tie on an apron and join Chef Steven Bright in the church kitchen for a hands-on cooking class on Tuesday, January 16, or Thursday, January 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Classes will be limited to groups of six in teams of two. Cost for the class is \$15 per person. Please wear comfortable closed-toe shoes and tie back long hair. Bring your favorite apron, and let's get cooking! Please register by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or contacting 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.

Grief Support Group - Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers a Grief Support Group designed to provide encouragement and a faith-centered perspective for those who have lost a loved one. The group meets regularly to discuss a variety of subjects that are important in the grief recovery process, including the range of emotions which grief brings, and resources for moving forward. Our next gathering occurs Monday, January 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Craig Room. New participants are always welcome to join; there is no cost to attend the group. For more information, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz.

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring - This year the youth of the church and the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) are partnering for the Souper Bowl of Caring food collection. On Sunday, February 4, the youth will be stationed at the doors following worship to collect monetary donations for East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). Members of the Hunger and Homelessness MAC also will be distributing bags to be returned with nonperishable items for EECM. Whether you are able to contribute both monetary gifts and food donations or to participate in just one of these ways, your prayers and support for those in our community who are hungry and homeless are appreciated, especially during these harsh winter months.

Shepherd Wellness – Shadyside Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Wellness Dinner for the Shepherd Wellness Community on Friday, February 9, at the Shepherd Wellness Community Center (4800 Sciota Street in Bloomfield). Volunteers should sign up online by visiting www.swconline.org and clicking on the “Volunteer Online Now” button on the Volunteer Opportunities page. There is a separate tab for Shadyside Presbyterian Church. If online access is not available, please call 412-683-4477, ext. 12.

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.

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.

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.

Church Calendar

..... December 31 – January 7

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – First Sunday after Christmas Day
<i>December 31</i>	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
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
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study in the Stamy Room
SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
<i>January 7</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

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.

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.

Church Staff

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