

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 Chorales

Johannes Brahms

Prelude and Fugue in D minor

Clara Schumann

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: **God has shown us what is good.**

Pastor: What does the Holy One require of us,

People: **But to do justice, to love kindness,**

Pastor: And to walk humbly with our God?

All: **Let us worship God.**

Micah 6:6, 8

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 491

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Carlisle

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Psalms 55:22; 108:5; 25:3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of day and God of darkness, all our time belongs to You. Yet, how often we fail to notice Your nearness, feel Your presence, trust Your guidance. We desire only good times and happy moments, and we miss Your work in the shadows. We avoid conflict with others and fear looking deep within ourselves. Sometimes it feels we have no place left to run, no place left to hide. Loving God, hold us during these Lenten days so we can look at ourselves, our relationships, our openness to You. In brightness or darkness, let us always know Your healing, freeing, guiding presence in Jesus Christ our 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.

The musical notation is for a unison song in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second staff contains the remaining lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the second staff.

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 for a unison song in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The melody is more complex than the Kyrie Eleison, with a final cadence on the third staff.

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 32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

page 506 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

Let Nothing Grieve Thee

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee; be tranquil, what God doth will in lowly faith fulfilling. Fear nothing for the morrow, fear naught for the morrow, the Father's care will send to thee thy meed in your sorrow. In all thy ways be steadfast, enduring; what God ordains is ever best. Amen.

Translation: W. G. Rothery

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

page 44 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Covered by God's Grace

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 396

O for a Closer Walk with God

Caithness

▲ 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.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM *(please see participants on page 7)*

Living Stones Pilgrimage to Israel and the West Bank of Palestine

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

Psalm 100

Robert B. Anderson

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the LORD He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the LORD is gracious; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

▲ 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 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost

Johann Sebastian Bach

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Cain from her family.

Acolytes for February - Evan H. Kuhn and Jonathan P. Stamy.

Ushers for February - Daniel W. Ernsberger, Leland T. Henry Jr., Nathaniel C. Hunter, Mark A. Krofchik, Ian A. McGough, Frederick L. Porkolab, and Richard H. Potter. **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

The Living Stones Pilgrimage is a trip to visit and learn from the indigenous Church of Jerusalem. Life is not easy for the church there today, and it currently comprises less than two percent of the population of Israel and Palestine. The members of our Mother Church have invited us as their distant children to come for a visit in order to better understand the issues that now challenge their ministry. Most tours of Israel only visit the dead stones of old church buildings. This is a pilgrimage to the living stones that struggle today for survival. Some time will be spent seeing the holy sites of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, and Galilee; however, the focus of the trip will be on listening to the voices of our Mother Church. These “living stones” of the church will broaden our love for the whole Body of Christ.

As an ongoing expression of partnership in ministry, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s World Mission Initiative and Shadyside Presbyterian Church have again agreed to jointly sponsor this experience. Co-leading the trip are the Reverend Canon Dr. Catherine Brall, Director of Field Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions at Shadyside Presbyterian Church; and Dr. Robert Ross, Associate Professor of Global Cultural Studies at Point Park University.

From February 25 through March 9, please pray for both the entire team of twenty-seven individuals as they travel and for the Christian communities of Israel and the West Bank of Palestine. Shadyside’s participants, commissioned this morning during worship, are listed below and will distribute prayer cards after worship.

Paul M. Brown

Elodie Lasserre

Rebecca D. Reeder

Wesley M. Rohrer III

Karen B. Crenshaw

Todd E. Leach

Janet B. Rohrer

Rebecca L. Young

To join the efforts of the International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), please contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

About This Morning’s Music

German composer and pianist Johannes Brahms (1833-1856) wrote symphonies, concerti, chamber music, piano and organ works, choral compositions, and more than 200 art songs. Although not published until 1864, Brahms’ *Geistliches Lied* (Sacred Song), Op. 30, was written in the spring of 1856. In this piece, Brahms’ choral writing is clearly derived from his study of early-Baroque contrapuntal technique, undertaken initially at the library in his native city of Hamburg and intensified after meeting Robert and Clara Schumann in Düsseldorf.

Clara Schumann (1819-1896) was a composer and pianist, and the wife of Robert Schumann. Along with Brahms, Clara Schumann’s compositional style was quite traditional and conservative, often opposing the Romanticists of the day who eschewed the traditional forms of previous generations.

News and Notes

2018 Officer Recommendations - The Representative Nominating Committee (RNC) is accepting recommendations for the offices of elder, deacon, or trustee, and for next year's RNC. Please complete a form located in the pews. The deadline to receive recommendations is today, February 25. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, in the Sharp Atrium, or online at www.shadysidepres.org/nominating.

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, February 26, 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.

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, March 1. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

God and Family First (GAFF) on Second Sundays at SPC - On the second Sunday of the month, join other families at 9:30 a.m. for a child-friendly family fellowship in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be provided to help you start the morning. This opportunity is a great way to meet other families; while children form and explore new friendships, adults may discover other exciting things happening at Shadyside. Our next gathering occurs on Sunday, March 11.

Communion Workshop and Dinner - On Wednesday, March 14, Children's Ministry welcomes children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families to gather in the Hulme Room for a dinner at 5:15 p.m. Then, at 6:00 p.m., in order to nurture and instruct our children in the significance of the invitation to the Lord's Table and the meaning of their response, Ellen Allston will conduct an educational workshop discussing Communion, the Last Supper, and the Passover Seder. After the workshop, participants will attend the 7:00 p.m. vespers service, and all baptized children will partake in the Lord's Supper with their families and the congregation. Please RSVP in the Sharp Atrium.

Tenth Annual Pie Sunday - The Parish Life Ministry Team will host Pie Sunday in the Parish Hall during the Time of Fellowship on Sunday, March 18. We are looking for lots of terrific pie bakers to provide a variety of pies. Sign up in the Sharp Atrium, or contact the church office, to bring a pie - or perhaps a pair of pies, if possible. Not a baker? Come and enjoy; there will be plenty to share! We hope you can join us in fellowship.

Extended Connections Dinner - On Wednesday, March 21, you are invited to an extended congregational dinner in the Parish Hall. Join us beginning at 5:15 p.m. for an activity that will help us to prepare for the good news of Easter; then, enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by Chef Steven Bright from 6:00 until 6:50 p.m. Please make your reservation by signing up in the Sharp Atrium by Monday, March 19. 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 Lenten vespers in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies - The Board of Deacons is again providing the opportunity for the placement of lilies in the Sanctuary during the Easter worship services. Orders may be placed *in memory of* loved ones at a cost of \$8 per lily. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium and must be received by Sunday, March 18.

Pittsburgh Marathon - Over the past ten years, Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) has used the Pittsburgh Marathon as a platform to raise funds and awareness for our mission partners. Once again this year, we will run with our mission partner Open Hand Ministries (OHM). OHM is committed to promoting justice and equality through home ownership in the East End of Pittsburgh. SPC and OHM welcome runners of any ability to join in running with a purpose at the 2018 Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday, May 6. The marathon relay divides the 26.2-mile marathon course into five legs, ranging from 3.8 to 6.5 miles. Registration is free, but we ask each individual to participate in fundraising for OHM. To sign up or for more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson. The deadline to register is Sunday, March 18.

An Invitation to Membership - On Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., learn what makes Shadyside Church unique at an inquirers' orientation class. We will share about our ministries and mission, and help you find ways that you can add your gifts to our fellowship to serve Christ together. A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available during the class. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, March 25. To register, please contact Kaysie Strickland in the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt - All Shadyside families and friends are invited to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31, on the church lawn. (In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.) Junior and senior high students are encouraged to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to help hide the eggs, while infants to elementary-grade students are invited to arrive with their families at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast treats and the egg hunt.

Mars Hill Mission Experience - July 8-14, 2018 - Save the date for our all-church, intergenerational mission trip. This will be our eleventh trip to the Appalachian foothills of North Carolina, where individuals and families join together to work on homes of disadvantaged homeowners. Absolutely no construction skills are required! Youth and adults work side by side, while special programs are created for younger children. An informational meeting will occur this spring, but feel free to contact Rev. Todd Leach with any questions.

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.

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.

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!

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.

Visit the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website www.shadysidepres.org for even more information.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... February 25 – March 4

Sunday, February 25

Psalms 84; 150
 Genesis 41:14-45
 Romans 6:3-14
 John 5:19-24

Tuesday, February 27

Psalms 34; 146
 Genesis 42:1-17
 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
 Mark 3:19b-35

Thursday, March 1

Psalms 27; 147:12-20
 Genesis 42:29-38
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 Mark 4:21-34

Saturday, March 3

Psalms 43; 149
 Genesis 43:16-34
 1 Corinthians 7:10-24
 Mark 5:1-20

Monday, February 26

Psalms 119:73-80; 145
 Genesis 41:46-57
 1 Corinthians 4:8-20 (21)
 Mark 3:7-19a

Wednesday, February 28

Psalms 5; 147:1-11
 Genesis 42:18-28
 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11
 Mark 4:1-20

Friday, March 2

Psalms 22; 148
 Genesis 43:1-15
 1 Corinthians 7:1-9
 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, March 4

Psalms 84; 150
 Genesis 44:1-17
 Romans 8:1-10
 John 5:25-29

Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary

..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

These 45-minute candlelight Communion services include a homily, the Lord’s Supper, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and the Pittsburgh Girls Choir. Childcare is available.

Music in a Great Space Concert

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

Pianist Abigail Eagleson is joined by flutist Anna Cooper and oboist Natalie Beckenbaugh in a program of music for piano, oboe, and flute. No tickets necessary; donations appreciated.

Church Calendar

..... February 25 - March 4

TODAY <i>February 25</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday in Lent
	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
	3:00 p.m.	Mission Team departs for Living Stones Pilgrimage (February 25-March 9)
MONDAY	9:15 a.m.	PRISM International Moms' Group in the Nursery Room
	4:00 p.m.	Investment Committee in the Craig Room
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group in the Craig Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Nursery School Parent Workshop in the Hulme Room
	6:00 p.m.	Communications Committee in the Hulme Room
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary
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.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Elise M. Allston in the Sanctuary Reception following in the Parish Hall
SUNDAY <i>March 4</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third Sunday in Lent
	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

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.

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 April 29

in the Hulme Room

The Acts of the Apostles

Led by Richard L. McGough III

TOPICAL BOOK STUDY

February 18 through March 25

in the Craig Room

A Way Other Than Our Own:

Devotions for Lent

Led by Elder Conrad E. Bricker
and Victoria G. Wellstead Murphy

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

Through May 2018

in the Chapel

The Sermon Scripture Passage

Led by Sunday's Preacher

Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*

John F. Magnuson, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*

Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for
Children's Ministry*

Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*

Robert K. Anderson, *Head Sexton*

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Education*

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Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*

Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*

Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*

Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance Emerita*

Kaysie L. Strickland, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*

Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*



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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.

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