

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.

Gluten-free, vegan Communion wafers are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them to the regular Communion bread.

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

Two Voluntaries

William Boyce

Prelude in F

Sir Walford Davies

Prelude in D

Paul Manz

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect; it provides new life for the soul.

People: **The decree of the LORD is trustworthy; it provides wisdom for the mind.**

Pastor: The precepts of the LORD are upright; they provide joy for the heart;

People: **The commandments of the LORD are clear; they provide light for the eyes and salvation for the lost.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Based on Psalm 19:7-9

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 166

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise

Caithness

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

ORISON

Lord, Who Knows My Heart

Daniel Burton

The Nazareth Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Jesus, Savior of the world, Your burden is light, Your word is freedom, Your law of love is wisdom. Yet we confess that we have encumbered Your word with many clauses of our own creation. We have made Your revelation, written on our hearts, a great burden — stone tablets of enormous weight that we expect others to carry about and obey. We hold others to the letter of the law, while we ourselves cling to what we call its “spirit.” Forgive us, even as we remove the burden from others. Call us together in a community of service to each other and to the world, delighting in what we can share, glorifying You for the wonders of understanding and forgiveness You grant to all. These things we pray to You, who bore the cross for us, in whose resurrection we are raised.

SILENT CONFESSION

▲ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

When Our Ears Stop Ringing

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Emily Tiberi and Joel Goodloe, soloists

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who, His own self, bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, bretheren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.

Texts: Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 15:13; 1 Peter 2:9, 24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 12:1

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The pastor prays.

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who sing to the glory of Your name:

SANCTUS (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The pastor continues in prayer.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, eternal God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION (please commune as you receive the elements)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

God Be in My Head

Sir Walford Davies

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 16

▲ **HYMN 446**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary IX

William Boyce

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalmers Darsie and Mr. Robert N. Thomson.

Acolytes for March - Nathan N. Boyle and Dustin M. Cheeks.

Ushers for March - Randy C. Adams II, Ronald A. Blumer, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Robert J. Miles Sr., Terrence H. Murphy, Victoria L. Potter, Stephen R. Stamy, and Michael S. Wickerham. **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.

About this Morning's Music

William Boyce (1711-1779) was one of the two leading English composers of the 18th century. He composed a large oeuvre of music. He is most widely known for his symphonies, anthems, and overtures. His eight symphonies combine Baroque style with forward-looking elements; these pieces are much like the theatrical overture form. Boyce composed music for keyboard, as well as chamber music for varied ensembles. A group of twelve trio sonatas in the Italian manner, published in 1747, remains some of his best-known work.

English composer John Ireland (1879-1962) wrote chamber music, church music, film scores, large orchestral works, keyboard pieces (piano and organ), and a large body of solo vocal music. He studied under Charles Stanford, and was one of Benjamin Britten's primary teachers.

Spring Ahead: Daylight Saving Time Begins

..... Sunday, March 11, 2018

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour so that you won't miss any of our Sunday morning activities.

News and Notes

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 8. 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.

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, March 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.

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-age 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.

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.

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. If you did not receive an individual prayer card last week and would like to pray for a specific team member, prayer cards are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium.

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

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *March 4 - 11*

Sunday, March 4

Psalms 84; 150

Genesis 44:1-17

Romans 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

Tuesday, March 6

Psalms 34; 146

Genesis 45:1-15

1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Mark 6:1-13

Thursday, March 8

Psalms 27; 147:12-20

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34

1 Corinthians 9:1-15

Mark 6:30-46

Saturday, March 10

Psalms 43; 149

Genesis 47:27-48:7

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Mark 7:1-23

Monday, March 5

Psalms 119:73-80; 145

Genesis 44:18-34

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, March 7

Psalms 5; 147:1-11

Genesis 45:16-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 6:13-29

Friday, March 9

Psalms 22; 148

Genesis 47:1-26

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 6:47-56

Sunday, March 11

Psalms 84; 150

Genesis 48:8-22

Romans 8:11-25

John 6:27-40

Church Calendar

..... March 4 - 11

TODAY <i>March 4</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third Sunday in Lent
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through kindergarten
	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
MONDAY	9:15 a.m.	PRISM International Moms’ Group in the Nursery Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons in the Hulme Room
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary
THURSDAY	10:30 a.m.	“Women at the Well” Bible Study in the Craig Room
	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
FRIDAY		Mission Team returns from Living Stones Pilgrimage (February 25–March 9)
SUNDAY <i>March 11</i>	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time begins
	9:30 a.m.	God and Family First (GAFF) on Second Sundays in the Parish Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	9:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry in the Walton Library
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fourth 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.	Music in a Great Space Concert in the Sanctuary

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.

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*

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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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