

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

Soliloquy

David Conte

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

George Shearing

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, who is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

People: Let those God redeemed from trouble say so.

Pastor: Let those God gathered in from every direction say so.

People: Give thanks for God's steadfast love and wonderful works to humanity.

All: Let us come to offer thanksgiving and sing songs of joy.

Psalm 107:1-3, 8, 22

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

ORISON

attributed to Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sin to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

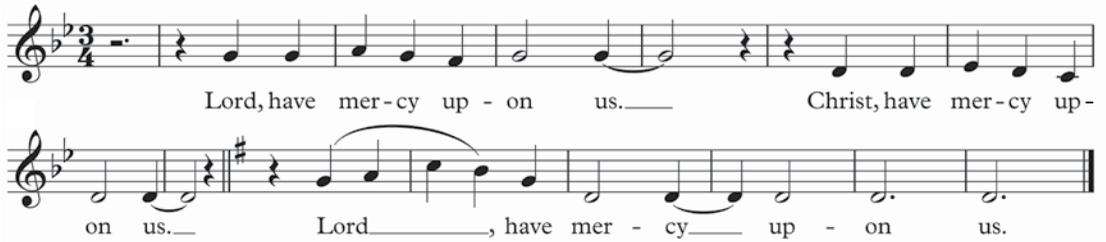
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty God of redeeming grace and infinite goodness, hear us as in Christ's name we pray for forgiveness. While You reach out to us in fellowship, we turn from You. We often do not live as You have taught us in Jesus. We struggle to proclaim Your love and serve others. Our discipleship suffers because we have not sought Your guidance. Have mercy upon us, O God, and grant us Your pardon in the name of Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

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

Numbers 21:4-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 139 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that he who believes in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

page 94 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

Blending In or Standing Out

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend 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

Amazing Grace

Ēriks Ešenvalds

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be as long as life endures. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

▲ 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 257

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Today 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.

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.

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of S. Alexander and Anne M. Haverstick.

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

Englishman John Stainer (1840–1901) is best known for his oratorio, *The Crucifixion*. “God So Loved the World” is the best known selection from *The Crucifixion*. Stainer’s work, both as a choirmaster and as an organist, set the highest of standards that are still influential today in Great Britain and America. Stainer was the organist at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, and Professor of Music at Oxford University. He wrote a limited number of hymn tunes, including hymn 509 in our hymnal.

Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977) studied music and theology in his native country before his post-graduate studies at Trinity College, Cambridge. Ešenvalds teaches at the Department of Composition of the Latvian Academy of Music, and is one of the most sought-after choral composers working today. Ešenvalds’s premieres last season include the German premiere of the multimedia symphony *Nordic Light* in Berlin with the *Rundfunkchor Berlin*; the film score for the Crystal Bear-awarded film *Mellow Mud* at the Berlin International Film Festival; and his second major opera, *The Immured*, which premiered in May 2016 at the Latvian National Opera and Ballet.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... March 11 - 18

Sunday, March 11

Psalms 84; 150
Genesis 48:8-22
Romans 8:11-25
John 6:27-40

Tuesday, March 13

Psalms 34; 146
Genesis 49:29-50:14
1 Corinthians 11:2-34
Mark 8:1-10

Thursday, March 15

Psalms 27; 147:12-20
Exodus 1:6-22
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Mark 8:27-9:1

Saturday, March 17

Psalms 43; 149
Exodus 2:23-3:15
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Monday, March 12

Psalms 119:73-80; 145
Genesis 49:1-28
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Mark 7:24-37

Wednesday, March 14

Psalms 5; 147:1-11
Genesis 50:15-26
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Mark 8:11-26

Friday, March 16

Psalms 22; 148
Exodus 2:1-22
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Mark 9:2-13

Sunday, March 18

Psalms 84; 150
Exodus 3:16-4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59

News and Notes

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Garfield Workday – On Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will partner with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm in an all-church workday. Volunteers will rehabilitate a home, work in an urban garden, and participate in landscaping projects. Lunch will be provided. Please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits. All ages are encouraged to participate; no experience is required. Please sign up by contacting the church office or by adding your name to the list in the Sharp Atrium. For additional information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

The Campus Ministry Mission Action Community (MAC) is actively recruiting for a Director of Campus Outreach through the development of a search committee. This role will be pivotal in connecting Shadyside Presbyterian Church with nearby campuses, continuing a long tradition of serving the needs of university students in the area. The position description has been posted on the church website, as well as numerous job search boards. Please contact Kaysie Strickland through the church office if you would like more information, or if you or someone you know would like to apply.

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.

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

Mission Partner Spotlight

Our mission partner Urban Mosaic is working to eradicate injustice, poverty, and spiritual emptiness in the urban slums of the Chimalhuacan region of Mexico City. Founded in 2005, Urban Mosaic, led by Jean-Luc Krieg, has planted several house churches, is training and accompanying local pastors in holistic ministry, leading evangelistic Bible studies, training emerging youth leaders, and facilitating the growth of a new organization of residents who are organizing around community issues.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church members visited this ministry in 2009 and have committed to support their healthcare initiative, called ProSalud. Since the initial commitment of Shadyside's International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), ten teams have traveled to the Chimalhuacan region, providing construction, educational, and medical services to several slum communities in central Mexico.

Our most recent project with Urban Mosaic involves a major financial commitment over three consecutive years to develop CentroRenovar, a spiritual retreat center in the mountains northeast of Mexico City. In March 2017, two separate teams traveled to Chimalhuacan to aid in the construction of this renewal center, which will provide support for local pastors, missionaries, volunteers, and future mission teams.

For more information about Urban Mosaic, visit www.urbanmosaic.net. To join the efforts of the International Partnerships MAC, contact the Reverend Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

Holy Week and Easter at Shadyside

..... *The Passionate Life*

As we follow Christ to the cross, and then through death and loss to the resurrection, we discover that Jesus died to give us life. Join us during Holy Week to find your place in the Passion and the new life Easter offers.

March 25: Palm Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

March 29: Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

March 30: Good Friday
10:00 a.m. Family Service
with Communion in the Chapel
led by the Children's Ministry

7:00 p.m. Service
of Music and Readings
in the Sanctuary
Bob Chilcott's *St. John Passion*
The Chancel Choir with orchestra

April 1: Easter
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Identical Worship Services
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sharps, preaching

*For more information,
visit the website:*

www.shadysidepres.org/lent

Church Calendar

..... March 11 – 18

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| TODAY <i>March 11</i> | 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 |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Marathon Pasta Dinner Preparation Task Force in the Stamy Room |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Music in a Great Space Concert in the Sanctuary |
| MONDAY | 9:15 a.m. | PRISM International Moms’ Group in the Nursery Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Security and Safety Awareness Task Force in the Stamy Room |
| TUESDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Human Resources Committee in the Craig Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Yoga in the Hulme Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Board of the Pittsburgh Camerata in the Stamy Room |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Nursery School Board in the Stamy Room |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Communion Education Workshop & Dinner in the Hulme Room, Parish Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Mission and Urban Ministry Team in the Stamy 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 |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel |
| SATURDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Representative Nominating Committee in the Hulme Room |
| SUNDAY <i>March 18</i> | 9:45 a.m. | Christian Education Classes for All Ages |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fifth Sunday in Lent |
| | 11:20 a.m. | Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Pie Sunday Fellowship Event in the Parish Hall |
| | 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*

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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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