

# 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 an audio broadcast of worship is available downstairs in the Marks Room.

**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 children's chapel worship and Christian education. (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.

**A video broadcast** of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary.

**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.*

## PRELUDE

Four Advent Chorales

Helmut Walcha

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mark G. Allston, Elise A. Hunter, and Ian A. McGough,  
Ushers of Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

Leader: Today we light the candles of the Advent wreath for hope, peace, joy, and love.

All: **“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life.”**

(John 3:16)

Leader: As we prepare to make our way to the manger, let us make room in our hearts for the love that Jesus brings to the world.

All: **Let us worship God!**

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

## ORISON

Richard Nance

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Magnificat!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**Forgive my sins, O Lord: the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive those sins which I know and those which I know not. Forgive them all in Your mercy, that I may share the hope of the prophets, the songs of the angels, and the wonder of the shepherds. Cleanse my soul that Your Son, when He comes, may find in me a dwelling place.**

## 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)*

*Antioch (Hymn no. 40)*

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; 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.)*

**WELCOME**

**SCRIPTURE**

Micah 5:2-5a

**The Reverend Lynn M. Portz**

page 865 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Angelus

Aaron David Miller

The angel said to the shepherds: "I bring you tidings of great joy, for the Savior of the world has been born." Alleluia. He shall be called Mighty God. Alleluia.

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:39-55

page 57 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**The Reverend Todd E. Leach**

Expecting and Rejoicing Together

▲ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *(please see page 10 of this bulletin)*

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

*Bay Point Road*

▲ **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**

Magnificat

*Lee Hoiby*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever. 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.

*Text: Luke 1:46-55*

▲ **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 12

People, Look East

*Besançon*

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Mendelssohn”

David Willcocks

# Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

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

**Acolytes for December** - Nathan N. Boyle and Grace E. Coffelt.

**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, 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.

## About This Morning’s Music

Concert organist and composer Aaron David Miller has won numerous international awards and given concerts across the United States. Dr. Miller’s performances have been heard on National Public Radio; Minnesota Public Radio; American Public Media’s *Pipedreams*, hosted by Michael Barone; and many television programs. His compositions have been performed by such ensembles as the Zurich Symphony, Seattle Symphony, and Toledo Symphony. Dr. Miller’s work was recently honored with the 2004 Hellenikon Idyllion Composition Prize offered by the Olympic Committee in Athens, Greece. He serves as organist and choirmaster at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

## Mission Partnerships of Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The mission outreach efforts of Shadyside Presbyterian Church range from educating community youth and feeding the homeless, to international efforts of caring for orphans and promoting health care. Please visit [www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others](http://www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others) for more information regarding the church’s local, national, and international mission partners.

## Session Announces Interim Senior Pastor

With thanksgiving to God, Shadyside Presbyterian Church enthusiastically announces the selection of the Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles to serve as Interim Senior Pastor. Earlier this month, Session approved the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to retain Dr. Dalles as Interim Senior Pastor; this action has been approved subsequently by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Dr. Dalles has joyfully accepted the appointment.

Presently, Dr. Dalles serves as the senior pastor and head of staff at Wekiva Presbyterian Church in Longwood, Florida. He also has served congregations in South Bend, Indiana, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, including Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he has spent more than thirty-five years as a teaching elder and minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A lifelong Presbyterian, John has authored numerous hymn texts, including “Come, O Spirit” and “God, Bless Your Church with Strength,” which appear in the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal. A full biography of Dr. Dalles is published on the church website.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Dalles and his wife Judith to Shadyside in mid-February. Both are excited to return to Pittsburgh for life, work, and service to our church.

We are grateful for the efforts of the Interim Ministry Search Committee – Jayne Adair Cox; Carla M. Gedman; Robert B. Luthultz; Terrence H. Murphy; and Carey T. Vinson, chair – in identifying a candidate for interim ministry. Most especially, we are grateful to God for sending Dr. Dalles to walk alongside us during this time and to help in preparing our congregation for our next senior pastor.

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 23 - 30 .....

### **Sunday, December 23**

Psalms 24; 150  
Isaiah 33:17-22  
Revelation 22:6-11, 18-20  
Luke 1:57-66

### **Monday, December 24**

Psalms 122; 145  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Revelation 22:12-17, 21  
Luke 1:67-80

### **Tuesday, December 25**

Psalms 2; 146  
Zechariah 2:10-13  
1 John 4:7-16  
John 3:31-36

### **Wednesday, December 26**

Psalms 116; 147:1-11  
2 Chronicles 24:17-22  
Acts 6:1-7  
Acts 7:59-8:8

### **Thursday, December 27**

Psalms 34; 147:12-20  
Proverbs 8:22-30  
1 John 5:1-12  
John 13:20-35

### **Friday, December 28**

Psalms 2; 148  
Isaiah 49:13-23  
Isaiah 54:1-13  
Matthew 18:1-14

### **Saturday, December 29**

Psalms 96; 149  
Isaiah 12:1-6  
Revelation 1:1-8  
John 7:37-52

### **Sunday, December 30**

Psalms 93; 150  
Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 1:18-25

## News and Notes

**The Giving Tree** - The Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) thanks you for your generosity with the Giving Tree project in partnership with Sojourner House and POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery). Gift-wrapped pajamas and slippers should be returned to the church by today, December 23. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

**If you use offering envelopes**, they will be available in the Sharp Atrium today and Sunday, December 30. Please help the church to economize on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

**Midweek Vespers** will not be held on Wednesday, December 26, 2018, and Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Vespers resume on Wednesday, January 9, 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 available.

**Christian Education Classes** will not be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 30, 2018. Education classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 9:45 a.m.

**Guest Preacher** - On Sunday, December 30, the Reverend Derek Davenport will preach during the service of worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A graduate of Grove City College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS), Rev. Davenport serves as the Director of the Miller Summer Youth Institute at PTS.

**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 2019, 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.

**Connections Dinner** - On Wednesday, January 9, you are invited to a congregational dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for a wonderful time to connect with one another while enjoying a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by Chef Steven Bright. Please make your reservation by signing up in the Sharp Atrium by Monday, January 7. 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.

**New "Women at the Well" Bible Study** - Women of all ages are welcome to gather twice monthly with the "Women at the Well" for in-depth Bible study, discussion, fellowship, and snacks. Friendships and connections grow deeper when we share the Scriptures in study and prayer. For our first study of 2019, we will read author Adam Hamilton's *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. Join us beginning Thursday, January 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Craig Room, as together we seek to quench the thirsting of our souls. If you need more information, please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office.

**Young Adult Bible Study** - Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in our study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We typically gather from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Stamy Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 10. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

**Mexico City Mission Trip: March 9-16, 2019** - Shadyside will travel once again to Mexico City to join in the work of Urban Mosaic. We will join alongside local churches and continue the efforts of building CentroRenovar, a retreat facility to serve churches. In addition to the construction, we will have the opportunity to witness various portions of Urban Mosaic's ministry. Informational brochures are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. Please contact Rev. Todd E. Leach if you are interested; registration materials are due by Monday, January 14.

**Guest Speaker** - On Sunday, January 20, the Reverend Michael Stanton will lead our Christian Education hour at 9:45 a.m. and will preach during the 11:00 a.m. service of worship in the Sanctuary. Rev. Stanton was ordained by the PC(USA) to the position of Executive Director of Open Hand Ministries, Inc., one of our mission partners in Garfield and East Liberty which is committed to promoting justice and equality through homeownership. After earning his Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he co-founded the ministry with a number of like-hearted individuals and organizations from the neighborhood.

**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 21, 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. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact the church office; for further information, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

**Supper with a Scholar** - Each year, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Howard C. Scharfe Endowment supports pastors in their post-graduate studies for the benefit of the Church and for the glory of God. This year, four recent recipients will share over dinner and through worship about their studies. Join us on Wednesday, January 23, when we welcome Rev. Rachelle McCalla as our next speaker for dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by vespers at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP in the Sharp Atrium. Brochures with details are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org).

**The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, [www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org)**, provides additional information about the church's many programs, activities, and events, as well as access to audio recordings of worship.

# The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Bay Point Road

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Mark A. Anderson (b. 1962)



All: 1. The an-gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, with  
Men: 2. "For know a bless - ed moth-er thou shalt be, all  
Women: 3. Then gen-tle Mar - y meek-ly bowed her head; "To  
All: 4. Of\_ her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born in



wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame; "All  
gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee; thy  
me be as it pleas - eth God," she said. "My  
Beth - le - hem all on a Christ-mas morn, and



hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en  
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by  
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's  
Christ - ians all through - out the world will



Ma - ry, Most  
seers fore - told." Most  
ho - ly name." Most  
ev - er say: Most



high - ly fa - vored la - dy. Glo - ri - a!

# Church Calendar

..... December 23 - 30 .....

**TODAY** 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
*December 23* 11:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel (Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
 12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium  
 12:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m. SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

**MONDAY** 12:00 p.m. Office Closed  
 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service in the Sanctuary  
 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary –  
 Extended Choral and Orchestral Prelude begins at 7:40 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY** No Midweek Vespers

**THURSDAY** 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library

**SUNDAY** 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – First Sunday after Christmas Day  
*December 30* Rev. Derek R. Davenport, preaching  
 11:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel (Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
 12:00 p.m. Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

## 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 May**  
 in the Hulme Room  
 Luther’s Commentary on Romans  
 Led by Dr. Richard L. McGough III

### TOPICAL STUDY

**December 2-23, and January 6**  
 in the Craig Room  
 Magrey R. deVega’s  
*Songs for the Waiting*  
 Led by Jenifer D. Johnson and  
 Deacon Adam D. Loucks

### GUEST SPEAKER

**January 20, 2019**  
 in the Parish Hall  
 The Reverend Michael Stanton,  
 Executive Director  
 of Open Hand Ministries

*Please note that no classes will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 30. Classes for all ages resume on Sunday, January 6.*

# Christmas Eve

..... Monday, December 24, in the Sanctuary .....

## Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

This family service appeals to congregants of all ages and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

## Candlelight Service at 8:00 p.m.

This beloved traditional service is preceded by an extended choral and orchestral prelude beginning at 7:40 p.m. and concludes with a ceremony of lights.

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## Church Staff

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*  
John F. Magnuson, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*  
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### A Member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

*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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