

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. Following worship, we invite those who are new to the church to join us by the fireplace in the Parish Hall, where New Member Committee representatives will greet you and answer any questions you may have.

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.

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.

PRELUDE

Prelude “Sine Nomine”

Herbert Howells

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

People: **They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.**

Pastor: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul.

People: **“Therefore I will hope in Him.”**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Adapted from Lamentations 3:22-24

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 224

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being

Rustington

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRECES

Gabriel Jackson

O Lord, open Thou our lips: And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise. O God, make haste to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us. 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, world without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Father in heaven, hold not our sins up against us, but hold us up against our sins so that the thought of You, when it awakens in our soul, should not remind us of what we have committed but of what You did forgive, not of how we went astray, but of how You did save us in Christ our Lord.

Søren Kierkegaard

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.

During the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward to the baptismal font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Reverend John F. Magnuson

Elder Susan W. Balaan

Please refrain from taking pictures.

THE BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

THE BAPTISM

Haddie Mae Simpson

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE *(sung with the choir)*

Kingdom (Hymn no. 498)

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

At the beginning of the hymn, 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

PSALTER

Like As the Hart

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

Text: Psalm 42:1-3

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

page 77 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Middle

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 191

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Winchester Old

▲ 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

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Text adapted from Psalm 122:6-9

▲ 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 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Abbot's Leigh

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Andante maestoso (founded on an old Irish church melody)

Charles Villiers Stanford

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Acolytes for March – Joseph R. Eyerman and Graham C. Wallace

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

The opening choir response is a setting of the Preces, a form of prayer which is one of the oldest in Christianity. The Preces finds its source in the pre-Christian Hebrew prayers of the Psalms in Temple Worship. The form consists of a series of short petitions by an individual, and responses by an ensemble.

British composer, organist, and professor Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was a student at the Royal College of Music, where he studied under Charles Villiers Stanford, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, and Charles Wood. Herbert Howells’ early compositional output focused chiefly on orchestral and chamber music, including two piano concertos. The hostile reception given to the second of these in 1925 largely silenced Howells’ compositional activities for almost ten years. An even deeper blow came with the death of his son, Michael, from polio in 1935, which deeply affected Howells. Michael’s death did, however, appear to unleash a new period of creativity. Both Howells himself and his music were never the same after this period of his life. The two anthems sung today, among Howells’ finest, are similar in style and rhapsodic beauty to his larger, later choral works, including “Take Him Earth, for Cherishing,” written in memory of John F. Kennedy.

About the Liturgical Season of Lent

Lent is a forty-day season in the Church patterned after Christ’s forty days in the wilderness, during which our Lord prepared for His ministry of self-giving, teaching, healing, and giving His life on the cross. During these forty days, Christ’s followers seek to center their thoughts and lives upon Jesus. To do this, we may choose to share in acts of learning, of wellness, and of self-denial: dying to the old self and putting on the new identity centered in the Spirit of God.

Eleventh Annual Pie Sunday

..... *Today following worship*

At the conclusion of worship, come and enjoy a variety of delicious pies along with plenty of wonderful fellowship in the Parish Hall, hosted by the Parish Life Ministry Team.

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.

News and Notes

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, March 21. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

Connections Dinner – On Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 18. 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.

Recommendations for Pastor Nominating Committee – The Session has requested that the Representative Nominating Committee (RNC) begin the process of developing a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that will be elected by the congregation to identify the next senior pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. The RNC requests that you prayerfully consider who among your church family might be well-suited to serve on the PNC and submit recommendations for consideration, either through the church office (info@shadysidepres.org) or by completing the recommendation form in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate. The deadline for recommendations is Sunday, March 24.

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 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 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.

Care Packages for Students and Military – Next month, the Deacons will send care packages to our college students and military. We need current contact information for new and existing students or military personnel. If you have a child or loved one in college or the military, please share the recipient's name and address with us by contacting Kaysie Strickland in the church office before Friday, March 29. Thank you!

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. Completed forms must be accompanied by payment and received by Sunday, March 31.

Garfield Workday – On Saturday, April 6, 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. All ages are encouraged to participate; no experience is required. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Rev. Todd Leach for more information.

Neighborhood Gatherings - The Parish Life Ministry Team invites you to join your SPC member neighbors to enjoy a get-together on selected dates during the first two weekends in April. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and get to know others in an informal setting. Gatherings will take place in the North Hills, Fox Chapel, and Pittsburgh neighborhoods. We encourage you to attend any event, regardless of where you reside. Please sign up at the reception desk in the lobby of the Sharp Atrium during the Time of Fellowship. Don't miss this great opportunity for fellowship!

Medicare 101 - Are you or someone you know eligible for Medicare? Perhaps you have questions about Medicare. You are invited to attend an educational event on Wednesday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hulme Room. Presenter Mark G. Allston will share information about who is eligible for Medicare, when one can enroll, and what coverage options are available. The presentation could be helpful to those who soon will be eligible for Medicare, as well as for those already in Medicare but interested in knowing their options. Sponsored by Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Board of Deacons, the event will allow time for questions. Light sandwiches and beverages will be served. Please register by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or contacting the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt - All Shadyside families and friends are invited to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20, 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. The Children's Ministry Team is seeking donations of plastic eggs, filled or unfilled, that we can use for the event, which welcomes many guests from the community. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium to let us know what you can contribute, or, to learn more, please contact Ellen Allston through the church office.

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.

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.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides access to audio recordings of the service of worship. Electronic copies of the bulletin also are available, as well as additional information about the church's many programs, activities, and events.

Mission Partner Spotlight

The Neighborhood Academy (TNA) is a faith-based, independent school with a mission to break the generational cycle of poverty by preparing low-income youth for higher education and citizenship. This school exists to provide a holistic college-prep education for students in grades eight through twelve who come from families demonstrating financial need. TNA is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies, and spirits of students so that they might become fully productive members of our society.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church has supported TNA since its inception, and currently provides an “Over the Bridge Scholarship” that offsets the educational expenses and provides a full scholarship for one student. Shadyside’s Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC) also offers a book scholarship to a graduating senior and provides opportunities for parishioners to meet students, including mentoring and after-school tutoring. For a complete list of current opportunities, please contact Rev. Todd E. Leach, Associate Pastor for Missions.

In October 2016, half of the mission gift collected for Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s 150th anniversary celebration was given to TNA for the purpose of equipping classrooms as the school grows to include grades six and seven.

For more information, visit www.theneighborhoodacademy.org. To join the efforts of the Community Kids MAC, contact Rev. Leach.

About the Cover

The cross located on the Communion table in the Chancel of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church Sanctuary is shown in detail on this morning’s bulletin cover. The inscription of “IHS” in the central medallion is a Christogram symbolizing Jesus Christ; the monogram is taken from an abbreviation of the name of Jesus in Greek. The characters engraved at the ends of the left and right arms of the cross are Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. These, too, represent Christ, who proclaims in Revelation 22:13, “*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*”

Chanticleer

..... Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.

Music in a Great Space welcomes the return of “the world’s reigning male chorus” to our Sanctuary to present its 40th anniversary program. Tickets cost \$35 each in advance. Contact 412-682-4300.

Handel’s *Messiah*

..... Saturday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Music in a Great Space presents The Pittsburgh Camerata with Chatham Baroque Tickets: \$25 each from www.pittsburghcamerata.org in advance or \$30 each at the door.

Church Calendar

..... *March 17 - 24*

TODAY <i>March 17</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday in Lent
	11:20 a.m.	Children’s Chapel (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
MONDAY	6:30 p.m.	EECM Shelter Dinner Volunteers at EECM, 6140 Station Street
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Connections Dinner in the Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers in the Sanctuary – Rev. John F. Magnuson, preaching
	7:45 p.m.	Session in the Hulme 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.	Foundation of HOPE Training in the Hulme Room
SUNDAY <i>March 24</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Third Sunday in Lent
	11:20 a.m.	Children’s Chapel (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

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *March 17 - 24*

Sunday, March 17	Tuesday, March 19	Thursday, March 21	Saturday, March 23
Psalms 84; 150	Psalms 34; 146	Psalms 27; 147:12-20	Psalms 43; 149
Jeremiah 1:1-10	Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32	Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28	Jeremiah 5:20-31
1 Corinthians 3:11-23	Romans 1:16-25	Romans 2:12-24	Romans 3:19-31
Mark 3:31-4:9	John 4:43-54	John 5:19-29	John 7:1-13
Monday, March 18	Wednesday, March 20	Friday, March 22	Sunday, March 24
Psalms 119:73-80; 145	Psalms 5; 147:1-11	Psalms 22; 148	Psalms 84; 150
Jeremiah 1:11-19	Jeremiah 3:6-18	Jeremiah 5:1-9	Jeremiah 6:9-15
Romans 1:1-15	Romans 1:(26-27) 28-2:11	Romans 2:25-3:18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 4:27-42	John 5:1-18	John 5:30-47	Mark 5:1-20

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

January 6 through May

in the Hulme Room

Through the Lens of Prophecy:

A Study of Matthew's Gospel

Led by Dr. Richard L. McGough III

TOPICAL STUDY

March 10 through April 14

in the Craig Room

The Difference the Cross Makes

Led by Rev. Dr. Edwin Chr. van Driel,

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Professor

Cover Photograph: Detail of the cross located on the Communion table in the Chancel of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Photograph taken by John Mahood, Imagebox Productions.

Church Staff

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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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