

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 under the ficus tree in the Sharp Atrium, 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 before returning 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

Four Preludes

Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: What do we long for?

People: Our souls long, yes, even faint for the courts of the LORD!

Pastor: What do we cry out for?

People: Our hearts cry out for the Living God!

Pastor: In God's presence, our longings are met, our cries are answered!

All: Let us worship God!

Adapted from Psalm 84:2

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRECES

Richard Shephard

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)*

O God of infinite mercy, when we trade Your peace and unity for conflict and violence, forgive us; when we forsake our good character to join unfair critics, forgive us; when we ignore Your truth and turn from Your wise ways, forgive us. Forgive us and heal us, Lord, that we may abide in Your grace and Your love, in the name of the Trinitarian God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. — Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. — Lord —, have mer - cy — up - on us.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and unison, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ GLORIA PATRI *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson

Glo - ry be to the Fa ther, and to — the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit;
as it was in the be - gin - ning —, is now, and ev - er shall be
world — with - out — end. A - - - men.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is unison and includes a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

WELCOME

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND LEADERS

RESPONSE *(sung with the Chancel Choir)*

Tallis' Canon (Hymn no. 535)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in
Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986

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 before returning to the Sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

page 495 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

PSALTER

Lord, You Have Searched Me

David Hurd

(Antiphon:)



Choir: Antiphon

Congregation: Antiphon

Choir: You know my sitting down and my rising up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Congregation: Antiphon

Choir: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but You, O LORD, know it altogether. You press upon me, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

Congregation: Antiphon

Choir: Where can I go then from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I climb up to heaven You are there; if I make the grave my bed, You are there also.

Congregation: Antiphon

Choir: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me and Your right hand hold me fast.

Congregation: Antiphon

Text: Psalm 139:1-4, 6-9

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

page 78 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

In Search Of ...

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catherine

▲ 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

A Psalm of the Redeemed

Michael McCabe

Blessed are they that hath not walked in the way of the sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and in this law do they meditate day and night. Whosoever dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say unto the Lord, "Thou are my hope and my stronghold." My God, in Him will I trust. He shall defend thee under His wings. Thou shall not be afraid of any terrors by night. For Thou, Lord, art my hope. Thou hast set the house of the Lord very high. And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee. For He shall give His angels charge over thee. They shall keep thee in all thy ways, they shall hold thee in their hands. Blessed are they that knoweth God.

Text: Psalms 1 and 91

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen (Hymn no. 229)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN

Bless All Those Who Nurture Children

Hymn to Joy (Hymn no. 464)

1. Bless all those who nurture children, sharing knowledge, showing love;
Who by faithful words and actions lead young lives to God above!
Bless all those whose voice and presence, deep devotion, dignity,
Motivate the church to rev'rence, guiding Christ's community.
2. Jesus taught both by example and with words of lasting worth;
Christ has given ways to sample hints of heaven here on earth!
In the same way Christian teachers model true humanity,
Demonstrating in their witness glimpses of eternity!
3. Bless these lives of dedication - days and seasons, weeks and years,
Spent in serving congregations, spreading joys and soothing tears!
Bless these lives so firmly planted in the grace the Savior brings,
Flourishing as God has granted, soaring high on Spirit wings!

Text: John A. Dalles (1993, modified 1994). © 1994 by John Dalles

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Pæan

Michael McCabe

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Acolytes for September - Nathan N. Boyle and Grace E. Coffelt.

Ushers for September - Ronald A. Blumer, Frederick W. Brooke IV, Mark A. Krofchik, Michael B. Schwerin, and Robert Thomson. **Coordinators:** Randy C. Adams II, Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, and Robert P. O'Neil.

Mission Partner Spotlight

The Caribbean Youth Network (CYN) in the Bahamas exists to serve as an international mission organization fostering the planting, partnering, and networking of relational, Christ-centered youth ministry to the ends that youth can be introduced to the Gospel and grow into a mature relationship with Christ. Shadyside Presbyterian Church has supported this ministry since its founding by Dan and Kelly Weightman, who are native to Pittsburgh. Members from Shadyside have partnered with this ministry through short-term mission trips, the most recent of which occurred in March 2014, when our campus ministry led a trip to serve alongside the CYN. In June 2019, the Weightmans visited us at Shadyside to join us in worship and fellowship.

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019, and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing loss of life and massive damage. The CYN has shared several updates with us which are available to read on the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website. The Mission and Urban Ministry team is responding to Hurricane Dorian by supporting CYN Hurricane Relief with \$5,000. If you would like to make an additional contribution, please make your check payable to Shadyside Presbyterian Church and include "CYN Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. You may place your check in the offering plate today or next Sunday.

For more information, visit www.caribbeanyouthnetwork.org. To join the efforts of the International Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC), contact the Reverend Todd Leach through the church office.

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... September 15 - 22

Sunday, September 15

Psalms 19; 150
1 Kings 19:8-21
Acts 5:34-42
John 11:45-57

Tuesday, September 17

Psalms 123; 146
1 Kings 21:17-29
1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Matthew 4:12-17

Thursday, September 19

Psalms 36; 147:12-20
1 Kings 22:29-45
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
Matthew 5:1-10

Saturday, September 21

Psalms 56; 149
2 Kings 2:1-18
1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Matthew 5:17-20

Monday, September 16

Psalms 135; 145
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Wednesday, September 18

Psalms 15; 147:1-11
1 Kings 22:1-28
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Matthew 4:18-25

Friday, September 20

Psalms 130; 148
2 Kings 1:2-17
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:11-16

Sunday, September 22

Psalms 67; 150
2 Kings 4:8-37
Acts 9:10-31
Luke 3:7-18

News and Notes

New Staff Role for Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith - The Human Resources (HR) Committee of the Session is especially excited to announce that Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith has joined the church staff as Temporary Associate Pastor. In her new role, Rev. Smith's primary area of responsibility will be oversight of our Youth Ministry, in addition to frequent worship duties. The part-time nature of this position means that Rev. Smith will continue serving full-time as the Director of the Worship Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. We give thanks to God that Rev. Smith has agreed to add the spiritual care of our youth and their families to the many ways in which she already shares her gifts in our community of faith. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Smith to our church staff!

Congregational Survey - The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) invites all members and friends to participate in a congregational inventory that will better inform our search process. Instructions to access the survey were sent to members via email this week. Your individual input is important! Please contact the church office if you did not receive the link to the survey, or see an usher in the Narthex today. A paper alternative also is available for those who are unable to access the Internet; please contact the church office to request one. All surveys must be completed by September 30. Please support the PNC's efforts in this way.

Children's "Give Choir a Try" Day - Today, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., children in grades kindergarten and older are invited to "give choir a try" by attending an informal, no-obligation rehearsal along with their families. Our children's music director, Mr. Stephen Donnelly, will engage the children in a typical music rehearsal consisting of a warm-up, various vocal exercises, singing, and even a fun game or two. Following the rehearsal, he will discuss the program and commitment before answering any questions. No experience is necessary, and we would love to welcome new friends! Please join us in the Chapel after worship!

Veterans Place Open House and Art Exhibition - Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Community Partnerships Mission Action Community (MAC) began supporting Veterans Place in 2016 with several initiatives to support homeless veterans, including an art therapy program. Veterans Place will host an event sharing veterans' artwork in their newly renovated hospitality room on Tuesday, September 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend this open house which will showcase their new space and display the veterans' art. All art enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up in the Sharp Atrium.

Connections Dinner - On Wednesday, September 18, you are invited to a congregational dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us to hear guest speaker Dr. Tucker S. Ferda, Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 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, September 16. A freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Ferda preaching. Nursery care is available during vespers.

Midweek Vespers are held on Wednesdays 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. Nursery care is available.

Food Truck Fellowship - Join us on Sunday, September 22, when we will welcome the BRGR food truck in the circular driveway to enhance our Time of Fellowship following worship. Chef Steven Bright's wonderful cookies and coffee will be available in the Parish Hall, and, weather-permitting, the McClintock Lawn will be open for children to play outside. Whether you want to connect with others indoors or mingle outside, we hope you will plan to stay after worship!

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, September 23, 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.

All-Church Retreat - An all-church retreat at the Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. Dr. Tucker S. Ferda, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary professor of New Testament, will lead us in a weekend exploring the theme *"Take Up and Read": Biblical Interpretation and the Christian Life*, as we connect with church friends, old and new. (Childcare is provided.) Brochures with details and registration forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium, and online at www.shadysidepres.org/retreat. Please mark your calendar and consider joining us! The deadline to register is Monday, October 7.

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 \$15. (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 - Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter by e-mailing info@shadysidepres.org.

Live Webcast - Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please share the link www.shadysidepres.org/live with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

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

Church Calendar

..... September 15 – 22

TODAY <i>September 15</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	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.	Children’s “Give Choir a Try” Event 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	9:00 a.m.	Nursery School Board in the Stamy Room
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees in the Craig Room
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Connections Dinner in the Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Vespers in the Chapel – Dr. Tucker S. Ferda, preaching
	7:45 p.m.	Session in the Hulme Room
THURSDAY	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee in the Craig Room
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Foundation of HOPE Volunteer Training in the Hulme Room
SUNDAY <i>September 22</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
	11:20 a.m.	Children’s Chapel (Preschool through 2 nd Grade)
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall with Food Truck in the Circular Driveway
	12:00 p.m.	Choir School in the Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room

A Whitman Sampler

..... Sunday, September 29, at 3:00 p.m.

The Pittsburgh Camerata sings choral settings of the poetry of Walt Whitman. Tickets: \$30 each from www.pittsburghcamerata.org in advance, or \$35 each at the door.

World Communion Sunday

..... Sunday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language.

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

September 15 through May

in the Hulme Room

Joshua and Judges

Led by Dr. Richard L. McGough III

TOPICAL STUDY

September 15 through October 13

in the Craig Room

Presbyterian 101

Led by the Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Church Staff

John A. Dalles, *Interim Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*

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

Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith, *Temporary Associate Pastor*

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

Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*

Robert K. Anderson, *Head Sexton*

Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*

Jane M. Boyle, *Director of Children's Handbell Choir*

Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*

Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*

Robert A. Coder, *Director of Finance*

Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music
Education*

Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*

Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*

Karen S. Jueng, *Associate for Children's Ministry*

Mary E. Lang, *Director of the Nursery School*

Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*

Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*

Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*

Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance Emerita*

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

Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*

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Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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