

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 evening, 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 feed of worship is available downstairs in the Marks Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

A video feed of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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.

Concerning the Ceremony of Lights - Worshippers will have received candles with wax guards upon entering the nave. These will be used during the Ceremony of Lights occurring at the conclusion of this evening's service. The ushers will light the first candle in each pew on the aisle, and each worshipper will then share with his or her neighbor, representing the presence of Christ in the world with His neighbor. For safety, please always tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. (Never tilt a lighted candle.) Please return your candle to the baskets in the Narthex or Sharp Atrium as you exit tonight.

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.

Restrooms can be accessed by exiting the back of the Sanctuary and turning right. Additional restrooms are located at the top of the grand staircase through the Sharp Atrium.

! 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.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Seven Joys of Christmas

Kirke Mechem

1. The Joy of Love: This Is the Truth Traditional English carol
2. The Joy of Bells: Din Don! Merrily on High Traditional French carol
3. The Joy of Mary: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Traditional German carol
4. The Joy of Children: Patapan Traditional Burgundian carol
5. The Joy of the New Year: New Year Song Traditional Japanese carol
6. The Joy of Dance: Fum, Fum, Fum! Traditional Spanish carol
7. The Joy of Song: God Bless the Master of This House Traditional English carol

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Nuiko Wadden, harp

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Interlude from *Ceremony of Carols*

Benjamin Britten

Nuiko Wadden, harp

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith and the Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: We have watched; we have waited in hope, for peace, in joy, with love. Now our salvation has drawn near! With the psalmist we share the good news:

People: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Pastor: May this light be a sign to us and to the world of all that has taken place which the Lord has made known to us.

People: **Christ's light shines in our darkness. Glory to God in the highest!**

Incorporating Psalm 96:1-3

▲ CAROL IN PROCESSION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
(Refrain:) O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

(carol continues on page 4)

2. See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks___, draw___ nigh___ to gaze;
We, too, will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
*(Refrain:) O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*
3. (HIGHER VOICES) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God___, glory in the highest!
(Refrain)
4. (LOWER VOICES) Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ-adoring,
Offer Him in-cense, gold___ and myrrh.
We, to the Christ Child, bring our hearts' oblations.
(Refrain)
5. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee___ be all glo—ry given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain)

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still Traditional Austrian carol, arr. Norman Luboff
Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed; the world is sleeping, holy star
its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of
our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you; close your eyes, let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to
come. While guardian angels without number, watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream,
dream, of the joyous day to come.

Text: Georg Götsch (1895-1956)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz
page 638 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

REFLECTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

1. It came upon__ the midnight clear, that glo-ri-ous song__ of old,
From angels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps__ of gold;
“Peace on the earth__, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gra-cious King”:
The world in sol-lemn stillness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings__ unfurled,
And still their hea-v’nly music floats o’er all the wea-ry world;
Above its sad__ and lowly plains they bend__ on ho-v’ring wing,
And ever o’er__ its Babel sounds the blessed an-gels sing.
3. And ye, beneath__ life’s crushing load, whose forms__ are bend-ing low,
Who toil along__ the climbing way with painful steps__ and slow,
Look now! for glad__ and golden hours come swift-ly on__ the wing;
O rest beside__ the weary road, and hear the an-gels sing.
4. For lo, the days__ are hast’ning on, by proph-et bards__ foretold,
When with the ev-er-circling years comes round the age__ of gold;
When peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,
And the whole world__ give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

page 58 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

REFLECTION

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL *(seated)*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

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3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. 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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

page 58 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

REFLECTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
(Refrain:) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(Refrain)
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
(Refrain)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

CHRISTMAS 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

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Stephen Crosby

Loghan Bazan Wright, alto; Brian Doherty, baritone

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, not His manners nor His airs, nor by anything He wears. Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by crown or by His gown, but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know Him when He comes.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

SILENT REFLECTION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL *(seated)*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young, 1863

BENEDICTION

Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the Benediction.

▲ POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

*For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one,
the flowers will be available to take home following the service.*

This Evening in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary this evening 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.

We welcome our guest musician: Nuiko Wadden, harpist. Her presence in worship this evening is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Ushers for Christmas Eve - Mark G. Allston, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Elise A. Hunter, Nathaniel C. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, and Terrence H. Murphy. **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.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Mark A. Anderson, conductor • Justin M. Wallace, assistant organist

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| Meghan DeWald Althouse | Jolanta Doherty | Christopher Lynch | Gail E. Roup |
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| Jamie N. Burrows | Meredith Kelly | Ivan Plazačić | Richard A. Walker |
| Karen B. Crenshaw | Kathy Linger | Ryan Ricarte | |
| Brian C. Doherty | Christina Lynch | Anastasia Robinson | |

Share the Christmas Joy!

..... Flower Ministry

The Board of Deacons invites you to take home a red poinsettia after the service this evening. Please also feel free to take an extra one to share with a loved one!

Music in a Great Space Concert

..... Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 p.m.

Hear the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Junior Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh in a program including Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák. No tickets; donations appreciated.

Christmas Poinsettias

IN HONOR OF:

Patrick W. & Laura E.
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Mark Anderson & The
Chancel Choir

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Jackson, Walker, & Isabel
Brooke

Candie

Marie Coyner

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News and Notes

If you use offering envelopes, they will be available in the Sharp Atrium today and Sunday, December 29. Please help the church to economize on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

New SPC Video Invitation for Advent and Christmas - The SPC Communications Committee has created a new video with Dr. Dalles that you can watch on the SPC website at www.shadysidepres.org. We also have posted it on the SPC Facebook page, where we hope all Facebook users will “like” it and share it with friends and neighbors. It’s an easy way to invite friends to join us for Sunday worship and our special seasonal events.

Midweek Vespers will not be held on Wednesday, December 25, 2019, and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Vespers resume on Wednesday, January 8, 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.

Christian Education Classes will not be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2019. Education classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 9:45 a.m.

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 noon on December 31 in order to be included in this year. Looking ahead, if you have not made your pledge for 2020, 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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) thanks everyone who participated in the congregational survey this fall. Bound copies of the results are available to review in the Walton Library. You may contact the PNC by email at pnc@shadysidepres.org. Please continue to pray for them as they work to discern whom God is calling to be our next senior pastor.

Thursday Evening Bible Study - You are invited to participate in a Bible study focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes. We typically gather from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Stamy Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 2. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office.

Study the Acts of the Apostles - Join us in January, as our study of Acts continues with the journeys of the Apostle Paul. Consider how the Early Church hits the road to proclaim the Gospel beyond Jerusalem, demonstrating that God really does love the world – the whole world and all the people in it. The Tuesday evening study group resumes Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. with Elder Peggy Heely, facilitator. Please contact Kaysie Strickland in the church office to order your copy of the study guide, *Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles*, written by Dr. Carol Miller and published by the Kerygma Program.

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. Our speaker series invites recent recipients to share over dinner and through worship about their studies. Join us on Wednesday, January 8, when we welcome Rev. Oghene’tega Violet Swann as our next speaker during dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by vespers in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP in the Sharp Atrium.

Connections Dinner – On Wednesday, January 15, 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 13. A freewill offering will be received to offset the costs of the meal. If you are able, we hope you will stay for vespers at 7:00 p.m. Nursery care is available during vespers.

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 20, 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.

Warm Up on Soup Sunday, January 26 – We look forward to filling the Parish Hall with the aroma of hearty and delicious homemade soups on Sunday, January 26. Would you be willing to make a pot of your favorite soup recipe for this event? We are looking for volunteers to contribute a variety of soups – from beef and barley to vegetarian delights, creamy chowders, and more. If you would prefer to make your favorite dessert to contribute, that would be wonderful, too. The kitchen will provide bread, salad, and beverages. Not a cook or a baker? Come and enjoy; there will be plenty to share! Make your reservations by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or by contacting the church office. Could you lend us your crock pot to keep these goodies piping hot? Let us know when you make your reservation. There is no cost to attend.

Bedding and Pillow Collection – Also on Sunday, January 26, we will hold the eleventh annual Bedding and Pillow Collection for Off the Floor Pittsburgh. The items that are most needed include new pillows (must be new by state law); complete queen, full/double, and twin bedding sets; blankets of all sizes (queen are most needed); and towels and washcloths. Please put a size label on the blankets, and bring donations to the Off the Floor truck located outside the Parish Hall before worship or before the soup luncheon. Thank you!

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, January 27, 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.

Nursery School Registering Students for 2020-2021 – The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School (SPCNS) offers developmentally appropriate classes on weekday mornings (September through May) for two-, three-, four-, and pre-kindergarten five-year-olds. Currently, SPCNS is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Returning students and SPC members are given preference for enrollment. Call Director Mary Lang at 412-681-6311, or visit the school's website: shadysideschool.org.

Interested in ushering? Shadyside Presbyterian Church's usher coordinators are seeking new ushers for our services of worship. Ushers usually serve for one month during the year. For more information or to join the corps of ushers, contact Mark Allston through the church office.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Meal Train Ministry provides meals for individuals or families in need. As needs arise, such as the celebration of a new baby or recuperation after surgery, Meal Train Ministry members are notified by email and invited to sign up through an online calendar if they are available to cook. Volunteers may either deliver the meal, or bring it frozen to the church for someone else to deliver. We are always looking for more cooks, and you are welcome to participate as your schedule allows. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Luke Chwala by email: spchelpers@gmail.com.

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!

Church History and Architecture Books – Shadyside Presbyterian Church has published two books authored by Elder Timothy C. Engleman which explore the church’s history and architecture in depth. Both may be purchased through the church office; order forms are available in the Narthex and on the church website.

The Mini-Mouse – Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in an email message to 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.

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.

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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 for more information regarding the church’s local, national, and international mission partners.

About the Cover

Pictured on the cover of this evening's bulletin is a detail of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Nativity Window, located at the center of the south transept in the Sanctuary. The window was manufactured by Tiffany Glass Company and installed when the church was erected in 1890. It is the only original stained glass window remaining at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The window is based on the 1522 painting "The Holy Night" (also known as "The Adoration of the Shepherds") by Correggio, who was a contemporary of Raphael. Depicted are the Infant Jesus and His mother Mary. Those surrounding the Child are illuminated by a radiance that emanates from Him. It is a powerful use of opalescent glass and Pre-Raphaelite realistic pictorial depiction, strongly associated with Louis Tiffany. Opalescent glass (actually patented by Tiffany's rival, John LaFarge) is less translucent and has greater color variety than normal (or "antique") stained glass. The glass thickness varies and is sometimes layered.

The placement of this window on the southern wall of the church demonstrates thoughtful consideration. The sun, low in the sky and near the end of its trip south, provides optimal illumination of the window at Christmastime, creating a beautiful and captivating effect.

Elder Timothy C. Engleman

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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

December 1 through 22, and January 5

in the Craig Room

A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word & Art

Led by Elder Robert Luthultz & Deacon Sharon Luthultz

Please note that no classes will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 29. Classes for all ages resume on Sunday, January 5.

On the Cover: Detail of Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Nativity Window. Photograph taken by Mary Jane Bent.

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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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