

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 representatives of our Welcome Committee will greet you and answer any questions you may have.

Gluten-free, vegan Communion wafers are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them to the regular Communion bread.

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.

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, all children are invited to remain in worship through the entire service for Communion. A bulletin insert designed for children is available in the Narthex.

A video feed 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.

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 on the Introit of Epiphany
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Maurice Duruflé
Dieterich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Pastor: Turn here, turn now.

People: Yet even now, says the LORD: Turn with all your heart.

Pastor: Turn today, turn forever.

People: Yet even now, says the LORD: Turn with all your heart.

Pastor: Turn from death, turn to life.

All: Let us worship God!

Based on Joel 2:12-13

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

ORISON

Iain Quinn

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; come, let us adore Him. 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Most holy and loving God, we worship and adore You. You alone are holy, and You love us with an everlasting love. You have sent Your son unto us, and have made us Your own by His love and grace. Yet, all too often we forget this wondrous joy, and choose to live sinfully. Forgive us, O God. Speak to us with a fire that enlivens us, so that we may go where You send us, to serve as You command — being witnesses for the true Gospel, in Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*)

Dix (Hymn no. 63, v. 4)

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, ca. 1858

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*sung in unison*)

Three Kings of Orient (Hymn no. 66, v. 5)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect Light.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857; alt.

WELCOME

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Percy M. Jackson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 147:12-20

page 582 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Heinrich von Herzogenberg

Christopher Lynch, tenor

A rod shall come forth from the stem of Jesse. A branch shall come from out of its roots; the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and truth. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-gone was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half-gone was the night.

Text: Isaiah 11:1-2; German carol, 15th century; transl. Theodore Baker (1851-1934), alt.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:3-14

page 192 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

God of Our Life

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 275

God of Our Life

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▲ 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.

OFFERING ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

Christina Lynch, soprano; Brian Doherty, baritone

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can, I give Him — give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1872

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The pastor prays.

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who sing to the glory of Your name:

SANCTUS (sung in unison)

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The pastor continues in prayer.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, eternal God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION *(please commune as you receive the elements)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Arise, Shine

Benjamin Lane

Arise, shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the LORD has arisen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Lift up your eyes and look around; they come to you from far away.

Text: Isaiah 60:1-4

PRAYER OF RESPONSE 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.

▲ **HYMN 418**

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

Alternate tune: Diademata (Hymn no. 151)

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Patrick H. Thomson, Anne Darsie Thomson, and Robert N. Thomson.

This morning's choral music is under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Mark A. Boyle. Dr. Boyle is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Seton Hill University. Both he and his wife Jane are members of the Chancel Choir.

Ushers for January - John E. B. Baldrige, W. Dennis Bossick, Robert J. Ferguson, Richard O. Goehring, Robert J. Miles Sr., Sandra H. Miller, Daniel S. Potter, and Janet W. Wood. **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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... January 5 - 12

Sunday, January 5

Psalms 99; 150
1 Kings 3:5-14
Colossians 3:12-17
John 6:41-47

Tuesday, January 7

Psalms 97; 146
Deuteronomy 8:1-3
Colossians 1:1-14
John 6:30-33, 48-51

Thursday, January 9

Psalms 47; 147:12-20
Isaiah 45:14-19
Colossians 1:24-2:7
John 8:12-19

Saturday, January 11

Psalms 47; 149
Isaiah 55:3-9
Colossians 3:1-17
John 14:6-14

Monday, January 6

Psalms 72; 145
Isaiah 49:1-7
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Wednesday, January 8

Psalms 46; 147:1-11
Exodus 7:1-7
Colossians 1:15-23
John 7:37-52

Friday, January 10

Psalms 46; 148
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Colossians 2:8-23
John 10:7-17

Sunday, January 12

Psalms 104; 150
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:29-34

News and Notes

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.

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.

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 9. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office.

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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is comprised of seven members of the congregation: Susan Balaan, Sara Brooke, Don Coffelt, Percy Jackson, Adam Loucks, Ann Pauley, and Janet Rohrer. You may contact them 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.

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 – 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.

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.

About the Cover Artwork

Los Angeles artist John August Swanson is noted for his finely detailed, brilliantly colored paintings and original prints. His works are found in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, London's Tate Gallery, the Vatican Museums' Collection of Modern Religious Art, and other prestigious venues. The largest collection of Swanson's work – more than fifty pieces – is displayed at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

The son of a Mexican mother and a Swedish father, Swanson is influenced by the folk art traditions of those two countries. He also is interested in the way Byzantine and medieval works of art, such as mosaics and stained glass windows, communicated the stories of the Old and New Testaments to people of different times and places. Many of his works are visual narratives consisting of numerous panels, each panel showing a scene from the story. *Epiphany* is the fourth scene in a six-segment set known as “the Birth Narrative,” which depicts the familiar Advent and Christmas texts from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Most of Swanson's works are serigraphs, which are made with a screen of fabric stretched tightly across a rectangular frame. Designs are created in stencil form on the screen, allowing ink to be moved through to the paper below. A separate screen must be made for each of the colors printed on the serigraph. Swanson's serigraphs are unusually complex, not only in their detail but also in the number of stencils used. One piece from the Birth Narrative, for example, required sixty-one stencils.

When reflecting on his art, John Swanson often returns to the idea of “seeing the sacred in the ordinary.” His art explores how everyday life is filled with the divine and how those going about their daily tasks have God living within them. The artist-writer Gertrude Mueller Nelson writes that John's art is, “about infusing the world with a vision of the holy and discovering the divine in the earthly task at hand.” This is the inspiration for John's creative vision and the driving force for his art.

John's art opens windows for us to explore. He helps us regain that amazing sense of wonder we enjoyed as children. As adults living in our everyday, self-absorbed world, we too often forget that we are part of an immense universe, filled with mystery and the majesty of God. The art of John August Swanson gives us a vision into the communal sacredness of the lives we share. He helps us rediscover that vast holy mystery, and reconnect with the inherent wonder of life.

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.

What She Said

..... Sunday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m.

The Pittsburgh Camerata sings music of women poets and composers. Tickets: \$30 each from www.pittsburghcamerata.org in advance, or \$35 each at the door.

Church Calendar

..... January 5 - 12

TODAY <i>January 5</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary – Second Sunday after Christmas Day
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
	12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Hulme Room
	6:30 p.m.	Budget and Finance Committee in the Walton Library
	7:00 p.m.	Representative Nominating Committee in the Craig Room
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Evening Bible Study in the Stamy Room
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Communications Committee in the Craig Room
	6:00 p.m.	Supper with a Scholar in the Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Vespers in the Chapel – Rev. Oghene'tega Violet Swann, preaching
THURSDAY	10:30 a.m.	“Women at the Well” Bible Study in the Craig Room
	5:30 p.m.	Choir School in the Chapel
	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
	8:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening Bible Study in the Stamy Room
SUNDAY <i>January 12</i>	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Baptism of the Lord 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 Sharp Atrium
	12:00 p.m.	Care Team in the Craig Room
	12:00 p.m.	Choir School in the Chapel
12:30 p.m.	SPYS (Youth Group) in the Youth Room	

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.

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

January 12 through February 16

in the Craig Room

Doing Time with God: Stories of Healing & Hope in Our Prisons

Led by Guest Speakers from the Foundation of HOPE

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*

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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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