



Order of Worship

*We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit.
We invite you to spend a few moments in quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship
and allow yourself to be surrounded by the peace of Christ before we begin.*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Pastor: God has claimed us as His own.

People: God has brought us out of darkness and has made us light to the world.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

▲ HYMN 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone.

Text: Brian Wren (b. 1936).

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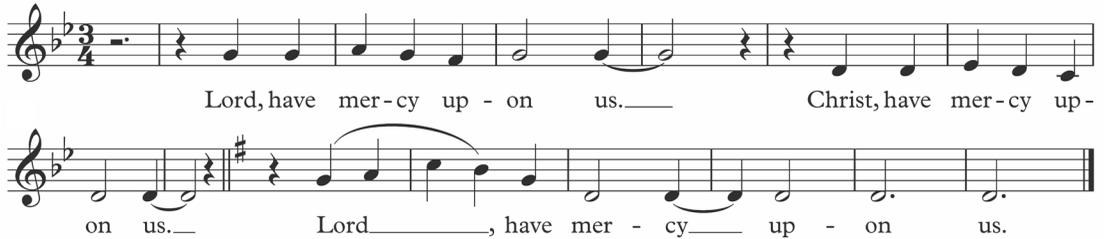
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Almighty God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we do not always believe in this hope, and remain captive to doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of loss, our despair, and our anxiety about the future. Set us free for the joy of Christ, who was dead but now lives, that we too might find new life in the service of His kingdom.

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

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

God Is Light
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all

George Thalben-Ball

Text: 1 John 1:5

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God of the Coming Years

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

ANTHEM

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell. Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord! E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing, solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal King.

Text: 17th-century Latin. Translation: Rev. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

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.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

▲ HYMN 118

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus (ca. 675-749). Translation: John Mason Neale, 1862.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Soli Deo gloria!

Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this day.

Today from Shadyside Presbyterian Church

We gratefully acknowledge the helpful contributions of the Session's task force for online worship:

Elders John E. B. Baldrige, Brigetta P. Del Re, and Victoria L. Potter, who assisted in coordinating the logistics of presenting a virtual service of worship on the Internet. We especially thank Elder Baldrige for his post-production and editing work on today's video.

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. Dr. Boyle is conducting for Mr. Anderson while he is on sabbatical spending concentrated time on coursework for his Doctor of Sacred Music degree.

News and Notes

Important Notice - Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the church building and offices remain closed. All services of worship, activities, and events will not meet on-site or in-person until further notice.

Children's Chapel - The Children's Ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites families to gather remotely with us for our weekly online chapel time on Sundays from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Children enjoy singing songs, hearing a story from the Bible, and praying with us. Chapel worship streams live through a protected Facebook group; for access, please contact Ellen Allston: eallston@shadysidepres.org. To view previous videos, visit the church's YouTube channel. We're looking forward to celebrating Jesus with you!

Thursday Morning Coffee with Rev. Leach - While practicing "social distancing" we can be intentional about remaining connected with one another. Rev. Todd E. Leach is inviting you to join in casual and informal conversation with him and others on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for us to check in with one another and, perhaps, share creative ideas of embracing this time of "self-isolation." You can join the conversation by clicking [this link](#). Questions? Email Rev. Leach: tleach@shadysidepres.org.

Women at the Well - Women of all ages are welcome to gather with the "Women at the Well" for in-depth Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Friendships and connections grow deeper when we share the Scriptures in study and prayer. This week, we begin our study of *Twelve More Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today*, a study guide by Sherry Harney. As in the past, our study time together will include a video segment followed by conversation. Books may be ordered online from Amazon.com or from a local book distributor. Meetings occur weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom videoconferencing. [Click here](#) to connect remotely. Join us as together we seek to quench the thirsting of our souls! Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to obtain the meeting password.

Online Adult Christian Education Sunday Morning Topical Study - Please consider joining us for our current book study online. Elder Sharon Taylor will lead the discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's new book, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. You can join the conversation by clicking [this link](#) on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. through Sunday, May 31. If you don't have the book, you can order it in either paperback or Kindle editions by clicking [here](#). We look forward to discussing *Holy Envy* with you via Zoom videoconferencing. Read more about the book and author on the church website by clicking [here](#).

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, April 20, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing. There is no cost to attend; new participants are always welcome. To access the meeting, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz: lportz@shadysidepres.org.

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. While the COVID-19 countermeasures remain in effect, both prayer groups will meet virtually via Zoom videoconferencing. [Click here](#) to connect remotely on Tuesday morning. [Click here](#) to connect remotely on Thursday evening. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to obtain the meeting passwords.

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.

Staff Directory - If you need to contact a particular member of the church staff, you may find contact information from the online staff directory. Although the office is closed, your staff is working remotely.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 412.682.4300, and, after the answering message begins, press 8. You may leave a message in this mailbox, and a pastor on-call will be notified.

Care and Support - Your pastors, staff, elders, deacons, and Care Team remain deeply committed to caring for our congregation. We are making every effort to remain connected, especially with those who are most vulnerable and those who may be feeling lonely or anxious. We encourage you to stay connected by phone, email, or social media. Please don't hesitate to reach out by any of these means if you would like to talk to someone.

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.

Member Contribution Statements - Due to the closure of the church building and offices, the finance office will be unable to prepare and send member contribution statements for the first quarter of 2020. We intend to resume sending member statements in the second quarter ending June 30, 2020.

Stewardship Reminder - Contributions to support the mission and ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church may be mailed to the attention of the church's finance office at 5121 Westminister Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Checks will be processed at the earliest possible opportunity. Additionally, did you know that some members have arranged for their bank to send a monetary gift directly to the church? You may contact your financial institution to request a similar fund transfer. Thank you for your generosity.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church online worship archive contains audio recordings of worship from previous years, which we encourage you to explore. We hope these archived resources will enhance your personal devotional time as we face an extended period of physical separation from our community of faith.

Newsletter Publication Disrupted - In these strange times, even the *Church Mouse* is practicing social distancing. Due to complications caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, you will not receive a printed newsletter in your mailbox for the month of May. We hope to be able to produce the June-July issue on schedule, God willing. Meanwhile, we will continue to rely upon the *Mini-Mouse* e-newsletter, the church website, the church's Facebook page, and the worship bulletin to keep you informed about schedule changes and other developments impacting the mission and ministry of our church. If you do not already receive our weekly e-newsletter, the *Mini-Mouse*, please see below for instructions to subscribe.

The Mini-Mouse - Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in an email message to info@shadysidepres.org or by clicking [here](#) and completing the form online.

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

Church Calendar

..... April 19 - 26

TODAY *April 19*

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook
12:00 p.m. Children's Chapel in the Children's and Family Ministries' Facebook Group (protected page; contact Ellen Allston to connect)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m. Grief Support Group via Zoom Videoconferencing

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
5:00 p.m. Yoga via Zoom Videoconferencing
7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Google Hangouts

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Virtual Vespers on YouTube and Facebook – Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee with Rev. Leach via Zoom Videoconferencing
10:30 a.m. "Women at the Well" Bible Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
6:30 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing

SUNDAY

April 26

9:45 a.m. Adult Christian Education Classes via Zoom Videoconferencing
11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook – Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
12:00 p.m. Children's Chapel in the Children's and Family Ministries' Facebook Group (protected page; contact Ellen Allston to connect)

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... April 19 - 26

Sunday, April 19

Psalms 93; 150
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

Tuesday, April 21

Psalms 98; 146
Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25
John 14:18-31

Thursday, April 23

Psalms 47; 147:12-20
Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-3:12
John 15:12-27

Saturday, April 25

Psalms 92; 149
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19
John 16:16-33

Monday, April 20

Psalms 97; 145
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12
John 14:(1-7) 8-17

Wednesday, April 22

Psalms 99; 147:1-11
Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 15:1-11

Friday, April 24

Psalms 96; 148
Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6
John 16:1-15

Sunday, April 26

Psalms 93; 150
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20

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*
Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*
Jane M. Boyle, *Assistant Children's Choir Director*
Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*
Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*
Robert A. Coder, *Director of Finance*
Wayne W. Diggs, *Sexton*
Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music Education*
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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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