

## 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 Todd E. Leach

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation;

**People: I will trust, and will not be afraid.**

Pastor: For the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;

**People: And He has become my salvation.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

Based upon Isaiah 12:2

### ▲ HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

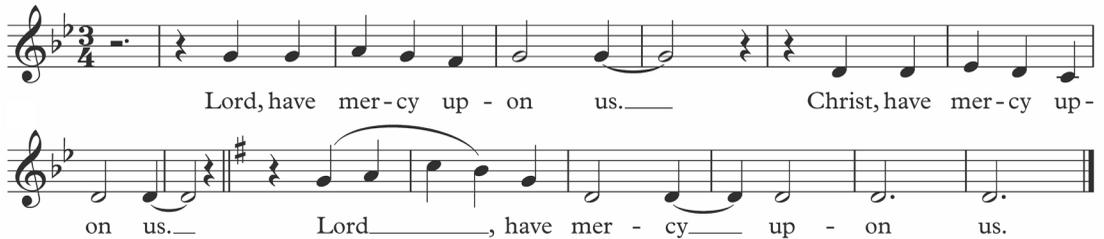
The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior.

*The Book of Common Worship*

## 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.

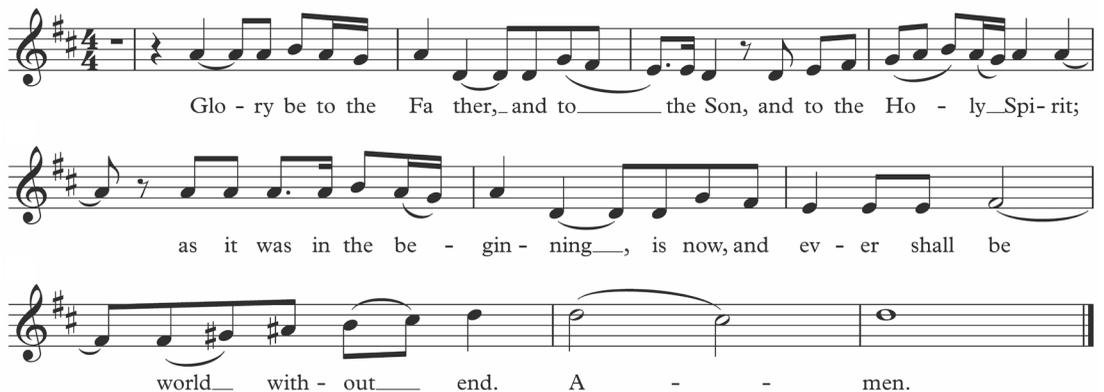
## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 116:1-4, 12-19

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORISON

Almighty and Everlasting God

Mark A. Boyle

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ has revealed Your glory among the nations, preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name. Through the Living Christ. Alleluia!

*Text: The Book of Common Prayer*

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Through Paths Unknown

## ANTHEM

Psalm 100

John Weaver

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.

*Text: Psalm 100:1-5*

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

**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 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Soli Deo gloria!*

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*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.

**Virtual Time of Fellowship** - Immediately following worship, the Parish Life Ministry Team will host an informal Time of Fellowship online so that we may connect with one another and share the blessings and challenges we are experiencing in this time of isolation. Folks are welcome to “come and go” as we check in with one another. To participate in next week’s virtual fellowship gathering via Zoom videoconferencing, please contact Kaysie Strickland through the church office before 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

**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!

**COVID-19 Relief Fund** - Shadyside Presbyterian Church has established a COVID-19 relief fund to support individuals and families experiencing economic hardships due to the coronavirus countermeasures. This week, Rev. Todd Leach shared a brief **video message** explaining this effort. If you are able to do so, you may make a financial contribution by giving online through the **church website**. You may also send a check made payable to “Shadyside Presbyterian Church” with “COVID-19 Relief Fund” in the memo line to the attention of the church’s finance office. Thank you for your generosity and your concern for our neighbors.

**eGiving Options** - Shadyside Presbyterian Church is pleased to introduce new eGiving options during this especially challenging time in order to encourage faithful stewardship among our community of faith. The church is now able to receive one-time or recurring contributions securely online through the church website, via text message, or through an app on your mobile device. To learn more about these new options, **click here**. Please visit the **church website** to select the eGiving option that is best for you and begin a new gift. Thank you for faithfully supporting the mission and ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

**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 spring, we are exploring *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.

**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, May 4, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org) or by clicking [here](#) and completing the form online.

Visit the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website [www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org) for even more information.

# Church Calendar

..... April 26 – May 3 .....

## **TODAY** *April 26*

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook  
11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing  
12:00 p.m. Children’s Chapel in the Children’s and Family Ministries’ Facebook Group (protected page; contact Ellen Allston to connect)

## **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. Kendra Smith, 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** *May 3*

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  
11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing  
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](http://www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others) for more information regarding the church’s local, national, and international mission partners.

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... April 26 – May 3 .....

### **Sunday, April 26**

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

### **Tuesday, April 28**

Psalms 98; 146  
Exodus 19:1-16  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:7-12

### **Thursday, April 30**

Psalms 47; 147:12-20  
Exodus 20:1-21  
Colossians 1:24–2:7  
Matthew 4:1-11

### **Saturday, May 2**

Psalms 92; 149  
Exodus 25:1-22  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Matthew 4:18-25

### **Monday, April 27**

Psalms 97; 145  
Exodus 18:13-27  
1 Peter 5:1-14  
Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6

### **Wednesday, April 29**

Psalms 99; 147:1-11  
Exodus 19:16-25  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Matthew 3:13-17

### **Friday, May 1**

Psalms 96; 148  
Exodus 24:1-18  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Matthew 4:12-17

### **Sunday, May 3**

Psalms 93; 150  
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38  
1 John 2:18-29  
Mark 6:30-44

## Adult Christian Education

..... Sundays at 9:45 a.m. ....

On Sunday mornings, the Adult Christian Education Team invites you to gather online at 9:45 a.m. to attend the study of your choice. [Click here](#) to learn more about each class, including access instructions.

### BIBLE STUDY

April 19 through May 31

via Zoom Videoconferencing

1 Samuel

Led by Dr. Richard L. McGough III

### TOPICAL STUDY

April 19 through May 31

via Zoom Videoconferencing

*Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor

Led by Elder Sharon A. Taylor

## 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*

Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*

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

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

Dennis H. Martin, *Head 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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