

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: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end.

People: **They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.**

Pastor: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul.

People: **“Therefore I will hope in Him.”**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Based on Lamentations 3:22-24

▲ HYMN 147

Blessing and Honor

O quanta qualia

1. Blessing and honor and glory and power, wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Give we to Christ who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.
2. Hear through the heavens the sound of the Name, while rings the earth with Christ’s glory
and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower echo these praises and tell of God’s power.
3. Ever ascending the song and the prayer; ever descending the love that we share;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise — this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.

Music: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681, as in La Feillée’s *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808.

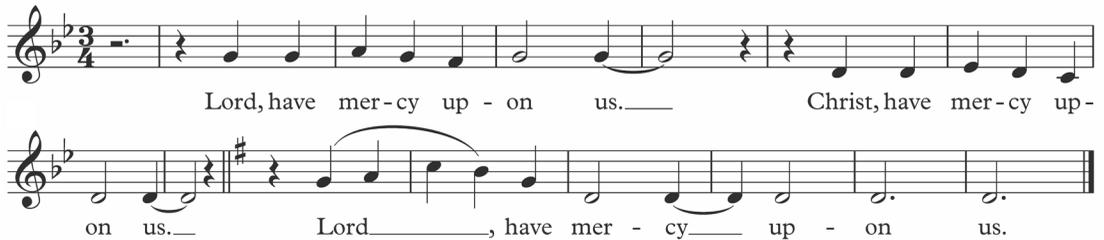
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

What shall I render to You, my Creator, for all of Your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all I have and all I am. But I cannot shake off the fear that tempts me to hoard my life. So I ask only for Your mercy. Fill me with Your pure and heavenly love, that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of Your love.

Clement of Rome, d. 96

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 138

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

I Thank You, Jesus

arr. Robert L. Morris

I thank You, Jesus; I thank You, Lord. Oh, You brought me from a mighty long way. You've been my mother; You've been my father, too. You've been my sister, my brother — my all and all. You've been my keeper day by day.

Text: Traditional Spiritual

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Conformed or Transformed?

ANTHEM

O Give Thanks

Joseph Corfe

Trio: Gail Roup, Erin Schmura, and Brian Doherty

O give thanks unto the LORD, for the LORD is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.

Text: Psalm 118:1; Psalm 136:1

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never falt'ring, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new pow'r and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981. Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber; from *A Singing Faith*.

Music: John Zundel, 1870.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Soli Deo gloria!

*Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this day.
Please let us know you joined us online today by [clicking here](#) and completing the form.*

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 also thank Dr. Mark A. Boyle for his assistance to the trio in recording their video segment.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... August 23 - 30

Sunday, August 23

Psalms 67; 150
Job 4:1-6, 12-21
Revelation 4:1-11
Mark 6:1-6a

Tuesday, August 25

Psalms 54; 146
Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21
Acts 9:32-43
John 6:60-71

Thursday, August 27

Psalms 143; 147:12-20
Job 8:1-10, 20-22
Acts 10:17-33
John 7:14-36

Saturday, August 29

Psalms 122; 149
Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22
Acts 11:1-18
John 8:12-20

Monday, August 24

Psalms 57; 145
Job 4:1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27
Acts 9:19b-31
John 6:52-59

Wednesday, August 26

Psalms 65; 147:1-11
Job 6:1; 7:1-21
Acts 10:1-16
John 7:1-13

Friday, August 28

Psalms 88; 148
Job 9:1-15, 32-35
Acts 10:34-48
John 7:37-52

Sunday, August 30

Psalms 108; 150
Job 11:1-9, 13-20
Revelation 5:1-14
Matthew 5:1-12

Midweek Music Ministry

..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry invites you to join us online on Wednesday evenings for a mini-series of musical programs curated by Mark A. Anderson, Artistic Director of the Music in a Great Space concert series. Throughout the summer, enjoy the sounds of organ, piano, harpsichord, and other instrumentalists, as well as vocal soloists singing in various virtual combinations. Videos of these intimate presentations will be accessible to view on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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.

Congregational Letter - The pastors have mailed a letter to all members in order to update the congregation for the upcoming new program year. [Click here](#) to read the letter on the church website if you did not receive your copy through the mail.

Virtual Friendship Pad - Please take a moment to let us know you joined us online for worship today by “signing” our virtual friendship pad. Simply [click here](#), complete the form, and click submit. Thank you!

Anti-Racism Small Group Book Studies - Members and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are meeting in small groups at various times during the week to discuss two chapters from *How to Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. You are welcome to join in as the conversation continues. Rev. Todd Leach provides a brief video highlighting the weekly reading and suggesting questions for the small groups to consider. [Click here](#) to view this week’s video. Please contact Rev. Leach to connect with a small group.

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. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meetings.

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.

Friday Evening Scripture and Prayer - Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s Prayer Ministries invite you to a time of spiritual connection as we experience physical distancing. Gather with us via Zoom videoconferencing on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. to read the daily lectionary Scriptures and pray together. Please contact Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office to access the meeting.

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 at 10:30 a.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!

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 future virtual fellowship gatherings via Zoom videoconferencing, please contact Kaysie Strickland through the church office before noon on Friday.

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 virtual gathering occurs Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m., when we will be joined by a guest speaker, Deacon and Clinical Counselor Paulette Cantwell, MSCP, LPC, NCC. While discussing grief and loss, we will give particular attention to the unique challenges of grieving in isolation. There is no cost to attend; new participants are always welcome. To access the Zoom meeting, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz: lportz@shadysidepres.org.

COVID-19 Task Force - The COVID-19 Task Force, formerly the Back-to-Church Task Force, asks for your prayers and your patience as its members prayerfully consider best practices for the health and safety of our congregation. Along with the Reverend Dr. John Dalles and the Reverend Lynn Portz, the task force is comprised of Trustee Alex Dick and Elders Don Coffelt, Brigetta Del Re, Rob Ferguson, Carla Gedman, Jim Gockley, Bob Luthultz, and Alex Viehman. We will communicate further with you as plans emerge for the gradual re-opening of the church building and offices; meanwhile, you are welcome to contact any member of the task force through the church office. Read previous updates from the task force by visiting www.shadysidepres.org/covid-19.

COVID-19 Relief Fund - Shadyside Presbyterian Church has established a COVID-19 relief fund, which we invite you to support if you are able. [View a brief video message](#) explaining this effort; giving instructions appear in the description below the video. Thank you for your generosity and concern for our neighbors.

eGiving Options - Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers secure eGiving options in order to encourage faithful stewardship. Please visit www.shadysidepres.org/give to begin a one-time or recurring contribution; or, text **SHADYSIDE** and an amount to 73256, then follow the link to complete your gift. Thank you for faithfully supporting the mission and ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Organ Repair Update - Last month, the repair and refurbishment of the chancel organ began; through early fall, we will rely on the gallery organ and the grand piano in the chancel for worship. [Click here](#) to read the congregational letter that introduced the project earlier this year. A more detailed document outlining the condition of the organs is available through the [church office](#) upon request. In addition, [Mark Anderson](#) would be happy to speak to you to answer further questions.

Shop for Hosanna House Students - Hosanna House has created an easy way for you to provide items to support local students. [Click here](#) for shopping instructions (PDF document); items can be shipped directly to Hosanna House. As you are aware, we postponed the 2020 golf outing that would have provided support for this mission partner, a non-profit community support organization located in Wilkinsburg that serves more than 35,000 people each year. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

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. Previous updates from the PNC are published on the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/pnc. You may contact them via email: pnc@shadysidepres.org. Please continue to pray for them as they work to discern whom God is calling to be our next senior pastor.

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.

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 want to talk to someone.

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.

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.

The Quarantined Kitchen is your weekly culinary source published on the church website. In this regular feature, Chef Steven Bright shares ideas and recipes to help you stay healthy by eating well during the COVID-19 pandemic. Should you have any questions, or need helpful tips, please feel free to contact Chef Steven via email: sbright@shadysidepres.org. **Visit the Quarantined Kitchen** on the church website.

Introducing By God's Side: New Blog from Dr. Dalles - Last week, Shadyside Presbyterian Church introduced **By God's Side**, a weekly series of inspirational reflections from the Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, to support you in your spiritual journey. These pastoral messages will be published in the **blog** section of the church website; each week, an excerpt will appear in the *Mini-Mouse* e-newsletter with a link to continue reading the full blog entry on the website. (If you do not already receive the e-newsletter, please **click here** or see below.) We hope this regular feature will help you to draw closer to God's side in your life of faith.

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.

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.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides additional information about the church's programs and activities, as well as access to video and audio recordings of worship.

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

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.

Church Calendar

..... August 23 - 30

TODAY <i>August 23</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Google Hangouts
	8:00 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
	4:00 p.m.	COVID-19 Task Force via Zoom Videoconferencing
	5:00 p.m.	Yoga via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Music Ministry on YouTube and Facebook
	7:00 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:30 p.m.	Anti-racism Large Group Book Discussion via Zoom Videoconferencing
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee with Rev. Leach via Zoom Videoconferencing
	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
FRIDAY	7:30 p.m.	Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
SATURDAY	2:00 p.m.	Anti-racism Small Group Book Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
SUNDAY <i>August 30</i>	9:45 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Topical Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Chapel in the Children's and Family Ministries' Facebook Group
	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

Adult Christian Education Topical Study

..... 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 its topical study. Currently, we are reading W. David O. Taylor's book, *Open and Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life*, with discussion led by Elder Sharon A. Taylor. [Click here](#) to learn more about the class, including access instructions.

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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Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*
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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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