



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: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth:

People: **Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.**

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

People: **God is awesome in His deeds among all the peoples.**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

All: **Let us worship God.**

Based on Psalm 66:1-2, 5, 8

▲ HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empow'ring us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
3. Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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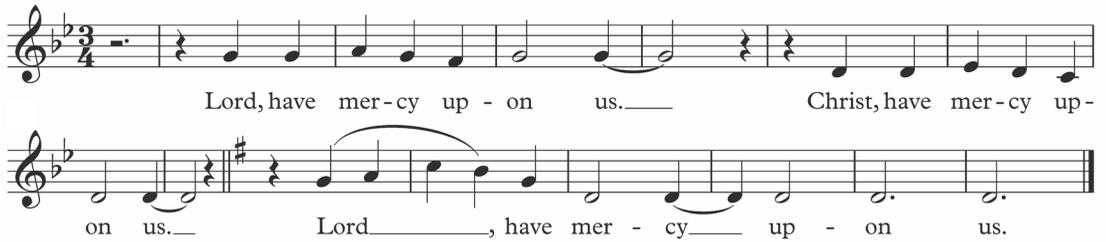
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

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

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 114

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Timothy Stoddard, tenor

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our Prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Text attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153). Translation: Edward Caswall, 1849; alt.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

The Lord Forgives, Redeems, Satisfies

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 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

Bright the Vision That Delighted

Shadyside

1. Bright the vision that delighted once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united to entrance the prophet's ear.
Round the Lord in glory seated cherubim and seraphim
Filled the temple, and repeated each to each the glorious hymn:
2. "Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
Heav'n is still with glory ringing, earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."
3. With His seraph train before Him, with His holy church below,
Thus conspire we to adore Him, bid we thus our anthem flow:
"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord."

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▲ 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 in recording the soloist's video segment.

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.

Update from COVID-19 Task Force

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church COVID-19 Task Force wants to share that our plan is for the church staff to return to the offices beginning Monday, September 14. While the task force is not yet ready to welcome visitors into the building, you will be able to reach the church office more readily by phone. We are excited about this development, yet we remain attuned to the statistics surrounding COVID-19 and continue to move forward with flexibility and caution.

The COVID-19 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; 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.

News and Notes

Important Notice - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the church building remains closed to visitors. All services of worship, activities, and events will not meet on-site or in-person until further notice.

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!

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 know, we postponed the 2020 golf outing that would have been held this weekend to support this mission partner, a non-profit community support organization located in Wilkinsburg that serves more than 35,000 people each year. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

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.

Virtual Midweek Vespers Return - Beginning Wednesday, September 16, we will offer Evening Prayer online at 7:00 p.m. This virtual service, based upon the Evening Prayer in our Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer, includes music, Scripture, and prayer. Please join us weekly on Facebook or YouTube.

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.

Women at the Well – Women of all ages are welcome to gather online 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 fall, we are exploring *Everything You Need*, a study guide by Dr. David Jeremiah. Study guides (ISBN-13: 978-0310111832) may be ordered online from Amazon.com or from a local book distributor. In general, we meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, but check the calendar for exceptions. Our next virtual gathering occurs Thursday, September 24. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meeting via Zoom videoconferencing. Join us as together we seek to quench the thirsting of our souls!

Jesus Christ and the ‘Dividing Wall’: Race and God’s Mission – Join Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for a free online conversation on “Race and God’s Mission.” Co-sponsored by Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC), Pittsburgh Presbytery, and others, this four-part series will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, with nationally recognized speakers Brenda Salter McNeil, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and David Campt leading the conversation. The format for each evening will include an hour of speaker presentations and national discussion, followed by a half hour of congregational conversation with other SPC attendees to discuss our learnings. Registration is required. Find more information or register at the event website: www.pts.edu/wmi-conference. Questions? Please contact the Reverend Todd Leach.

An Invitation to Membership – Learn what makes Shadyside Presbyterian Church unique at a new members’ welcome meeting online on Monday, October 5. We will share about the ministries and mission of our church, and help you find ways that you can add your gifts to our fellowship to serve Christ together. To register, please contact Kaysie Strickland in the church office.

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.

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.

By God's Side: Blog from Dr. Dalles – Shadyside Presbyterian Church publishes *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 appear in the **blog** section of the church website; each week, an excerpt is included 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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... September 13 – 20

Sunday, September 13

Psalms 19; 150
Job 38:1, 18-41
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday, September 15

Psalms 123; 146
Job 40:1; 41:1-11
Acts 16:6-15
John 12:9-19

Thursday, September 17

Psalms 36; 147:12-20
Job 28:1-28
Acts 16:25-40
John 12:27-36a

Saturday, September 19

Psalms 56; 149
Esther 2:5-8, 15-23
Acts 17:16-34
John 12:44-50

Monday, September 14

Psalms 135; 145
Job 40:1-24
Acts 15:36-16:5
John 11:55-12:8

Wednesday, September 16

Psalms 15; 147:1-11
Job 42:1-17
Acts 16:16-24
John 12:20-26

Friday, September 18

Psalms 130; 148
Esther 1:1-4, 10-19
Acts 17:1-15
John 12:36b-43

Sunday, September 20

Psalms 67; 150
Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Church Calendar

..... September 13 - 20

TODAY <i>September 13</i>	11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook 11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship 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 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing 7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom Videoconferencing 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons via Zoom Videoconferencing
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m. Anti-racism Large Group Discussion via Zoom Videoconferencing 7:00 p.m. Virtual Midweek Vespers on YouTube and Facebook 7:45 p.m. Session 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	9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing 7:30 p.m. Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
SUNDAY <i>September 20</i>	9:45 a.m. Adult Christian Education Studies 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

..... 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

The Pauline Epistles:
1 Corinthians
Led by Elder Jason M. Huber
[via Zoom Videoconferencing](#)

TOPICAL STUDY

You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit,
by James K. A. Smith
Led by Elder Sharon A. Taylor
[via Zoom Videoconferencing](#)

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*
Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant 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*
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Dennis H. Martin, *Head Sexton*
Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*
Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance Emerita*
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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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