



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 Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Pastor: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek God's presence continually.**

Pastor: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God uttered,

People: **O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

Pastor: For God remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

People: **So God brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.**

Based on Psalm 105:1-6, 42-43

▲ HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
4. Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
5. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Music: attributed to William Croft, 1708.

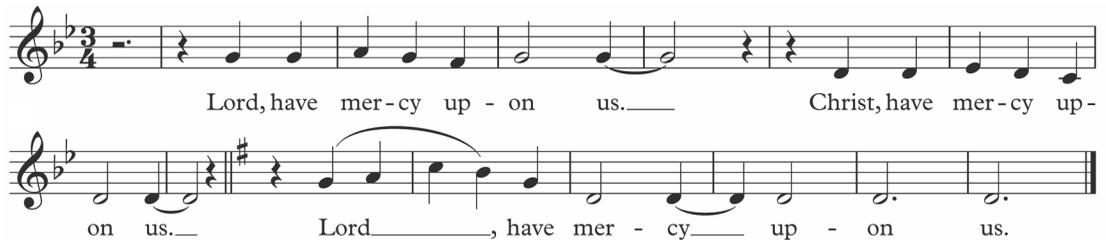
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 Lynn M. Portz

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Meghan DeWald Althouse, Meredith Kelly, Jane Boyle, Ellen Fast,

Mark A. Boyle, Brian Doherty, and Ivan Plazacic

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith. Endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity. Teach me to say, "Amen."

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

One Generation to Another

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord

Adrian Batten (1580-1637)

Meghan DeWald Althouse, Meredith Kelly, Jane Boyle, Ellen Fast, Brian Doherty, and Ivan Plazacic

O praise the LORD, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples. For His merciful kindness is ever more toward us, and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Text: Psalm 117

▲ 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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745. Stanza 1 translation: Peter Williams, 1771.
Stanzas 2-3 translation: William Williams, 1772. Music: John Hughes, 1907.

▲ 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 Chancel Choir ensemble's video segments.

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!

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.

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 - On Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers an online service of Evening Prayer. 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.

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!

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.

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 Camp 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.

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.

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.

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 20 – 27

Sunday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 22

Psalms 54; 146
Esther 5:1-14
Acts 18:12-28
Luke 3:15-22

Thursday, September 24

Psalms 143; 147:12-20
Esther 7:1-10
Acts 19:11-20
Luke 4:14-30

Saturday, September 26

Psalms 122; 149
Esther 9:1-32
Acts 20:1-16
Luke 4:38-44

Monday, September 21

Psalms 57; 145
Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11
Luke (1:1-4) 3:1-14

Wednesday, September 23

Psalms 65; 147:1-11
Esther 6:1-14
Acts 19:1-10
Luke 4:1-13

Friday, September 25

Psalms 88; 148
Esther 8:1-8, 15-17
Acts 19:21-41
Luke 4:31-37

Sunday, September 27

Psalms 108; 150
Hosea 1:1-2:1
James 3:1-13
Matthew 13:44-52

Church Calendar

..... September 20 – 27

TODAY <i>September 20</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.	Grief Support Group 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
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Midweek Vespers on YouTube and Facebook
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
FRIDAY	7:30 p.m.	Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
SUNDAY <i>September 27</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

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 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*

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Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*

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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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