



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: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: For His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all His praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Pastor: Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People: That we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD!

Based on Psalm 106:1-3, 47-48

▲ HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680. Translation: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

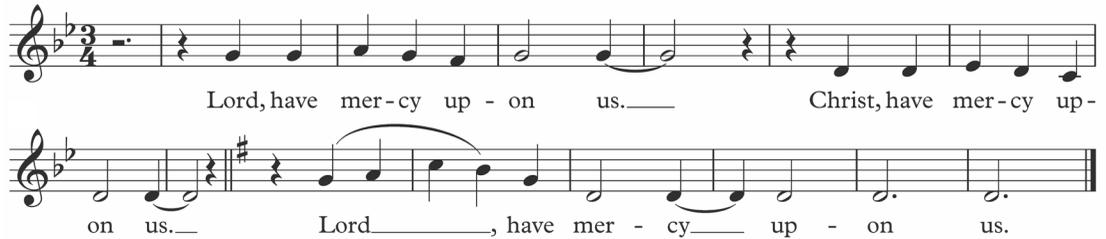
Music: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665. Harmonization: *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of Wisdom, we have dwelled in foolish ways, turning away from You to follow the desires of the world. We have sought worldly gain over the needs of our brothers and sisters. We have given in to anger, hate, and fear rather than compassion and mercy. We have jumped to conclusions rather than waiting patiently to learn. Forgive us, gracious God, and turn us back to Your way; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Leo Sowerby

Loghan Bazan Wright, mezzo-soprano

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper; the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even forevermore. Amen.

Text: Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Tending the Vineyard

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thomson

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name. In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways; He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Psalm 23, paraphrase by Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

▲ 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 435

We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: Memmingen ms., 17th century. Harmonization: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904.

▲ 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

Singing in the Chancel Choir Ensemble this morning are Meredith Kelly, Gail Roup, and Kendra Buckwalter Smith, soprano; Jane Boyle and Ellen Fast, alto; Mark A. Boyle and Alex Sabo, tenor; and Ivan Plazacic, bass. Our featured soloist today is Loghan Bazan Wright, mezzo-soprano.

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 video segments for the Chancel Choir ensemble and soloist.

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.

COVID-19 Update from Session

Following the return of the church staff to the office on September 14, the building is now available to members and visitors on a limited basis **by appointment only**. The church also is open for in-person pastoral gatherings, including weddings, funerals, and memorial services. Attendance at these events will be constrained by the current county restrictions. All other activities, including Sunday services of worship, will not yet meet on site. Last month, the Session approved the COVID-19 Task Force's proposed plan for the phased re-opening of the church. A congregational letter from the Session has been mailed to members, and the adopted policy and protocols have been published on the church website. [Click here](#) to read the letter online, and [click here](#) to read the detailed guidelines.

News and Notes

Important Notice – Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the church building is open to visitors by appointment only. The staff is working in the office. With the exception of small weddings, funerals, and memorial services, all other activities, including Sunday services of worship, will not meet on-site 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!

Love Made Tangible – Our focus on stewardship begins this month, culminating on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, October 25. Postcards have been mailed to members; pledge cards along with quarterly contribution statements will follow later this week. Please prayerfully consider your pledge commitment over the coming weeks and joyfully return your pledge card by October 23. This year, the Stewardship Committee is excited to share that the Finance Office is prepared to receive your pledge confidentially through the church website. Details will be provided in the stewardship mailing.

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.

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 in October, 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.

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.

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. 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, October 22. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meeting via Zoom.

Remembering Loved Ones: November 1 - Christians throughout the world celebrate All Saints' Day in honor of all the saints, both known and unknown. In most Protestant churches, it is celebrated on the first Sunday of November. Protestants regard all Christians, both past and present, as saints. As we solemnly remember all those who have died in the past year, we also focus on Christ's victory over death. While the festival acknowledges the reality of death, we emphasize our hope in the Resurrection and our place in the "communion of saints."

- During the All Saints' Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m., we will remember those members of Shadyside Presbyterian Church who have gone on to the Church Triumphant in the past calendar year.
- On the afternoon of All Saints' Sunday, at 3:00 p.m., the Music Ministry will present a virtual Service of Remembrance. We invite the congregation to submit the names of any deceased family members whom they would like to have acknowledged in the afternoon bulletin. Please submit the names of loved ones to Kaysie Strickland in the church office before Friday, October 23.

Christmas Wreaths - The nursery school is taking orders for beautiful 22- to 24-inch Fraser Fir Christmas wreaths. Wreaths can be ordered with or without a red velvet bow and picked up from the Parish Hall during the first week of December. If you want to place an order, please visit www.shadysidepres.org/wreath. The final date to place an order is Friday, November 6. The cost is \$25 each, or \$30 with a bow. All sales benefit the nursery school. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office.

Grief Support Group: Surviving the Holidays - For those who have experienced the death of a loved one, the approaching holidays often bring mixed feelings of sadness, nostalgia, and even dread. During this time of COVID-19, feelings of loneliness and isolation make life even more difficult. To help you prepare for the holidays especially in the midst of the pandemic, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Grief Support Group will gather on Monday, November 16. Our discussion will be filled with practical and uplifting ideas for the weeks ahead. Please feel free to invite a family member or friend. For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz by email or call 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.

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 Geffel 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.

Church Calendar

..... October 11 – 18

TODAY <i>October 11</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
	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
	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>October 18</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

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... October 11 – 18

Sunday, October 11 Psalms 19; 150 Hosea 11:1-11 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 15:21-28	Tuesday, October 13 Psalms 123; 146 Hosea 12:2-14 Acts 26:24-27:8 Luke 8:40-56	Thursday, October 15 Psalms 36; 147:12-20 Hosea 13:4-8 Acts 27:27-44 Luke 9:18-27	Saturday, October 17 Psalms 56; 149 Hosea 14:1-9 Acts 28:17-31 Luke 9:37-50
Monday, October 12 Psalms 135; 145 Hosea 11:12-12:1 Acts 26:1-23 Luke 8:26-39	Wednesday, October 14 Psalms 15; 147:1-11 Hosea 13:1-3 Acts 27:9-26 Luke 9:1-17	Friday, October 16 Psalms 130; 148 Hosea 13:9-16 Acts 28:1-16 Luke 9:28-36	Sunday, October 18 Psalms 67; 150 Micah 1:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Matthew 16:13-20

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, *Associate Pastor*

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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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