



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 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Text and Music: Martin Luther, 1529. Translation: Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852.

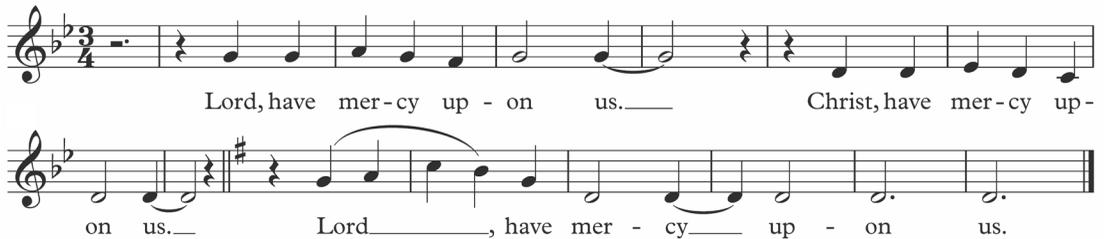
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Creator God, who did not forget me when I forgot You, enter this soul which You inspired with longing. For not even the heart which is most turned in on itself can hide from Your sight. So find me in my seeking, that I may discover it is for You alone that I long.

St. Augustine

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 1

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

A Psalm of the Redeemed

Michael McCabe

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the way of the sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in this law will he meditate day and night. Whosoever dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say unto the Lord, "Thou art my hope and my stronghold." My God, in Him will I trust. He shall defend thee under His wings. Thou shalt not be afraid of any terrors by night. For Thou, Lord, art my hope. Thou hast set the house of the Lord very high. And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee. For He shall give His angels charge over thee. They shall keep thee in all thy ways, they shall hold thee in their hands. Blessed is the man that knoweth God.

Text: Psalms 1 and 91

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-46

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

A Mighty Fortress: Love Made Tangible

ANTHEM

Eternal God

Richard Shephard

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know You; Eternal God, the joy of the hearts that love You; Eternal God, the strength of the wills that serve You. Grant us so to know You, that we may truly trust You. Grant us so to know You, so to love You, that we may freely serve You, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Text: Prayer of St. Augustine

▲ 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 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Text: "K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787. Ed. John Rippon; alt.
Music: American folk melody, Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

▲ 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 Kathy Linger and Gail Roup, soprano; Jane Boyle and Jolanta Doherty, alto; Mark A. Boyle and Alex Sabo, tenor; and Hayden Keefer and Ivan Plazacic, bass.

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 segment.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

We extend our heartfelt welcome to the following new members who were recently received into our church family:

John Kocol

Sharmila Kocol

Joseph Martinez

Katherine Martinez

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.

All Saints' Sunday

..... Sunday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m.

Our morning virtual service of worship will include an online celebration of the Sacrament of Communion. In order to participate at home, please [read the invitation](#) and suggestions for preparation.

Virtual Service of Remembrance

..... Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m.

In memory of those who have entered the Church Triumphant, the Music Ministry will present a virtual Service of Remembrance with familiar hymns and readings.

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!

Stewardship Reminder - We greatly appreciate the many pledge forms that have already been received. If you have not submitted your pledge form, please remember to return it soon. You may also submit your pledge confidentially through the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/pledge.

Time Change for Sunday, November 1 - Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 1. Please remember to change your clocks on Saturday evening, October 31.

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 with familiar hymns and readings.

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. 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. Find more information 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.

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.

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, November 12. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meeting via Zoom.

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 25 – November 1

TODAY <i>October 25</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>November 1</i>	2:00 a.m.	Standard Time begins (clocks change)
	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 – All Saints’ Sunday Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
	3:00 p.m.	Service of Remembrance for All Saints on YouTube and Facebook

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... October 25 – November 1

Sunday, October 25 Psalms 108; 150 Jonah 1:1-17a 1 Corinthians 10:15-24 Matthew 18:15-20	Tuesday, October 27 Psalms 12; 146 Jonah 3:1-4:11 Revelation 11:14-19 Luke 11:27-36	Thursday, October 29 Psalms 116; 147:12-20 Nahum 1:15-2:12 Revelation 12:7-17 Luke 11:53-12:12	Saturday, October 31 Psalms 63; 149 Nahum 3:8-19 Revelation 13:11-18 Luke 12:32-48
Monday, October 26 Psalms 62; 145 Jonah 1:17-2:10 Revelation 11:1-14 Luke 11:14-26	Wednesday, October 28 Psalms 96; 147:1-11 Nahum 1:1-14 Revelation 12:1-6 Luke 11:37-52	Friday, October 30 Psalms 84; 148 Nahum 2:13-3:7 Revelation 13:1-10 Luke 12:13-31	Sunday, November 1 Psalms 103; 150 Zephaniah 1:1-6 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 Matthew 18:21-35

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

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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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