



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: Praise the LORD!

People: **How good it is to sing praises to our God;**

Pastor: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: **The LORD gathers the outcast and heals the brokenhearted.**

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

Adapted from Psalm 147:1-3

▲ HYMN 470

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

1. O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.
2. This day at the creation the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav’n;
And thus this day most glorious a triple light was giv’n.
3. This day God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heav’nly might,
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.
4. That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The church its voice upraising to You, blest Three in One.

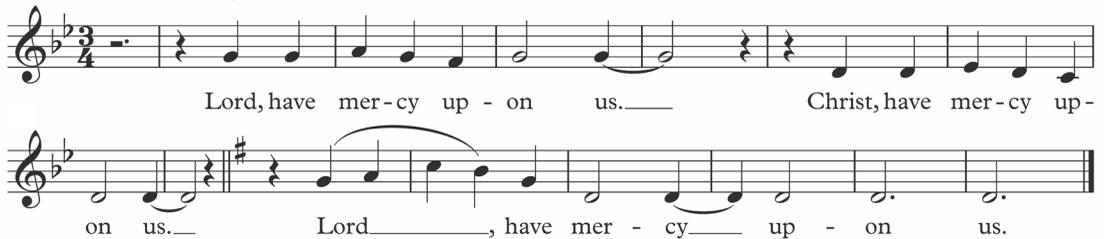
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of our future, You are coming in power to make all things new. We confess that we often fail to live in expectation of Your coming, distracted and cautious. We allow our hope to wither, our vision to narrow, and our love to grow cold. In Your mercy, forgive us. Grant us courage to welcome Your way, and to seek the things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

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 Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 78:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

Lead, Kindly Light

Robert Lehman

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years! So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on. O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone, and with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Text: John Henry Newman, 1833

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Light Bearers

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

arr. André Thomas

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble; Alex Sabo, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Text based on Matthew 25:1-13

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

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 467

How Great Thou Art

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1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *(Refrain)*
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: *(Refrain)*
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *(Refrain)*

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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

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 segments.

Limited On-Site Sunday Worship Set to Resume

..... Sunday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m.

The COVID-19 Task Force of Shadyside Presbyterian Church recently announced that on-site worship will resume on Sunday, November 15. The announcement also shared the conditions under which we will return to worshipping in our sanctuary. Please read the full announcement [here](#).

If you decide to attend Sunday worship in person, you must pre-register, either through the church website at www.shadysidepres.org/register or by calling the church office: 412.682.4300, ext. 100. Registration will open at noon on Monday, November 9, and will close when the seating capacity is met, or by noon on Friday, November 13. Please register your family unit as a single seating group. Only those with reservations will be able to attend worship that Sunday; however, if you are unable to register due to capacity limitations, you will be allowed to register for the following Sunday in advance of that week's open registration.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support during the upcoming transition, and please feel free to contact the [church office](#) should you have any questions.

Virtual Service on Thanksgiving Eve

..... Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25, we set aside time in worship to give thanks for God's many blessings. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube or Facebook for this virtual service which will include Thanksgiving hymns, Scripture, prayers, and brief reflections on gratitude. Also, please consider contributing to our collection of coats and non-perishable food items in support of our mission partners. (Please see page 7 for details.)

News and Notes

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!

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. 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.

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: 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.

Anti-Racism Role-Playing Exercise - During the final lecture of the recent "Race and God's Mission" series, Dr. David Campt offered some tools to engage difficult conversations with "racism skeptics." Dr. Campt suggests that practice helps us to prepare for healthy conversations. Join Rev. Todd Leach and Student Assistant Pastor Wesley Smith on Monday, November 16, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. as they demonstrate these skills in a role play conversation between an anti-racism ally and a racism skeptic. Those who are interested will be equipped with conversation starters and separated into pairs to role play a similar conversation. [Click here](#) to join us on Zoom. Prior to our gathering, participants are encouraged to take this brief, two-question [quiz](#) to learn what kind of an anti-racism ally they are. Questions? Please contact Rev. Todd Leach.

Drive-up Food and Coat Collection - As Thanksgiving approaches, the Mission and Urban Ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) invites members and friends to participate in drive-through collections supporting our mission partners. We will collect non-perishable food items for the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Food Pantry and new or gently-used winter coats (men's and women's sizes L, XL, and XXL) for Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard. During the following collection times, participants may pause in the circular driveway to get out of their car and pass off donation items to volunteers, or they may simply pop the trunk, and volunteers will remove the donations from the vehicle: Thursday, November 19, 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 22, 9:00-10:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, November 24, 12:00-1:00p.m. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to "Shadyside Presbyterian Church" with "EECM Food Collection" on the memo line, and mailed to the church, or you may give online at www.shadysidepres.org/give by selecting "EECM" from the drop-down fund menu. Questions may be directed to Rev. Todd Leach, to any member of the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC), or to any member of the Community Partnerships MAC.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols

..... *Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m.*

Join us online for this virtual service featuring a series of Scripture readings, carols, hymns, and choral anthems sung by the Chancel Choir in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge.

Christmas with the Camerata

..... *Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m.*

In this web-based concert recording, the Pittsburgh Camerata sings a program of choral and vocal music for Christmas. Visit pittsburghcamerata.org to learn more or to purchase virtual tickets.

Church Calendar

..... November 8 - 15

TODAY <i>November 8</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
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>November 15</i>	9:30 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.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... November 8 - 15

Sunday, November 8 Psalms 19; 150 Joel 1:1-13 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 Matthew 20:1-16	Tuesday, November 10 Psalms 123; 146 Joel 2:3-11 Revelation 19:1-10 Luke 14:25-35	Thursday, November 12 Psalms 36; 147:12-20 Joel 2:21-27 James 1:1-15 Luke 15:1-2, 11-32	Saturday, November 14 Psalms 56; 149 Joel 3:9-17 James 2:1-13 Luke 16:10-17 (18)
Monday, November 9 Psalms 135; 145 Joel 1:15-2:2 Revelation 18:15-24 Luke 14:12-24	Wednesday, November 11 Psalms 15; 147:1-11 Joel 2:12-19 Revelation 19:11-21 Luke 15:1-10	Friday, November 13 Psalms 130; 148 Joel 2:28-3:8 James 1:16-27 Luke 16:1-9	Sunday, November 15 Psalms 67; 150 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-2:1 Philippians 3:13-4:1 Matthew 23:13-24

Adult Christian Education

..... Sundays prior to Worship

On Sunday mornings, the Adult Christian Education Team invites you to gather online 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 at 9:45 a.m.

TOPICAL STUDY

Handel's Messiah: The Gospel in Words and Music
Part One: November 8 through December 20
Led by Elder Margaret E. Heely
via Zoom Videoconferencing at 9:30 a.m.

Church Staff

John A. Dalles, *Interim Senior Pastor and Head of 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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