



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: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: **So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Pastor: Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

People: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work
of our hands.**

Based on Psalm 90

▲ HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

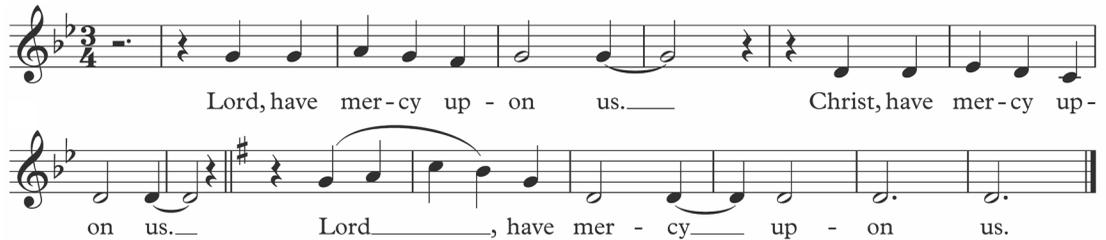
Text: Isaac Watts, 1715; alt. Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.
Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You are the giver of all good things, yet we confess that we have not lived according to the abundance of Your love. Forgive us for the fear that holds us back; for pride by which we rely on ourselves rather than on You; for assumptions that prevent us from seeing Your gifts in others; for slowness to recognize and respond to the needs around us; for reluctance to accept Your gracious invitation to participate in Your ministry. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. In Your great compassion, set us free to serve You in the world. To the glory of Christ, our Redeemer and Savior.

KYRIE ELEISON

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

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 123

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-Kindness

Godfrey Sampson

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the LORD; with my mouth will I ever be showing Thy truth from one generation to another.

Text: Psalm 89:1

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Talent Show

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Meredith Lustig, soprano

Praise the LORD, all nations; praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 117

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

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 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Text: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Albert Lister Peace, 1884.

▲ 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.*

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... November 15 - 22

Sunday, November 15

Psalms 67; 150
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-2:1
Philippians 3:13-4:1
Matthew 23:13-24

Tuesday, November 17

Psalms 54; 146
Habakkuk 3:1-10, 16-18
James 3:1-12
Luke 17:1-10

Thursday, November 19

Psalms 143; 147:12-20
Malachi 2:1-16
James 4:13-5:6
Luke 17:20-37

Saturday, November 21

Psalms 122; 149
Malachi 3:13-4:6
James 5:13-20
Luke 18:9-14

Monday, November 16

Psalms 57; 145
Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20
James 2:14-26
Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday, November 18

Psalms 65; 147:1-11
Malachi 1:1, 6-14
James 3:13-4:12
Luke 17:11-19

Friday, November 20

Psalms 88; 148
Malachi 3:1-12
James 5:7-12
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 22

Psalms 108; 150
Zechariah 9:9-16
1 Peter 3:13-22
Matthew 21:1-13

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

The on-site worship service originally scheduled for this morning has been cancelled due to the recent increase in local COVID-19 cases. Learn more on the church website at www.shadysidepres.org/covid-19.

Building Status - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the church building is open on a limited basis to members and guests by appointment only. 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 today by “signing” our virtual friendship pad. Complete the form at www.shadysidepres.org/check-in and click submit. Thank you!

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. Prior to our gathering, participants are encouraged to take a brief, two-question quiz to learn what kind of an anti-racism ally they are. To access the quiz and the Zoom meeting, 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 - 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.” To join the conversation, contact Rev. Todd 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.

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, 12:00-1:00 p.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.

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, December 10. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meeting via Zoom.

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 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 following the instructions at shadysidepres.org/mini-mouse.

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.

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 15 - 22*

TODAY <i>November 15</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
MONDAY		Grief Support Group (Contact Rev. Lynn Portz for details)
	7:00 p.m.	Anti-Racism Role-Playing Exercise 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
	7:45 p.m.	Session via Zoom Videoconferencing
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee with Rev. Leach via Zoom Videoconferencing
	12:00 p.m.	Food and Coat Collection in the Circular Driveway
	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>November 22</i>	9:00 a.m.	Food and Coat Collection in the Circular Driveway
	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.	Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook – Christ the King Sunday Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing

Virtual Vespers in Advent

..... *Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 7:00 p.m.*

During the liturgical season of Advent, Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to join us each Wednesday for an evening of music and reflection. These online-only candlelight Communion services include a homily, the Lord's Supper, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and vocal soloists.

To connect remotely, visit www.shadysidepres.org.

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*
Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*
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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