

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.*

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Justin M. Wallace, organ

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Pastor: O Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: **We are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Based on Psalm 95:1-3, 7

▲ HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

(Hymn continues on page 2.)

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1844; alt. Music: George Job Elvey, 1859.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

Summer Ended

Charles Wood

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Summer ended, harvest o'er, Lord, to Thee our song we pour. For the valley's golden yield, for the fruits of tree and field, for the promise ever sure that while heaven and earth endure, seedtime, harvest, cold and heat, shall their yearly round complete. For the care, which while we slept, watch o'er field and furrow kept, watch o'er all the buried grain, soon to burst to life again, when all earthly gifts must fail, and our years have told their tale. When in death our flesh is sown, watch, Lord Jesu, o'er Thine own. When the unknown hour is come and the last great harvest home, and the reaping angels bring tares and wheat before the King; when the tribes of earth shall weep, and the goats shall leave the sheep, Jesu, may we gathered be in the heavenly barn to Thee. Then the angel cry shall sound, "Praise the Lamb; the lost are found," and the answering song shall be, "Alleluia, praise to Thee." Praise to Thee! The toil is o'er; blight and curse shall be no more. Lo! The mighty work is done! Glory to the Three in One. Amen.

Text: Greville Phillimore and Bishop James Russell Woodford of Ely, 1863

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O God, forgive my fallen countenance and my soul grown dreary, as if I did not live in the mystery of Thy salvation. Thou hast given so much to me, give one thing more — a grateful heart; not thankful when it pleases me, as if Thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.

George Herbert

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. It includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) for the second measure. The lyrics continue below the staff.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Nun danket alle Gott

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Text: *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985. Music: Johann Crüger, 1648.
Harmonization adaptation: *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Deuteronomy 8:1-6

PSALTER

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Antonín Dvořák

Brian Doherty, baritone

I will lift up mine eyes to the mountains – from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the LORD, who hath made the earth and the heavens. He will not suffer thy feet to be moved, nor thy steps to stumble; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, the keeper of Israel is He that slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Text: Psalm 121:1-4

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Deuteronomy 8:7-11

▲ HYMN 559

We Gather Together

Kremser

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Singing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Text: Netherlands folk hymn, 1625. Translation: Theodore Baker, 1894.

Music: *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626. Harmonization: Eduard Kremser, 1877.

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Deuteronomy 8:12-18

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*

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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, in Him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

▲ HYMN 554

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.
2. By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt. Text © 1939, 1966, E. C. Schirmer Music Company, Boston.

Music: Welsh folk melody. Harmonization: Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979),
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▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott – Marche Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Justin M. Wallace, organ

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 extend our deepest thanks to Stephen Donnelly for his videography and editing work on this evening's video. We also heartily thank Dr. Mark A. Boyle for recording the organ voluntaries and vocal solo.

News and Notes

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. In order to recommend our advancement to the next stage of re-opening at the appropriate juncture, the COVID-19 Task Force is monitoring government guidance as well as local data for COVID-19 cases and positivity rates.

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!

Thank you for supporting our Thanksgiving Food and Coat Collection for our mission partners. If you were unable to participate in our previous drive-through collection dates, when we collected non-perishable food items for the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Food Pantry and winter coats for Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard, you may still make a monetary donation. Checks made payable to “Shadyside Presbyterian Church” with “EECM Food Collection” on the memo line may be mailed to the church, or you may give online at www.shadysidepres.org/give by selecting “EECM” from the drop-down fund menu.

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.

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. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meetings. (The prayer group will not meet on Thanksgiving.)

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, December 3, 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.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias - The Board of Deacons will approach our Flower Ministry’s poinsettia options differently this season. Although we are unable to provide you with the opportunity to order a poinsettia plant for yourself this year, we invite you to support the church’s flower fund and to place loved ones’ names in the bulletin. There is no required minimum amount for a donation; please give whatever you deem appropriate and know that, in addition to beautifying the Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons, you also will be bringing joy to those who would be blessed by a poinsettia delivered by the deacons. Visit www.shadysidepres.org/poinsettia before Friday, December 18, for details and instructions.

The Virtual Giving Tree will benefit the families at Sojourner House; Sojourner House’s Mentoring, Opportunity, Motivation, and Spirituality (MOMS) program; and the Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery (POWER). Please visit www.shadysidepres.org/giving-tree to select the name of a recipient, along with the corresponding size and color preference for pajamas and slippers. Gift-wrapped packages should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20; please affix to the package the gift tag that will be emailed to you. Questions? Please contact Deacon Lisa Iadicicco through the church office.

Virtual Midweek Vespers will not be held online on Wednesdays, December 23 and 30. Midweek Music Ministry programs will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.

Christian Education Classes will not be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 27, 2020, or on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Education classes for adults will resume online Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 9:45 a.m.

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 the announcement 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.

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.

Church Calendar

..... November 25 - December 6

TODAY	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service on YouTube and Facebook
THURSDAY		Thanksgiving Day – Offices Closed
FRIDAY		Offices Closed
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Bible Study Class via Zoom Videoconferencing
<i>November 29</i>	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 – First Sunday of Advent Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group 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 Vespers in Advent 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	9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Studies via Zoom Videoconferencing
<i>December 6</i>	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 – Second Sunday of Advent Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
	11:45 a.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
	3:00 p.m.	Virtual Service of Lessons and Carols on YouTube and Facebook

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 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.
(Class will not meet on November 22.)

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.
(Class will not meet on November 29.)

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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Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*

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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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