



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

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Watch and wait for Christ's coming, remembering the faithful promises of God.
We light the first candle in hope. With the psalmist we declare:

People: **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

Pastor: May this light be a sign to us and to the world that in days to come, all nations will
be gathered in God's presence.

People: **God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

Incorporating Psalm 122:1

▲ HYMN 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Valet will ich dir geben

1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet You, my Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.
2. Love caused Your incarnation, Love brought You down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace
In love all loves excelling our lost and fallen race.

(Hymn continues on page 2.)

3. A glorious crown You give me, a treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever for You with praises new,
And from Your name shall never withhold the honor due.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653. Translation: Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614. Harmonization: William Henry Monk, 1861.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

Let Me Hear What God the Lord Will Speak

Justin M. Wallace

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

Text: Psalm 85:8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O Lord, You have called us to prepare for Your arrival, but we confess that we have been content with lesser things. Rather than preparing for hope, we have remained mired in our fear. Rather than preparing for joy, we have already crowded our lives with frantic schedules and discouraging expectations. Forgive us for living as if You will not come. Free us to receive Your advent.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

St. Louis

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868. Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Antioch

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Music attributed to George Frideric Handel, 1742;
arranged by Lowell Mason, 1836.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Call

Alexander Brent Smith

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1633

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Keep Awake!

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

1. Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.
2. Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

(Hymn continues on page 4.)

3. Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let your wand'rings cease; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace, lo, the Son of God is come!

Text: John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972. Music: Joseph Parry, 1879.

▲ 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.

ANTHEM

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

John Clements

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love. Amen.

Text: George Herbert, 1633

▲ DOXOLOGY *(sung in unison)*

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
(Refrain:) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)*
3. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *(Refrain)*

Text: Latin, ca. 12th century. Stanzas 1-2 translation: John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854.

Stanza 3 translation: Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916. Music adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1854.

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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 Meghan DeWald Althouse and Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano; Jane M. Boyle and Jolanta Doherty, alto; Mark A. Boyle and Alex Sabo, tenor; Brian Doherty, baritone; and Ivan Plazacic, bass. Additional choristers singing the orison today are Kathy Linger and Gail Roup, soprano; Timothy Stoddard, tenor; and Hayden Keefer, 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.

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!

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.

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.

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 clothing size and color preference. 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.

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 at the top of page 8.) 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.

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.

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 29 - December 6*

TODAY <i>November 29</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook – First Sunday of Advent
	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 <i>December 6</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.	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

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *November 29 - December 6*

Sunday, November 29 Psalms 24; 150 Isaiah 1:1-9 2 Peter 3:1-10 Matthew 25:1-13	Tuesday, December 1 Psalms 33; 146 Isaiah 1:21-31 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 20:9-18	Thursday, December 3 Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 Isaiah 2:5-22 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Luke 20:27-40	Saturday, December 5 Psalms 90; 149 Isaiah 4:2-6 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 21:5-19
Monday, November 30 Psalms 122; 145 Isaiah 1:10-20 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	Wednesday, December 2 Psalms 50; 147:1-11 Isaiah 2:1-4 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 Luke 20:19-26	Friday, December 4 Psalms 102; 148 Isaiah 3:1-4:1 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 20:41-21:4	Sunday, December 6 Psalms 24; 150 Isaiah 5:1-7 2 Peter 3:11-18 Luke 7:28-35

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

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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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