



Order of Worship

We invite you to create a worship space for yourself by preparing Communion elements in advance. Consider gathering grape juice and bread; another beverage, crackers, or matzo also work. At the point that we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the pastor will guide you. We also invite you to light a candle in your worship space if it is safe to do so. Even as we are physically distanced, it is the same light of Christ that shines in all our darkness.

PRELUDE

Sonata Seconda in E minor

Philipp Heinrich Erlebach (1657-1714)

Chatham Baroque

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: The days are surely coming, says the LORD,

People: When the LORD will fulfill the promise:

Pastor: God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;

People: And the Lord shall execute justice and righteousness.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship our Lord.

Adapted from Jeremiah 33:14-15

▲ HYMN 14

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make Your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
2. From the Godhead forth You came, and return unto the same,
Captive leading death and hell. High the song of triumph swell!
3. You, the chosen Holy One, have o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Your kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?
4. Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light; ever be our faith thus bright.

Text attributed to Ambrose of Milan, 4th century; paraphrased by Martin Luther, 1524;
translated by William Morton Reynolds, 1850. Music based on plainsong melody,
Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524, as in *Songs of Syon*, 1910.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse Your justice and peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome Your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Book of Common Worship

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Veni Emmanuel

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Text: Latin, ca. 12th century. Translation: John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854.

Music adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1854.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

Valet will ich dir geben

You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill, to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still. In patient expectation we live for that great day when a renewed creation Your glory shall display.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 64:1-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Carol

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; O Christ, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart. There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

Text: James Montgomery, 1825; alt. Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We embody our unity in Christ through the action of partaking. Along with the pastor, please partake of the bread and then the cup.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE 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 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

1. Jesus comes with clouds descending; see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!
2. Every eye shall then behold You robed in awesome majesty;
Those who jeered and mocked and sold You, pierced and nailed You to the tree,
Shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving, shall their true
Messiah see.
3. Yes, Amen! Let all adore You high on Your eternal throne;
Crowns and empires fall before You, claim the kingdom for Your own:
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, everlasting Christ, come down!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1758; alt. Music: Thomas Olivers, 1763.

Harmonization: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata Quinta

Dario Castello (flourished early 17th century)

Chatham Baroque

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 welcome Chatham Baroque: Andrew Fouts, violin; Patricia Halverson, viola da gamba; and Scott Pauley, theorbo. This evening's music is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Singing in the Chancel Choir Ensemble this evening are Dr. Kathy Linger, soprano; Lauren Boyle, alto; Ben Werley, tenor; and Hayden Keefer, bass.

The Communion Chalice, Flagon, and Plate used today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Momoko Hayase Mills, who faithfully prepared the Lord's Table in this Sanctuary with humble reverence and deep love for decades. Commissioned by Shadyside Presbyterian Church, the Communion set was fashioned by Deacon Garret B. Smith. We give thanks to God both for Momoko's caring service and for Garret's talented craftsmanship.

We extend our deepest thanks to Stephen Donnelly for his videography and editing work on this evening's video. We also thank Jesse Naus for his assistance in recording the audio of the Chancel Choir Ensemble.

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.

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 a chamber choir.

To connect remotely, visit www.shadysidepres.org.

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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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