



Order of Worship

We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit. Tonight's service concludes with a ceremony of lights. We 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

Interlude from *A Ceremony of Carols*

Benjamin Britten

Nuiko Wadden, harp

INTROIT

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, Eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin; our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Text: Henry Ramsden Bramley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: We have watched; we have waited in hope; for peace; in joy; with love. Now our salvation has drawn near! With the psalmist we share the good news:

People: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Pastor: May this light be a sign to us and to the world of all that has taken place which the Lord has made known to us.

People: **Christ's light shines in our darkness. Glory to God in the highest!**

Incorporating Psalm 96:1-3

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels! *(Refrain):*
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. God of God, light of light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created: *(Refrain)*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *(Refrain)*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee_ be all glo—ry given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786). Translation: Frederick Oakeley, 1841.

Music: John Francis Wade. Harmonization: *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

(Carol continues on page 3.)

- 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.

SCRIPTURE

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

- It came upon_ the midnight clear, that glo-rious song_ of old,
From angels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps_ of gold;
“Peace on the earth_, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gra-cious King”:
The world in sol-ern stillness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.
- Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings_ unfurled,
And still their hea-v’nly music floats o’er all the wea-ry world;
Above its sad_ and lowly plains they bend_ on ho-v’ring wing,
And ever o’er_ its Babel sounds the blessed an-gels sing.
- And ye, beneath_ life’s crushing load, whose forms_ are bend-ing low,
Who toil along_ the climbing way with painful steps_ and slow,
Look now! for glad_ and golden hours come swift-ly on_ the wing;
O rest beside_ the weary road, and hear the an-gels sing.
- For lo, the days_ are hast’ning on, by proph-et bards_ foretold,
When with the ev-er-circling years comes round the age_ of gold;
When peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,
And the whole world_ give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849. Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850.

CHORAL ANTHEM

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Chatham Baroque

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

Text: Isaiah 9:6

SCRIPTURE

Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*

Matthew 1:18-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Bay Point Road

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame;
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary.” Most highly favored lady. Gloria!
2. “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee;
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.” Most highly favored lady. Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.” Most highly favored lady. Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christians all throughout the world will ever say: “Most highly favored lady. Gloria!”

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924). Music: Mark A. Anderson (b. 1962).

SCRIPTURE

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Luke 2:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 24

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Text: Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children’s Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885.
Stanza 3, *Gabriel’s Vineyard Songs*, 1892. Music: William James Kirkpatrick, 1895.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Away in a Manger

Traditional Normandy tune

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side, until morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Text: Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885.
Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
(Refrain:) *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (Refrain)
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. (Refrain)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840.
Arrangement: William Hayman Cummings, 1855.

SCRIPTURE

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

John 1:1-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Word Was Made Flesh

Egil Hovland

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

Text based on John 1

CHRISTMAS 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young, 1863. Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818.

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

O, I Would Go to Bethlehem, from *The Pageant of the Holy Nativity* David McK. Williams
The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

O, I would go to Bethlehem, beneath the peaceful midnight sky, to see the Child and greet Him, and hear the Virgin's lullaby, her sweet and gentle lullaby. And I would see the angels there, and watch them bending above Him to worship and to love Him. O, I would go to Bethlehem, and with the kings my offering bring, for there, in stable lowly, is born tonight a mighty King, my true and dear and only King; I bring to Him my only gift, a love that faileth never; O take it, Jesus, ever.

Text: Leonard Young

POSTLUDE

What Child Is This?

Traditional carol

Nuiko Wadden, harp

Soli Deo gloria!

*Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this evening.
Shadyside Presbyterian Church wishes you all a blessed Christmas!*

This Evening from Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The white poinsettias in the Sanctuary this evening are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard D. Baker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Baker, and Susan Dunstan Baker.

We welcome our guest musicians: Nuiko Wadden, harp; and 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 Gail Roup and Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano; Jane M. Boyle and Jolanta Doherty, alto; Mark A. Boyle and Alex Sabo, tenor; and Brian Doherty, baritone.

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 thank Stephen Donnelly and Jesse Naus for their assistance in recording the Chancel Choir Ensemble's video segments. We also thank Stephen for his audio and video support in recording this evening's prelude and postlude with our guest harpist. In addition, we especially appreciate Stephen's extraordinary effort to coordinate and edit the "Silent Night" sequence to include the video submissions of many of our children and families sharing the light of Christ virtually. We extend special thanks to all those who participated. The archival photograph of the Sanctuary aglow in candlelight which is displayed during "Silent Night" was taken by Ellen L. Allston on Christmas Eve in 2009. We thank Ellen for capturing this beautiful moment and for sharing it with us.

Christmas Poinsettias

IN HONOR OF:

Patrick W. & Laura E. Allston
 Mark Anderson & The Chancel Choir
 The Berglund Family
 Peter Bodnar
 Jane Boyle
 Jackson, Walker, & Isabel Brooke
 Taylor Coyner
 John & Judy Dalles
 Stephen Donnelly
 Stephen M. Donnelly
 Della L. Ellard
 Rhondda Gabud
 J. H. Harrison
 Healthcare Workers & First Responders
 Jack, Colin, Grace, & Mackenzie

GIVEN BY:

Their parents
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 The Communications Committee
 The Children of SPC
 Sara & Ted Brooke
 The Children of SPC
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 The Children of SPC
 A friend
 A friend
 Robert Mayer
 His Sunday School Family
 Anonymous
 Susie Pettler

IN HONOR OF:

Beatrice Jones
 Beatrice P. Jones
 Sharon & Bob Luthultz
 David O. Mills
 Our amazing Pastors
 Our amazing Staff
 Our Children & Grandchildren
 Our Sunday School Teachers
 Della R. Pennywell
 Fred & Joanne Rogers
 The Shadyside Choir & Organists
 Conrad & Lauren Sharps
 Jamie Shipley
 SPC Children's Ministry Families
 SPC's COVID-19 Task Force
 The Yates Family

GIVEN BY:

Ellen L. Allston
 SPC Staff
 Helga G. Freymark & Family
 A friend
 Bob & Sharon Luthultz
 Bob & Sharon Luthultz
 Phil & Gail Jones
 The Children of SPC
 SPC Staff
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 Robert Mayer
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
 Her Sunday School Family
 Ellen Allston & Steve Donnelly
 Anonymous
 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox

IN MEMORY OF:

Georg & Liesel Ahrens
 George F. & Elise M. Allston
 Lois Charlotte Bromm Anderson
 August & Mary Bernard
 Anne Beukema
 Hal Beukema
 Col. Herman & Margaret Beukema
 Norman & Mavis Boehm
 Walter D. & Emily P. Bossick
 Gen. Omar & Mary Bradley

GIVEN BY:

Helga G. Freymark & Family
 Their Family
 SPC Staff
 David & Marilyn Burke
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Helga G. Freymark
 W. Dennis & Penny Bossick
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema

IN MEMORY OF:

Janet Brooke
 J. Glenn & Helen Burke
 George R. & Helen S. Cain
 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Cochran
 Donald T. Corfield
 Margaret Ada Good Cromie
 Michael G. DeMoss
 Ben & Elizabeth Bradley Dorsey
 Dr. & Mrs. John B. Dovey
 Dorothy June Downing
 Walter H. Evert

GIVEN BY:

Sara & Ted Brooke
 David & Marilyn Burke
 Their Family
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Anonymous
 SPC Staff
 The Allston Family
 Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Robert Mayer
 Sandra Hawkins Miller
 Jancy S. Evert

IN MEMORY OF:

Wm. Scott & Helen
Ferguson

Peter J. Freymark

Peter J. Freymark

Peter J. Freymark

Peter J. Freymark

The Rev. George P. Fulton

Bill & Shirley Gedman

Shirley A. Gedman

William P. Gedman Sr.

Ann Elizabeth Gilbert

Ann & Murray Gilbert

Mary Carol Gilbert

Mary Lou Haugh

S. Alexander & Anne M.
Haverstick

Charles E. Hawkins

Matthew Wagner Haymaker

Carolyn J. Herbert

Donna Boyle & Robert
Cleveland Holland

Frank & Janet Hollar

Jay Hook

Kay Hook

Matilda Hook

Carl & Juliette Hopkins

John R. Hopkins

George M. Jackson

Rev. Dr. Beverly Wallis James

Sarah Elizabeth Johnson

Ed & Rachel Jones

Steven Jones

Patricia Burke Josefick

Tim Lemper

Mary Elizabeth Leonard

James D. & Judith C. Little

GIVEN BY:

Bonnie Leake

Sabine Freymark Duerr &
Family

Helga G. Freymark

Torsten Freymark & Family

Bob & Sharon Luthultz

Kathleen S. Fulton

Fred Maradei & Bill
Gedman

Carla M. Gedman

Carla M. Gedman

Sara & Ted Brooke

Sara & Ted Brooke

Sara & Ted Brooke

Robert Mayer

Elizabeth H. Pugh & Martha
M. Haverstick

Sandra Hawkins Miller

John & Peggy Mehl

Robert Mayer

Mary Margaret & Lloyd
Stamy

Timothy E. Nye

Bob & Sharon Luthultz

Bob & Sharon Luthultz

Bob & Sharon Luthultz

Barbara Y. Hopkins

Barbara Y. Hopkins

SPC Staff

SPC Staff

SPC Staff

Phil & Gail Jones

Phil & Gail Jones

David & Marilyn Burke

Phil & Gail Jones

Sara & Ted Brooke

Their Family

IN MEMORY OF:

Daniel J. Lydon

Dr. & Mrs. William
Thompson MacLauchlin

Gloria & Susan Maradei

Susan Maradei

Jane Anne Newton Marquess

N. Jean McDermet

Nancy E. McElree

Francis McMichael

Eunice & Daniel Mehl

Mr. & Mrs. William E. Miller

William E. Miller Jr.

Momoko Hayase Mills

Momoko Hayase Mills

Weston H. Minter

Mary Ann & Ed Misutka

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mowry

Robert W. Murray

Helen & Mark Nesbitt

Linda Bartz Nesbitt

Jack Glenn Nye

The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. LeRoy
Patrick

Mark Pennywell

Donald H. Pettler

Jerome W. & Gladys E. Pier

Gerald N. Potts

John & Sophia Regas

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rhodes

Jeanie Rog er

Margaret & David Ross

William Saul

William E. Saul

Dr. C. Russell & Mrs. Jean M.
Schaefer

GIVEN BY:

SPC Staff

Jonathan, Caroline, Mary
Margaret, & Lloyd Stamy

Fred Maradei & Bill
Gedman

Carla M. Gedman

SPC Staff

SPC Staff

SPC Staff

Robert Mayer

John & Peggy Mehl

Sandra Hawkins Miller

Sandra Hawkins Miller

Dave, Michael, & Elizabeth

A friend

James Rowe

Fred Maradei & Bill
Gedman

Charlotte & Henry Beukema

Phil & Gail Jones

Phil & Gail Jones

Phil & Gail Jones

Timothy E. Nye

Kathleen S. Fulton

Della Pennywell

Susie Pettler & The
Westerbergs

The Allston Family

Conrad Bricker

W. Dennis & Penny Bossick

Della Pennywell

Susie Pettler & The
Westerbergs

John & Peggy Mehl

Robert Mayer

Anonymous

Susie Pettler & The
Westerbergs

IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Ada Sheets
 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Smith
 William C. & Laura P. Smith
 William E. & Ellen B. Smith
 Barbara & Lloyd Stamy
 Edgar Henshall Steedle
 Ernest & Clara Strassburger
 Elaine Bernard Thorp

GIVEN BY:

SPC Staff
 Sandra Hawkins Miller
 The Allston Family
 The Allston Family
 Jonathan, Caroline, Mary
 Margaret, & Lloyd Stamy
 Timothy E. Nye
 Timothy E. Nye
 David & Marilyn Burke

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wagner
 Alice Long Walker
 John J. Walker
 Thomas M. Walker
 Phyllis Jean Weigel
 Russell George Wichmann
 Robert & Muriel Young
 Loretta J. Zelenko

GIVEN BY:

Charlotte & Henry Beukema
 Richard A. Walker
 Richard A. Walker
 Richard A. Walker
 Susan Weigel Feierabend
 Mary Margaret & Lloyd
 Stamy
 Barbara Y. Hopkins
 Robert Mayer

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.

Presbyterian Mission Giving: Alternative Gifts - If you are looking for a special gift for a loved one, consider giving a meaningful gift from the [Presbyterian Giving Catalog](#). View [this video](#) to see how such giving can support a community's vision for transformation. Explore a wide variety of gifts that provide real and positive impact around the world – including aid for refugees, access to clean water, and helping to end hunger. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rev. Todd E. Leach: tleach@shadysidepres.org.

Promised Land Ministries Student Sponsorship - This Christmas, please consider giving the gift of education to a student in need. In partnership with the Promised Land Ministries (PLM) student sponsorship program, Shadyside Presbyterian Church members help more than thirty children attend PLM's school in Guatemala. We hope you might consider sponsoring one of the remaining students. A sponsorship of \$360 covers school uniform, materials, and annual tuition. To learn more, or to sponsor one of the students, please contact Rev. Todd E. Leach: tleach@shadysidepres.org.

Offering envelopes have been mailed to those who requested envelopes when making their 2021 stewardship pledge. If you have not already done so and you would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact the Finance Office.

Pledges and Year-end Giving - As we come to the close of the year, please consider whether you have completed paying your pledge for this calendar year. For those who make year-end gifts, please remember the church in your giving. Both pledges and gifts must be **received** by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, in order to be included in this year. Looking ahead, if you have not made your pledge for 2021, please do so by returning your form to the church, or pledge online by visiting www.shadysidepres.org/pledge.

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. (Note: The evening prayer group will not meet on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Meetings resume Thursday, January 7.)

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! (Note: Children's Chapel will not occur on Sundays, December 27 and January 3. Gatherings resume January 10.)

Adult Christian Education Classes will not be held at 9:30 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 9:30 a.m.

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 Thursday.

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

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, January 7, 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. Currently, we are concluding our exploration of *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, January 14. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office to access the meeting via Zoom videoconferencing. Also, later in January, we will begin our next study, which will continue through Lent. Consider obtaining your copy of *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart*, by Max Lucado, so you can be prepared for the Lenten study. Join us as together we seek to quench the thirsting of our souls!

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) seeks its next president. The search committee invites congregational communities such as ours to share suggestions of prospective candidates whom the committee might consider to lead PTS into the future. For more information, please visit www.pts.edu/Presidential-Search. To recommend an individual, you may contact Eliza Smith Brown, chair of the search committee, or Jim Gockley, president of the PTS Board of Directors, both of whom are members of our congregation. Alternatively, names may be submitted to a general mailbox at PTSPresident@agbsearch.com.

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.

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.

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.

Church Officers

..... Elders

Jayne Adair Cox	Carla M. Gedman	Gary S. Lasser	Victoria L. Potter
Randy C. Adams II	Krissy K. Geffel	Gary W. Lotz	Sharon A. Taylor
Susan W. Balaan	James M. Gockley	Robert B. Luthultz	Robert Thomson
Charlotte W. Beukema	Carey A. Harris	Mary L. Murken	J. Alexander Viehman
Conrad E. Bricker	Percy M. Jackson	Terrence H. Murphy	
Laura C. Duncan	Gail N. Jones	Timothy E. Nye	
Robert J. Ferguson	Mark A. Krofchik	Frederick L. Porkolab	

..... Deacons

Tamika Barrett	Rebecca H. Dick	Adam D. Loucks	Melissa A. Rychener
F. Scott Boni	Luke A. Diel	Sharon L. Luthultz	Gregory J. Sheffer
Connie K. Coffelt	John H. Harrison	Megan M. Narcisi	Eric J. Siebenaler
Janice Collins	Sherri P. Krofchik	Della R. Pennywell	Garret B. Smith
Erin D. Davies	Bonnie S. Leake	Matthew H. Regentin	Sarah E. Spiegel

..... Trustees

Mark G. Allston	Alexander G. Dick	James S. Kissel	JoAnn F. Patross
Henry S. Beukema Jr.	Douglas E. Gilbert	Priscilla McCrady	B. James Shafer
Eliza S. Brown	William J. Hoffman	Boyd S. Murray	W. Keith Smith

Richard J. Wood, Treasurer

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.

Midweek Music Ministry in Midwinter

..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning January 6, 2021

Beginning on January 6, 2021, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry invites you to join us online on Wednesday evenings for a mini-series of musical programs curated by Mark A. Anderson, Artistic Director of the Music in a Great Space concert series. From Epiphany until Lent, enjoy the sounds of organ, piano, and other instrumentalists, as well as vocal soloists. Videos of these intimate presentations will be accessible to view on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Refresh your spirit with music through these midweek programs!

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

Becoming Brave: Finding the Courage to Pursue Racial Justice Now, by Brenda Salter McNeil
Led by Elder Sharon A. Taylor, January 10–February 14
via Zoom Videoconferencing at 9:30 a.m.

Note: Classes will not meet on December 27 and January 3. Classes resume on January 10.

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*
Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*
Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry*
Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*
Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*
Jane M. Boyle, *Assistant Children's Choir Director*
Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*
Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*

Robert A. Coder, *Director of Finance*
Wayne W. Diggs, *Sexton*
Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music Education*
Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*
Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*
Mary E. Lang, *Director of the Nursery School*
Dennis H. Martin, *Head Sexton*
Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*
Nancy M. Shaytar, *Director of Finance Emerita*
Kaysie L. Strickland, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*
Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*

Music reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-734299. All rights reserved.



A Member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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.

5121 Westminister Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 ■ 412.682.4300 ■ info@shadysidepres.org ■ www.shadysidepres.org
www.facebook.com/ShadysidePresbyterian ■ www.youtube.com/c/ShadysidePresbyterianChurch