



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.

WELCOME

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Percy M. Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Pastor: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

People: But the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you.

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light,

People: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Based upon Isaiah 60:1-3

▲ HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to'announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.
2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the Eastern sages stand to read in heav'n the Lord's command.
3. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek Your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of Your light to use.
4. To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736. Translation: John Chandler, 1837; alt. Music: Trier manuscript, 15th century.

Adaptation: Michael Praetorius, 1609. Harmonization: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Sunday, January 3, 2021

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ORISON

He Shall Feed His Flock, and Come Unto Him, from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him, all ye that labor, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

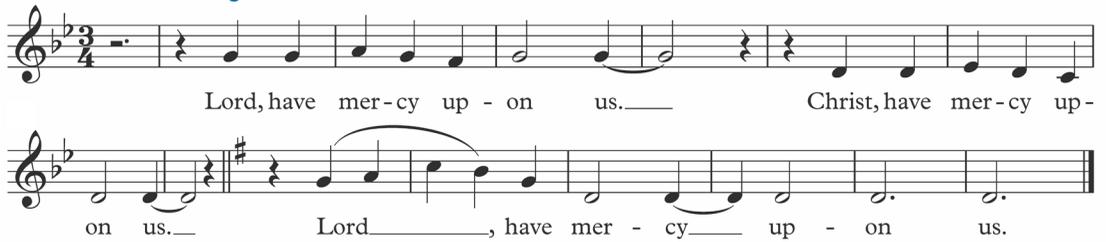
Text: Isaiah 40:11 and Matthew 11:28-29.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

▲ GLORIA PATRI *(sung in unison)*

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 Todd E. Leach

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble; Brian Doherty, baritone

Three kings came forth from an Eastern land, a bright star led them to Jordan-strand; and when they came into Judah, the three asked where the newborn King should be: for gold and myrrh and frankincense they brought to lay before His Innocence. The star shine high in a firmament, and to the stable the three kings went; and when they looked on that Child so sweet, the three kings bend them low at His feet. They brought a gift was lovelier than gold or frankincense or myrrh. O child of man, take the pilgrim's way; the three kings took it, do thou as they; the star of mercy, the star of love shall light thy path to the Lord above. Leave frankincense and myrrh and gold; give Him thy heart to have and hold.

Text: Peter Cornelius. Translation: Arthur Henry Fox Strangways.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

Divine Blessings in Christ

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings of Orient

1. (TRIO) We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
(Refrain:) *O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

(Hymn continues on page 4.)

3. Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising, worshipping God Most High.
*(Refrain:) O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *(Refrain)*
5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. *(Refrain)*

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857; alt. Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.
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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

Gaelic melody, arr. Russell G. Wichmann

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir; Richard A. Walker, tenor

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues.

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who sing to the glory of Your name:

SANCTUS *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The prayer continues.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, eternal God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, ca. 1858. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838.

Abridged by William Henry Monk, 1861. Harmonization: *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

▲ 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, Dr. Kathy Linger, and Gail Roup, soprano; Jane M. Boyle and Jolanta Doherty, alto; Dr. Mark A. Boyle, Alex Sabo, and Timothy Stoddard, tenor; Brian Doherty, baritone; and Hayden Keefer, bass. Our featured soloists today are Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano; Brian Doherty, baritone; and Richard A. Walker, tenor.

The trio for this morning's hymn of response: Mark A. Boyle, Brian C. Doherty, and Curt A. Scheib.

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 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 orison and the Chancel Choir Ensemble's video segment.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church Launches Video Livestream of Worship

This Sunday marks our final weekly pre-recorded video of Sunday morning worship. At 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, January 10, we plan to bring you a livestreamed video of our service of worship from the Sanctuary. Much planning and preparation have been dedicated to launching this venture; we thank you for your patience and ask for your continued patience as we enter this new chapter in our digital ministry. Just as the quality of our pre-recorded videos has improved since we first introduced them in March of last year, we likewise expect that our streaming efforts will improve over time as we embark on this new path together.

While we will do all that we can in order to make this transition as seamless as possible, this change may bring some slight adjustments in how you are currently accustomed to accessing online worship opportunities. We will continue to send emails on Sunday mornings for your convenience; please follow the most up-to-date instructions in your inbox next Sunday morning. If you are not currently receiving the weekly emails, please contact the church office for assistance.

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!

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. 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 or to obtain your copy of *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart*, by Max Lucado, so you can be prepared for our next upcoming study.

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.

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.

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 Calendar

..... January 3 - 10

TODAY

January 3

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship on YouTube and Facebook — Second Sunday of Christmas
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
7:00 p.m. Representative Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Midweek Music Ministry 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

January 10

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 Online — Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching
11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... January 3 - 10

Sunday, January 3

Psalms 111; 150
Deuteronomy 33:1-5
1 John 2:12-17
John 6:41-47

Tuesday, January 5

Psalms 99; 146
Joshua 1:1-9
Hebrews 11:32-12:2
John 15:1-16

Thursday, January 7

Psalms 97; 147:12-20
Isaiah 52:3-6
Revelation 2:1-7
John 2:1-11

Saturday, January 9

Psalms 47; 149
Isaiah 63:1-5
Revelation 2:18-29
John 5:1-15

Monday, January 4

Psalms 20; 145
Exodus 3:1-5
Hebrews 11:23-31
John 14:6-14

Wednesday, January 6

Psalms 72; 147:1-11
Isaiah 52:7-10
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Friday, January 8

Psalms 46; 148
Isaiah 59:15b-21
Revelation 2:8-17
John 4:46-54

Sunday, January 10

Psalms 104; 150
Isaiah 40:1-11
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34

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.

Church Staff

John A. Dalles, *Interim Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

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Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*

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