



Order of Worship

We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit. The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude. Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

PRELUDE

The Old Year Has Passed Away

Johann Sebastian Bach

Justin M. Wallace, organ

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: Sing, and bless God's name;

People: **Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

People: **God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Based upon Psalm 96:2-3

▲ HYMN 170

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Crimond

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872. Harmonization: T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929.
Harmonization from *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

God Is Light

Justin M. Wallace

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

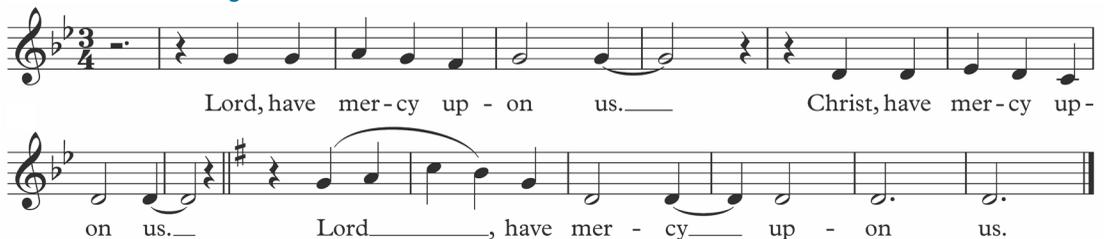
Text: 1 John 1:5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

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.

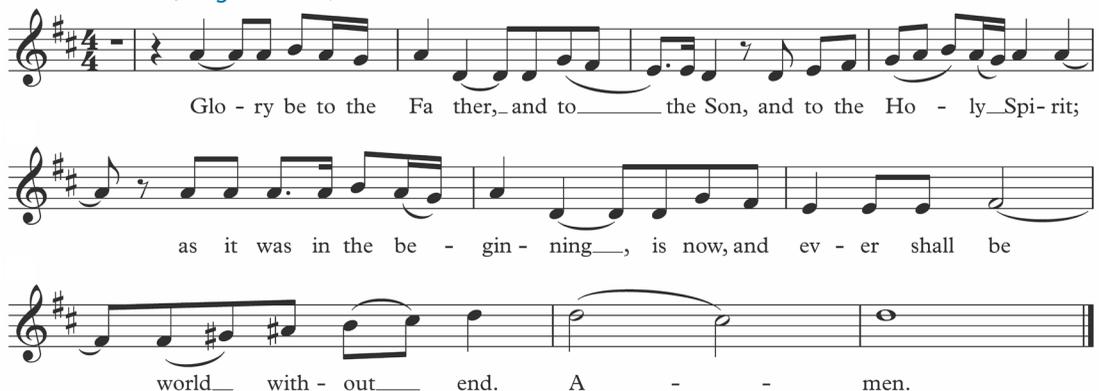
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-10

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Timothy Stoddard, tenor

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our Prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Text attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153). Translation: Edward Caswall, 1849; alt.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

On Turning Over New Leaves

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art – Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Ancient Irish poem. Translation: Mary E. Byrne, 1905. Versification: Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Music: Irish ballad. Harmonization: David Evans, 1927. Harmonization from the *Revised Church Hymnary 1927*. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

▲ 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

Eternal God

Richard Shephard

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know You; Eternal God, the joy of the hearts that love You; Eternal God, the strength of the wills that serve You. Grant us so to know You, that we may truly trust You. Grant us so to know You, so to love You, that we may freely serve You, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Text: Prayer of St. Augustine

▲ 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 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

(Hymn continues on page 5.)

3. A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
4. Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
5. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Music: attributed to William Croft, 1708.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Singing in the Chancel Choir Ensemble this morning are Kathy Linger and Gail Roup, soprano; Jane Boyle and Jolanta Doherty, alto; Mark A. Boyle and Alex Sabo, tenor; and Hayden Keefer and Ivan Plazacic, bass. Our featured soloist today is Timothy Stoddard, tenor.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our audio/visual team, without whose dedication this morning's inaugural worship livestream would not be possible. We gratefully acknowledge the tireless efforts of Jesse B. Naus and Keith P. Quinn, audio engineers, and Stephen M. Donnelly, video engineer, to achieve this live presentation of our virtual service of worship. We also thank Dr. Mark A. Boyle for his assistance in recording the video segments for the soloist and the Chancel Choir Ensemble.

We also express our gratitude for the helpful contributions of the Audio/Visual (A/V) Task Force: Mark A. Anderson, John E. B. Baldrige, H. Daniel Cessna, Alexander G. Dick, Jesse B. Naus, Martin E. Powell, and the Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith. A joint effort of the Session and the Board of Trustees, with members from both the Communications Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee, the A/V Task Force continues its ongoing work to enhance the equipment in our Sanctuary, but its collaborative support has laid a foundation that has enabled us to reach this livestreaming milestone.

2021 Officer Recommendations

The Representative Nominating Committee (RNC) is accepting recommendations for the offices of elder, deacon, or trustee, and for next year's RNC.

Brochures which provide precise information about the process will be mailed to the congregation this month. The same information is posted on the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/nominating. You may submit your recommendations in writing by any of the following means:

- Complete the electronic form at www.shadysidepres.org/nominating.
- Send an email message to Ruth Garrett in the church office: rgarrett@shadysidepres.org.
- Complete the form found in the brochure and mail it back to the church office (5121 Westminster Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232) to the attention of the Representative Nominating Committee.

In order to be considered, recommendations must be submitted by Sunday, February 21. Your help in the nomination process is appreciated. Members of the committee will be happy to speak with you should you have questions about the process.

2021 Representative Nominating Committee:

Margaret A. Biddle; W. Dennis Bossick; Brian P. Davies; Gail N. Jones, chair; Kathy Lash; Judith C. Matheny; JoAnn F. Patross; Garret B. Smith; and J. Alexander Viehman

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.*

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. Through February 10, 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!

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) shared an update with the congregation during worship last Sunday. We invite you to read the update on the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/pnc. The PNC is comprised of seven members of the congregation: Susan Balaan, Sara Brooke, Don Coffelt, Percy Jackson, Adam Loucks, Ann Pauley, and Janet Rohrer. 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.

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.

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.

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 10:00 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.

Grief Support Group – Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers a Grief Support Group designed to provide encouragement and a faith-centered perspective for those who have lost a loved one. The group meets regularly to discuss a variety of subjects that are important in the grief recovery process, including the range of emotions which grief brings, and resources for moving forward. Our next gathering occurs Monday, January 25, via Zoom videoconferencing. New participants are always welcome. To access the meeting, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz by email (lportz@shadysidepres.org) or call the church office.

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.

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.

Church Calendar

..... January 10 – 17

TODAY

January 10

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Online – Baptism of the Lord
11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
2:00 p.m. Session via Zoom Videoconferencing

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Nursery School Board via Zoom Videoconferencing
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. Midweek Music Ministry on YouTube and Facebook

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee with Rev. Leach via Zoom Videoconferencing
10:30 a.m. “Women at the Well” Bible Study 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 17

9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education Studies via Zoom Videoconferencing
10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel in the Children’s and Family Ministries’ Facebook Group
11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Online – Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching
11:45 a.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... January 10 – 17

Sunday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 12

Psalms 42; 146
Isaiah 40:25-31
Ephesians 1:15-23
Mark 1:14-28

Thursday, January 14

Psalms 97; 147:12-20
Isaiah 41:17-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16

Psalms 104; 149
Isaiah (42:18-25) 43:1-13
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 2:23-3:6

Monday, January 11

Psalms 5; 145
Isaiah 40:12-24
Ephesians 1:1-14
Mark 1:1-13

Wednesday, January 13

Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11
Isaiah 41:1-16
Ephesians 2:1-10
Mark 1:29-45

Friday, January 15

Psalms 51; 148
Isaiah 42:(1-9) 10-17
Ephesians 3:1-13
Mark 2:13-22

Sunday, January 17

Psalms 19; 150
Isaiah 43:14-44:5
Hebrews 6:17-7:10
John 4:27-42

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*
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*
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Jane M. Boyle, *Assistant Children's Choir Director*
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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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