



SHADYSIDE  
Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2021 • 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

[www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org)

## Order of Worship

*We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit.*

*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.*

*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

Sonata in E minor for violin and basso continuo

François Francoeur

Sicilienne

(1698-1787)

*Chatham Baroque*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Pastor: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: **God's love endures forever.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Pastor: God's love endures forever.

People: **Let us worship God.**

John 3:17; Psalm 46:1-3

### ▲ HYMN 83

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*Deo gracias*

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

*(Hymn continues on page 2.)*

2. For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp He knew, for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us to evil pow'r betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death, for us gave up His dying breath.
4. For us He rose from death again; for us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
5. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God. Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us Your steadfast love. Turn to us in Your mercy and redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.**

*Book of Common Worship*

### 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.**

## ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

*Christe Sanctorum*

**Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, He became our brother. If we have seen Him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high.**

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1968. Text © 1969, Hope Publishing Company.

Music: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681. Harmonization: David Evans, 1927, from the *Revised Church Hymnary 1927*, Oxford University Press.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SOLO

Vouchsafe, O Lord, from *Te Deum*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Brian Doherty, baritone*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

Text: Traditional Latin.

### HOMILY

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Not So "Fast"

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(spoken in unison)*

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

## ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Morecambe*

**Here, O our Lord, we see You face to face; here would we touch and handle things unseen, here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all our weariness upon You lean.**

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1855. Music: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870.

## INVITATION TO THE OBSERVATION OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE *(spoken in unison)*

Gracious God, our guide in wilderness and testing, out of Your love and mercy, You breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve You and our neighbors. In Jesus Christ, You show us the fast You choose: the practice of justice and compassion. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for Your mercy. Teach us to follow Christ in truth and grace, receiving our reward with Your saints in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

### 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

Let Us Worship God with Justice

*In Babilone*

1. Let us worship God with justice, even as we sing and pray.  
Let us keep the fast God chooses on this day and every day.  
Lift your voice for liberation; speak the truth and never fear,  
For the God of our salvation even now is drawing near.
2. Share your table with the hungry, share your plenty with the poor;  
When you see the tired and homeless offer them an open door.  
Comfort those who are afflicted, work to set the captives free.  
Live with kindness, never hiding from your human family.

*(Hymn continues on page 5.)*

3. Then your light will shine like morning and your Savior will appear.  
You will call and God will answer: “Faithful servant, I am here.”  
Then the Holy One will guide you; you will be like living streams.  
God will lift the fallen cities and restore the people’s dreams.
4. Lift your voice for liberation; speak the truth and never fear,  
For the God of our salvation even now is drawing near.  
Keep the fast of faith in action on this day and every day.  
Worship God with peace and justice, even as we sing and pray.

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Music: Dutch melody, arranged by Julius Röntgen (1855–1933).

## ▲ BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Sonata in G Major (BWV 1021)  
Adagio and Vivace

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

*Chatham Baroque*

## *Soli Deo gloria!*

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

**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.

## 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](http://www.shadysidepres.org/check-in) and click submit. Thank you!

**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 detailed information about the process have been mailed to the congregation. The same information may be found on the church website: [www.shadysidepres.org/nominating](http://www.shadysidepres.org/nominating). In order to be considered, recommendations must be submitted by Sunday, February 21. Your input is appreciated.

**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.

**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](mailto: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, February 22, via Zoom videoconferencing. New participants are always welcome. To access the meeting, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz by email ([lportz@shadysidepres.org](mailto:lportz@shadysidepres.org)) or call the church office.

**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](mailto: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.

**eGiving Options** – Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers secure eGiving options in order to encourage faithful stewardship. Please visit [www.shadysidepres.org/give](http://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.

**The Mini-Mouse** – Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in an email message to [info@shadysidepres.org](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org) or by following the instructions at [shadysidepres.org/mini-mouse](http://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](http://www.shadysidepres.org)**, provides additional information about the church's programs and activities, as well as access to video and audio recordings of worship.

## An Evening with the Pittsburgh Camerata

..... Sunday, February 21, at 3:00 p.m. ....

In this exclusive web-based concert, Pittsburgh's premier professional chamber choir shares a musical program combining previous recordings of the ensemble alongside new recordings of soloists. The performance will be released for viewing online at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, and available through Sunday, March 28.

Virtual tickets and subscriptions may be purchased online at [www.pittsburghcamerata.org](http://www.pittsburghcamerata.org).

## Virtual Lenten Vespers

..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., through March 24 .....

During the liturgical season of Lent, Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to join us each Wednesday for an evening of music and reflection. These 45-minute Communion services include the Lord's Supper; homilies exploring the "I AM" statements of Jesus from John's Gospel; and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and vocal soloists.

## 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:  
2 Corinthians  
Led by Elder Jason M. Huber  
via Zoom Videoconferencing at 9:45 a.m.

### TOPICAL STUDY

Handel's Messiah: *The Gospel in Words and Music*  
Parts Two and Three: Beginning February 21  
Led by Elder Margaret E. Heely  
via Zoom Videoconferencing at 9:30 a.m.

## Church 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*  
Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music  
Education*  
Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*  
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Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*  
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Kaysie L. Strickland, *Assistant to the Associate Pastors*  
Justin M. Wallace, *Assistant Organist*

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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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