



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

Two Preludes

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: **O my God, in You I trust;**

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

People: **Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all day long.**

Pastor: Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been
from of old.

People: **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to
Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Pastor: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

People: **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.**

Pastor: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His
covenant and His decrees.

People: **Let us worship God!**

Based upon Psalm 25

▲ HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

(Hymn continues on page 2.)

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, ca. 1758. Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

attributed to Richard Farrant

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sin to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

Text: *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Forgive my sins, O Lord, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know, and those which I know not. Forgive them all in Thy mercy.

Lancelot Andrewes, d. 1626

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 Lynn M. Portz

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 3:18-22

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Meghan DeWald Althouse, soprano

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor 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. Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our Prize wilt be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Wet and Wild Wilderness

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

Tallis' Ordinal

1. Thy mercy and Thy truth, O Lord, transcend the lofty sky;
Thy judgments are a mighty deep, and as the mountains high.
2. Lord, all Thy creatures Thou wilt save. Since Thou art ever kind,
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings we may a refuge find.
3. With the abundance of Thy house we shall be satisfied;
From rivers of unfailling joy our thirst shall be supplied.
4. The fountain of eternal life is found alone with Thee.
And in the brightness of Thy light we clearly light shall see.
5. From those that know Thee, may Thy love and mercy ne'er depart,
And may Thy justice still protect and bless the upright heart.

Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt. Music: Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567, alt.

▲ 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

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Erik Meyer

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay. As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin. As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by Thy most holy Word. And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

▲ 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 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825. Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang

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.*

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.

An Evening with the Pittsburgh Camerata

..... Today, 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.

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.

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. The COVID-19 Task Force meets regularly to monitor data and to prayerfully discern best plans moving forward.

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!

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 and an electronic submission form to suggest names of well-suited individuals may be found on the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/nominating. In order to be considered, recommendations must be submitted by today, February 21. Your input is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the 2021 Representative Nominating Committee: Margaret A. Biddle; W. Dennis Bossick; Brian P. Davies; Elder Gail N. Jones, chair; Kathy Lash; Judith C. Matheny; Trustee JoAnn F. Patross; Deacon Garret B. Smith; and Elder J. Alexander Viehman.

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) or call the church office.

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.

Virtual Coffee with a Pastor - While practicing “social distancing” we can be intentional about remaining connected with one another. Our associate pastors invite you to join in casual and informal conversation with them 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 Kaysie Strickland: kstrickland@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. Currently, we are exploring Max Lucado’s *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart* as a Lenten study. 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, February 25. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt to join us via Zoom.

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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is comprised of seven church members: 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. 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.

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

..... February 21 – 28

TODAY

February 21

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Online – First Sunday in Lent
12:00 p.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
3:00 p.m. Pittsburgh Camerata Virtual Concert via pittsburghcamerata.org

MONDAY

Grief Support Group 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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Virtual Lenten Vespers Online

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee with a Pastor 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

February 28

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 – Second Sunday in Lent
Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching
12:00 p.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... February 21 – 28

Sunday, February 21

Psalms 84; 150
Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, February 23

Psalms 34; 146
Deuteronomy 9:(1-3) 4-12
Hebrews 3:1-11
John 2:13-22

Thursday, February 25

Psalms 27; 147:12-20
Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5
Hebrews 4:1-10
John 3:16-21

Saturday, February 27

Psalms 43; 149
Deuteronomy 11:18-28
Hebrews 5:1-10
John 4:1-26

Monday, February 22

Psalms 119:73-80; 145
Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Hebrews 2:11-18
John 2:1-12

Wednesday, February 24

Psalms 5; 147:1-11
Deuteronomy 9:13-21
Hebrews 3:12-19
John 2:23-3:15

Friday, February 26

Psalms 22; 148
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Hebrews 4:11-16
John 3:22-36

Sunday, February 28

Psalms 84; 150
Jeremiah 1:1-10
1 Corinthians 3:11-23
Mark 3:31-4:9

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*
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Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music
Education*
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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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