



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 A minor (BuxWV 272)

Allegro

Dieterich Buxtehude

(ca. 1637-1707)

Chatham Baroque

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: **To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.**

Pastor: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

People: **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will set me high on a rock.**

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek His face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Pastor: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

from Psalm 27

▲ HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.

Music: *English County Songs*, 1893. Harmonization: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

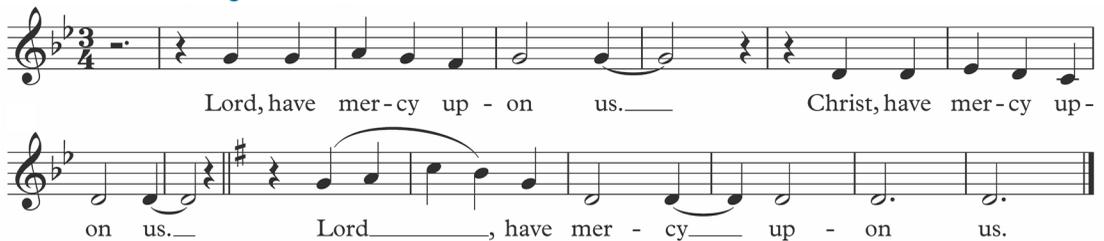
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

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 Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE

John 8:12-20

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

The Lord Is My Light

K. Lee Scott

Timothy Stoddard, tenor

The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers and foes came upon me to devour my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, I shall be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD and that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble, He will hide me in His secret place and set me high upon a rock.

Text: Psalm 27:1-5, adapted by K. Lee Scott

HOMILY

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

“I Am the Light of the World”

▲ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

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 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

1. O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light's living spring, true day, all days illumining:
2. Come, Holy Sun of heav'nly love, show'r down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.
3. O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright, our souls un-shadowed by the night.
4. O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see our Savior and our God in Thee!

Text: Ambrose of Milan, ca. 374. Translation: Composite, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985.

Music: Trier manuscript, 15th century. Adaptation: Michael Praetorius, 1609.

Harmonization: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1902.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata III in C Major, op. 5
Adagio and Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653-1713)

Chatham Baroque

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

We welcome our musicians: Chatham Baroque: Andrew Fouts, violin; Patricia Halverson, viola da gamba; and Scott Pauley, theorbo; and Timothy Stoddard, tenor. 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.

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.

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 continues to meet 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!

Winter Storm Disaster Relief - Shadyside Presbyterian Church is responding to the winter storms impacting Texas and surrounding states by supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with \$5,000. If you would like to make an additional contribution, please visit our online giving portal at www.shadysidepres.org/give and choose “Disaster Relief Fund” in the drop-down menu, or mail your check directly to the church office (payable to Shadyside Presbyterian Church) with “Disaster Relief” in the memo line.

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.

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. 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. 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, March 11. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt to join us via Zoom.

Easter Lilies – The Board of Deacons will approach our Flower Ministry’s lily options differently this season. Although we are unable to provide you with the opportunity to order a lily plant for yourself this year, we invite you to support the church’s flower fund and to memorialize loved ones by placing their names in the bulletin. There is no required minimum amount for a donation; please give whatever you deem appropriate and know that, in addition to beautifying the Sanctuary this Easter Sunday, you also will be bringing joy to those who would be blessed by a lily delivered by the deacons. Visit www.shadysidepres.org/lilies before Sunday, March 14, for details and instructions.

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, March 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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: February 21 through March 28
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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Robert A. Coder, *Director of Finance*
Stephen M. Donnelly, *Associate for Children's Music
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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*

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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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