



## 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

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **For His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those He redeemed from trouble and gathered  
in from the lands,

People: **From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Pastor: Let us thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.

People: **And let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of His deeds with songs  
of joy.**

Based upon Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22

### ▲ HYMN 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Abbot's Leigh

1. Lord of light, Your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,  
Use our talents in Your kingdom as the servants of Your grace;  
Use us to fulfill Your purpose in the gift of Christ Your Son:  
(Refrain:) *Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.*
2. By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,  
By the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,  
By the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: (Refrain)
3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at Your feet may lowly kneel;  
With Your grace our triumphs hallow, with Your charity our zeal;  
Lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: (Refrain)

(Hymn continues on page 2.)

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;  
 By the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;  
 By the love that passes knowledge, making all Your children one:  
 (Refrain:) *Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.*

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## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

### ORISON

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Vernon Hoyle

*The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Christ is made the sure Foundation, and the precious Cornerstone; who, the two walls underlying, bound in each, binds both in one; Holy Zion's Help forever, and her Confidence alone. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation, pours perpetual melody, God the One, and God the Trinal, singing everlastingly. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today! With Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray. And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls for aye. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One; consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Text: 7<sup>th</sup> century, translated by John Mason Neale

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

**O God, our Judge and Savior, set before us the vision of Thy purity, and let us see our sins in the light of Thy holiness. Pierce our self-contentment with the shafts of Thy burning love, and let love consume in us all that hinders us from service to Thy cause; for Thy holiness is our judgment, so are Thy wounds our salvation.**

William Temple

### 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.**

### ▲ 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

Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

I Will Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Thomas Matthews

*The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble*

I will give thanks unto the LORD, and I will praise the name of the LORD most high. I have set the LORD always before me, for He is on my right hand. Therefore I shall not fall.

Text: Psalms 7:17; 16:8

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

A Slithering Antidote

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

## ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*St. Catherine*

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
3. O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653. Translation: John Wesley, ca. 1739; alt.  
Music: Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864; alt. James George Walton, 1874.

## ▲ 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

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

*The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble*

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Text: John 3:16

▲ **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 148**

At the Name of Jesus

*King's Weston*

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed;
3. Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
4. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With His Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Text: Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925,  
from *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1925, Oxford University Press.

▲ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare and March

Bruce Montgomery

***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.*

## 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](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://www.shadysidepres.org/lilies) before Sunday, March 14, for details and instructions.

**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](mailto:kstrickland@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 10:00 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.

**Comets, Dinosaurs, and Jesus** – The Children’s Ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host a Zoom meeting for students in third through fifth grades, along with their parents and grandparents, to address their questions about science, theology, and faith. Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Interested families should contact Ellen Allston by email at [eallston@shadysidepres.org](mailto:eallston@shadysidepres.org) for further information. Share your children’s questions with us, or let us know if your children want to participate, even if they do not have any questions to send in advance. Parents also are welcome to attend without children. The event will be recorded so we can share it with any families who are not able to attend. We look forward to beginning these conversations about faith and science with your children!

**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](mailto:lportz@shadysidepres.org)) or call the church office.

**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 25. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt to join us via Zoom.

**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](http://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](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.

**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.

**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.

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... *March 14 - 21* .....

### Sunday, March 14

Psalms 84; 150  
Jeremiah 14:1-9, 17-22  
Galatians 4:21-5:1  
Mark 8:11-21

### Tuesday, March 16

Psalms 34; 146  
Jeremiah 17:19-27  
Romans 7:13-25  
John 6:16-27

### Thursday, March 18

Psalms 27; 147:12-20  
Jeremiah 22:13-23  
Romans 8:12-27  
John 6:41-51

### Saturday, March 20

Psalms 43; 149  
Jeremiah 23:9-15  
Romans 9:1-18  
John 6:60-71

### Monday, March 15

Psalms 119:73-80; 145  
Jeremiah 16:10-21  
Romans 7:1-12  
John 6:1-15

### Wednesday, March 17

Psalms 5; 147:1-11  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Romans 8:1-11  
John 6:27-40

### Friday, March 19

Psalms 22; 148  
Jeremiah 23:1-8  
Romans 8:28-39  
John 6:52-59

### Sunday, March 21

Psalms 84; 150  
Jeremiah 23:16-32  
1 Corinthians 9:19-27  
Mark 8:31-9:1

## Holy Week and Easter at Shadyside

..... *The Passionate Life* .....

As we follow Christ to the cross, and then through death and loss to the Resurrection, we discover that Jesus died to give us life. Join us during Holy Week to find your place in the Passion and the new life Easter offers.

### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

11:00 a.m. Worship (online only)  
Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching,  
with brass musical offerings  
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Driveway  
Drive-through Palm Distribution

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. Communion Service  
(online only)  
Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching,  
with music by Chatham Baroque

### **Good Friday, April 2**

10:00 a.m. Family Service  
(online only)  
Led by the Children's Ministry  
Rev. Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith,  
preaching

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service  
(online only)  
with music offered by a cello trio

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

11:00 a.m. Worship (online only)  
Revs. Portz, Leach, and  
Buckwalter Smith, preaching,  
with brass musical offerings

For more information,  
visit the website:  
[www.shadysidepres.org/lent](http://www.shadysidepres.org/lent)

## Church Calendar

..... *March 14 - 21* .....

<b>TODAY</b> <i>March 14</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Worship Online – Fourth Sunday in Lent
	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.	Board of Trustees via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Lenten Vespers Online
	7:45 p.m.	Session via Zoom Videoconferencing
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Coffee with a Pastor via Zoom Videoconferencing
	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Youth Ministry Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Representative Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>March 21</i>	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 – Fifth Sunday in Lent Rev. Todd E. Leach, preaching
	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
	3:30 p.m.	“Comets, Dinosaurs, and Jesus” Faith and Science Conversation in the Children’s and Family Ministries’ Facebook Group

### 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: February 21 through March 28  
Led by Elder Margaret E. Heely  
via Zoom Videoconferencing at 9:30 a.m.

**Note:** Classes will not meet on Sunday, April 4. Classes resume on Sunday, April 11.

## 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*  
Ruth E. Garrett, *Assistant to the Senior Pastor*  
Mary E. Lang, *Director of the Nursery School*  
Dennis H. Martin, *Head Sexton*  
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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