



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

Antiphon III

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him.

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

People: **God is a refuge for us.**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Based upon Psalm 62:1-2, 8

▲ HYMN 162

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

Winchester Old

1. O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing Your fame.
2. The heavens shout Your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe,
To think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
3. Yet You have made us less than gods, surpassing all but You,
With heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
4. Into our hands You've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
We're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.
5. O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name,
Majestic in Your holiness we sing and praise Your fame.

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Music: Este's *Psalmes*, 1592.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

Have Mercy on Me

Thomas Tomkins

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Have mercy on me, O Lord, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, wash away my offenses.

Text based upon Psalm 51:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

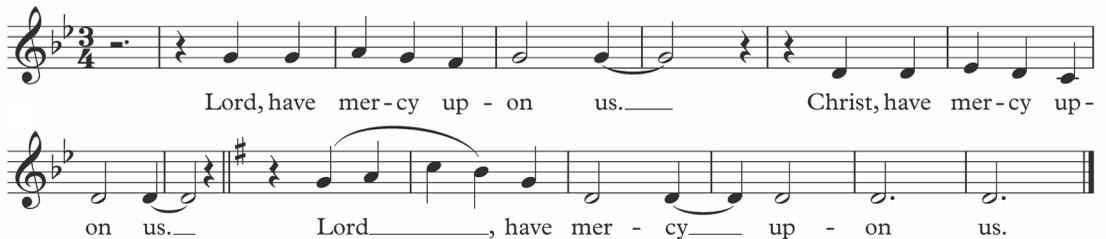
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Book of Common Worship

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

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Ian Higginson

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the LORD, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD Himself is thy keeper; the LORD is thy defense upon thy right hand; so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth forevermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We Just Wish to See Jesus

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Text: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Albert Lister Peace, 1884.

▲ 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

What Wondrous Love

Charles T. Dupree

Brian Doherty, baritone

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside His crown, for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn

▲ 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 344

Christ of the Upward Way

Sursum corda (Lomas)

1. Christ of the upward way, my guide divine, where You have set Your feet, may I place mine; And move and march wherever You have trod, keeping face forward up the hill of God.
2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will, that without fault or fear I may fulfill Your purpose with a glad and holy zest, like one who would not bring less than the best.
3. Christ of the upward way, my guide divine, Where You have set Your feet, may I place mine; And when Your last call comes serene and clear, calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

Text: Walter John Mathams, ca. 1915; alt. Music: George Lomas, 1876.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Charles Villiers Stanford

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.*

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!

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 join us today, March 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., as our pastoral panel answers your questions. Interested families should contact Ellen Allston by email at eallston@shadysidepres.org for further information. 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.

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.

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, March 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.

Drive-through Event: Children's Bible Presentation - Following worship on Sunday, April 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church will present age-appropriate Bibles as gifts to our young people. Primary-age and preschool-age versions will be offered. If you know of a child in third grade or younger in our congregation who has not received this wonderful gift, please contact Ellen Allston, Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry, by Sunday, April 11, in order to participate in the drive-by event, which will take place in the church's driveway. Bibles will be inscribed with the child's name.

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.

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.

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... March 21 – 28

Sunday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 23

Psalms 34; 146
Jeremiah 25:8-17
Romans 10:1-13
John 9:18-41

Thursday, March 25

Psalms 27; 147:12-20
Jeremiah 26:1-16 (17-24)
Romans 11:1-12
John 10:19-42

Saturday, March 27

Psalms 43; 149
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Romans 11:25-36
John 11:28-44

Monday, March 22

Psalms 119:73-80; 145
Jeremiah 24:1-10
Romans 9:19-33
John 9:1-17

Wednesday, March 24

Psalms 5; 147:1-11
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Romans 10:14-21
John 10:1-18

Friday, March 26

Psalms 22; 148
Jeremiah 29:1 (2-3) 4-14
Romans 11:13-24
John 11:1-27

Sunday, March 28

Psalms 84; 150
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Mark 21:12-17

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

Church Calendar

..... *March 21 - 28*

TODAY

March 21

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Online – Fifth Sunday in Lent
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

MONDAY

Grief Support Group

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
4:00 p.m. Audio/Visual Task Force in the Sanctuary
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

March 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 – Palm Sunday
Rev. Lynn M. Portz, preaching
12:00 p.m. Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
12:30 p.m. Palm Distribution in the Circular Driveway

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*
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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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