

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

Adagio from Duo for Violin and Cello, Op. 18

Carl Philipp Stamitz

Maureen Conlon Gutierrez, violin; Elisa Kohanski, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

Pastor: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

People: **God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.**

Pastor: In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: **No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.**

Based upon 1 John 4:7-21

▲ HYMN 310

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

1. Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

(Hymn continues on page 2.)

3. 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!
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.
5. 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. 1987.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Eternal God, forgive us for being hesitant to love the church we have received. Forgive us for going each to our own way, and forgive us for demanding that the church go with us. Help us to remember the ministry of those who have served before us. When in danger give us their comfort, and when in difficulty, their perseverance; that we, too, may be faithful until we rejoice with all of the saints in Your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Calvin

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 15:1-17

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

With What Shall I Come Before the Lord

John Ness Beck

Gail Roup, soprano

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

Text: Micah 6:6-8

HOMILY

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

“I Am the True Vine”

▲ 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 Todd E. Leach

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 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707. Music: Lowell Mason, 1824.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Piece No. 2 for Violin and Cello

William Ryden

Maureen Conlon Gutierrez, violin; Elisa Kohanski, cello

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: Maureen Conlon Gutierrez, violin; Elisa Kohanski, cello; and Gail Roup, soprano. 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.

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

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!

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.

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.

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, April 26, 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 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.

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*
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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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