

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

Voluntary IX

John Stanley

Largo Staccato

Justin M. Wallace, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion, and is enthroned forever. Declare His deeds among the people.

People: **We will be glad and exult in You; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High, until the end of our days.**

Pastor: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed; He judges the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

People: **Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart, for He lifts up from the gates of death.**

Pastor: The LORD is made known; let us rejoice in our deliverance.

People: **Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart; may our praise recount all God's wonderful deeds.**

Based upon Psalm 9

▲ HYMN 427

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Alternate Tune: Beach Spring

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.
2. Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
4. Called from worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

O Lord our God, You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to Your will by the power of Your Spirit, so that all may know Your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

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

Acts 3:1-13a

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

How Beautiful Are the Feet

George Frideric Handel

Jennifer Saunders-LaRocco, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

Text: Romans 10:15

HOMILY

Seeing with Christ's Eyes

Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 512

Living Word of God Eternal

Komm, O komm, du Geist des Lebens

1. Living Word of God eternal, laying claim to every age,
Jesus, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible's page;
Let Your Gospel, heard and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.
2. Loving Savior, whose embraces our true selves alone unmask,
In this fellowship's small compass train us for our common task:
By our love to grow more like You and to dare what You will ask.
3. Living Bread come down from heaven, broken, shared, distributed,
Feed us, gathered at this table, with Your grace unlimited,
And as servants then employ us till this hungry world is fed.
4. Loving Spirit, praying in us, giving voice to all our sighs,
Show the wideness of Your mercy to deaf ears and blinded eyes;
Free our tongues to come before You with our neighbors' joys and cries.
5. May Your Word among us spoken, may the loving which we dare,
May Your Bread among us broken, may the prayers in which we share
Daily make us faithful people, living signs, Lord, of Your care.

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

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 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

1. The church of Christ in ev'ry age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

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▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary IX
Vivace

John Stanley

Justin M. Wallace, organ

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

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.

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. On-site worship with attendance limitations resumes Sunday, April 18. (Pre-registration is required; please see below.) Most activities will continue to meet remotely until further notice. The COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor data and to prayerfully discern best plans moving forward.

Limited on-site Sunday morning worship is set to resume on April 18. Pre-registration is required, either via the church's website at www.shadysidepres.org/register or by calling the church office: 412.682.4300, ext. 100. Registration opens at noon on Monday and closes when the seating capacity is reached or on Friday at noon.

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.

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. 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, April 8. Please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt to join us via Zoom.

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.

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 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.

Virtual Midweek Vespers

..... Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us online on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. for virtual Communion, music offered by a vocal soloist, and a homily preached by Rebecca L. Young, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

To connect remotely, visit www.shadysidepres.org.

Church Staff

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*
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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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