

Welcome to Shadyside Presbyterian Church

We are grateful you have joined us in worship this evening, whether you are present with us physically or are gathering with us in spirit online.

If you are a guest with us this evening, our ushers are available to assist you.

As God calls us to care for one another and our community, we highly recommend that, regardless of your vaccination status, you wear face coverings over your nose and mouth at all times while inside the building and maintain six feet of distance from others. The transept pews continue to offer socially distant seating to maintain a safer area for those who are not vaccinated.

If you are worshipping with us virtually, please let us know you joined us online today by completing the form at www.shadysidepres.org/check-in. Prayer requests also may be submitted via this form.

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews and in the Narthex for you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of intercessory prayer, as well as prayers of joy and thanksgiving.

Children in Worship - Worship activity bags and a bulletin insert designed for children are available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. A cry room is available in the Parlor, accessible through the transept door at the front of the Sanctuary.

A video feed of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Maximum occupancy in the Craig Room is limited to four individuals.

Enlarged bulletins and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance. After worship, please leave your hearing device in the pew so that we can collect it and properly sanitize it.

Concerning the Ceremony of Lights - Worshipers will have received candles with wax guards upon entering the nave. These will be used during the Ceremony of Lights occurring at the conclusion of this evening's service. The ushers will light the first candle in each pew on the aisle, and each worshipper will then share with his or her neighbor, representing the presence of Christ in the world with His neighbor. For safety, please always tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. (Never tilt a lighted candle.) Small plastic cups have been provided in the pews for extinguishing candles so that masking protocols can be maintained. Please return your candle to the baskets in the Narthex or Sharp Atrium as you exit tonight.

Livestreaming Notice - In order to extend the reach of God's Word, Shadyside Presbyterian Church records its services of worship and broadcasts them live on the internet. If you have a privacy concern, please see an usher to be directed to a seating area where you may avoid being visible to our cameras.

Restrooms can be accessed by exiting the back of the Sanctuary and turning right. Additional restrooms are located at the top of the grand staircase through the Sharp Atrium.

For Your Safety - Please know that the church is committed to following the COVID-19 protocols for cleaning and sanitizing the Sanctuary, both before and after each service.

! Please silence cellular phones and other mobile devices while in the Sanctuary.

Order of Worship

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, God's peace.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Angelus	Aaron David Miller
Still, Still, Still	Traditional Austrian carol, arr. Norman Luboff
O Thou, the Central Orb	Charles Wood
Interlude from <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>	Benjamin Britten
	Nuiko Wadden, harp
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam
	Meghan DeWald Althouse, soprano

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith and the Reverend Austin Crenshaw Shelley

Pastor: We have watched; we have waited in hope, for peace, in joy, with love. Now our salvation has drawn near! With the psalmist we share the good news:

People: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Pastor: May this light be a sign to us and to the world of all that has taken place which the Lord has made known to us.

People: **Christ's light shines in our darkness. Glory to God in the highest!**

Incorporating Psalm 96:1-3

▲ CAROL IN PROCESSION

O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste fideles (Hymn no. 41)*

- (ALL) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels! *(Refrain:)*
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
- (ALL) See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We, too, will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *(Refrain)*

(carol continues on page 4)

▲ *Congregants are invited to stand or to assume another reverent posture in praise of God.*

3. (TREBLE VOICES) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *(Refrain:)*
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
4. (BASS VOICES) Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ-adoring,
Offer Him frankincense, gold, and myrrh.
We, to the Christ Child, bring our hearts' oblations. *(Refrain)*
5. (ALL) Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glo—ry giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Text: John Francis Wade (1711–1786). Translation: Frederick Oakeley, 1841.
Music: John Francis Wade. Harmonization: *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Reverend Austin Crenshaw Shelley

ORISON

Magnificat

Andrew Kimsey

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever. 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: Luke 1:46-55

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER

Mueller (Hymn no. 25, v. 3)

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Text: Gabriel's *Vineyard Songs*, 1892. Music attributed to James R. Murray, 1887.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear and believe the good news:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

▲ CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria (Hymn no. 23)

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
(Refrain:) *Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

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WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

page 638 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

O Magnum Mysterium

Craig Phillips

(Latin text:) O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia! (Translation:) O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Christ. Alleluia!

Text: Gregorian chant from the Matins for Christmas

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

page 58 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲ CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn (Hymn no. 31)

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
(Refrain:) Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *(Refrain)*
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *(Refrain)*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840.

Arrangement: William Hayman Cummings, 1855.

HOMILY

The Reverend Austin Crenshaw Shelley

The Light Shines in the Darkness

▲ CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis (Hymn no. 44)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

(carol continues on page 7)

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868. Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868.

CHRISTMAS 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.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Joys Seven

arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one: to see the blessed Jesus Christ, when He was first her Son; when He was first her Son, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go; to make the lame to go, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see; to make the blind to see, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er; to read the Bible o'er, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive; to bring the dead alive, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix; upon the crucifix, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven: to see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven; to wear the crown of heaven, good man, and blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

Text: English, anonymous

Offerings may be dropped off in the offering plate as you depart the Sanctuary this evening.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

page 91 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT REFLECTION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CAROL *(congregation seated)*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht (Hymn no. 60)

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young, 1863. Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818.

BENEDICTION

*At the conclusion of the Benediction, please extinguish your candle
using the plastic cup provided in the pew.*

▲ POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Nuiko Wadden, harp

*For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one,
the flowers will be available to take home following the service.*

Soli Deo gloria!

*Thank you for celebrating the Nativity of the Lord with us! Shadyside Presbyterian Church wishes you,
the ones you love, and the ones whom only God loves a blessed Christmas!*

This Evening in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The white poinsettias in the Sanctuary this evening are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard D. Baker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Baker, and Susan Dunstan Baker.

We welcome our guest musician, harpist Nuiko Wadden. Her presence in worship this evening is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Ushers: Daniel Giosta, Elise A. Hunter, Nathaniel C. Hunter, Gary S. Lasser, and Lisa M. Susalla. **Coordinators:** Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, Mark A. Krofchik, Robert P. O’Neil, and Carey T. Vinson.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Mark A. Anderson, conductor • Justin M. Wallace, assistant organist

Meghan DeWald Althouse	Brian C. Doherty	Kathy Linger	Anastasia Robinson
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About the Cover

Pictured on the cover of this evening’s bulletin is a detail of Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s Nativity Window, located at the center of the south transept in the Sanctuary. The window was manufactured by Tiffany Glass Company and installed when the church was erected in 1890. It is the only original stained glass window remaining at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

The window is based on the 1522 painting “The Holy Night” (also known as “The Adoration of the Shepherds”) by Correggio, who was a contemporary of Raphael. Depicted are the Infant Jesus and His mother Mary. Those surrounding the Child are illuminated by a radiance that emanates from Him. It is a powerful use of opalescent glass and Pre-Raphaelite realistic pictorial depiction, strongly associated with Louis Tiffany. Opalescent glass (actually patented by Tiffany’s rival, John LaFarge) is less translucent and has greater color variety than normal (or “antique”) stained glass. The glass thickness varies and is sometimes layered.

The placement of this window on the southern wall of the church demonstrates thoughtful consideration. The sun, low in the sky and near the end of its trip south, provides optimal illumination of the window at Christmastime, creating a beautiful and captivating effect.

Elder Timothy C. Engleman

Christmas Poinsettias

IN HONOR OF:

Mark Anderson & The Chancel Choir
 The Berglund Family
 Peter Bodnar
 Jackson, Walker, & Isabel Brooke
 The Children of SPC
 Rev. Dr. John & Judy Dalles
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 Joseph & Tricia Figliulo
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 Dorothy N. Hunter Hook Malone

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 Jayne Adair & Basil Cox
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David O. Mills
 Jesse Naus
 Our amazing Pastors
 Our amazing Staff
 Our Children - Henry, Sam, and Molly
 Our Parents
 Della R. Pennywell
 Susie Pettler
 Lynn & Doug Portz
 Rev. Lynn M. Portz
 The Shadyside Choir & Organists
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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.

Choral Prelude Texts

Angelus

Aaron David Miller

(Latin text:) Angelus ad pastores ait, “Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: quia natus est vobis hodie Salvator mundi.” Alleluia. Amen. (Translation:) The angel said to the shepherds, “Behold I bring you tidings of great joy: unto you is born this day the world’s Redeemer.” Alleluia. Amen.

Text: Luke 2:10-11, alt.

Still, Still, Still

Traditional Austrian carol, arr. Norman Luboff

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed; the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, ’tis the eve of our Savior’s birth. The night is peaceful all around you; close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, ’tis the eve of our Savior’s birth. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number, watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

Text: Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergman

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, Eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God’s ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin; our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Text: Henry Ramsden Bramley

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine! Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the Wise Men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our Friend. He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before Him lowly bend! Behold your King, before Him lowly bend! Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!

Text: Placide Cappeau, 1847. Translation: John S. Dwight.

News and Notes

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!

Current COVID-19 Status – Services of worship at Shadyside Presbyterian Church continue to be held on-site and online. All individuals are asked to wear masks while in the building. Most church-related activities will continue to occur online, and the church office is open during weekday business hours. The COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor data and to prayerfully discern our path forward.

Masking Protocol – The Shadyside Presbyterian Church COVID-19 Task Force, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, highly recommends wearing face coverings while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Out of care and concern for our congregation and community, the task force requests that we follow this guidance while inside the church building, including throughout the service of worship. Please be aware that our worship leaders in the Chancel may be unmasked at times in order to carry out their worship responsibilities. Thank you for your patience and for prioritizing the well-being of others.

If you use offering envelopes, they will be available in the Sharp Atrium tonight and Sunday, December 26. Please help the church to economize on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

Children’s Chapel – The Children’s Ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites families to gather with us – online or on-site – for our weekly chapel time on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Children enjoy singing songs, hearing a story from the Bible, and praying with us. If friends cannot join us in person, our live webcast is available on the church’s YouTube channel. Previous videos may be viewed at any time throughout the week. We’re looking forward to celebrating Jesus with you again on Sunday, January 9! (Due to the holidays, there will be no chapel on Sundays, December 26 and January 2.)

Christian Education Classes will not be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 26, 2021, and Sunday, January 2, 2022. Education classes for children and youth will resume on Sunday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Midweek Vespers will not be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, and Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Vespers resume on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online.

Pledges and Year-End Giving – As we come to the close of the year, please consider whether you have fully contributed your pledge amount for this current year. For those of you who are in a position to make additional year-end charitable contributions, please remember the church in your giving. All gifts and contributions intended for calendar year 2021 need to be received by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, in order to be included in this year. Looking ahead, if you have not made your pledge for 2022, please do so by returning your form to the church, or pledge online by visiting www.shadysidepres.org/pledge. We greatly appreciate the many pledge forms that have already been received.

Promised Land Ministries Student Sponsorships – This holiday season, please consider giving the gift of education to a student in need. In partnership with the Promised Land Ministries (PLM) student sponsorship program, Shadyside Presbyterian Church members help more than thirty children attend PLM's school in Guatemala. We hope you might consider sponsoring one of the remaining students. A sponsorship of \$360 covers school uniforms, materials, and annual tuition. To learn more, or to sponsor one of the students, please contact Kaysie Strickland at kstrickland@shadysidepres.org.

New Study for "Women at the Well" in January – 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, the group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom videoconferencing, but please check the calendar for exceptions. Our next virtual gathering occurs Thursday, January 13, when we begin our new study led by Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ: Investigating the Evidence for Jesus*. For more information or meeting access instructions, please contact Deacon Connie Coffelt through the church office.

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Mission and Urban Ministry invites you to an all-church service day in partnership with East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). We will gather at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, to prepare the evening meal for the EECM shelter. That evening, at 5:30 p.m., we will meet at the EECM Community House in East Liberty (6140 Station Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206) to serve dinner to shelter guests. To participate, please sign up online in January or contact the church office. For further information, please contact the Reverend Kendra Buckwalter Smith or Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office.

Bedding and Pillow Collection – On Sunday, January 30, Shadyside Presbyterian Church will hold its annual bedding and pillow collection for Off the Floor Pittsburgh, one of our local mission partners. Most-needed items include gender-neutral bedding and complete bedding sets for mattress sizes twin/single, full/double, and queen. All pillows must be new by state law. Towels, washcloths, and blankets of all sizes (especially queen) also are welcome. Please label all donations with the appropriate size and bring them to the Off the Floor truck, which will be located outside the Parish Hall before and after worship on January 30. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. In addition, volunteers are always needed for deliveries and for warehouse cleaning and arranging. Consider joining a group working in Off the Floor's warehouse any day in January. For information, please contact Elder Laura Duncan through the church office.

Nursery School Registering Students for 2022-2023 – The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School (SPCNS) offers developmentally appropriate classes on weekday mornings (September through May) for two-, three-, four-, and pre-kindergarten five-year-olds. Currently, SPCNS is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Returning students and SPC members receive enrollment preference. Please call Director Mary Lang at 412-681-6311, or visit the school’s website: shadysideschool.org.

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.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s Meal Train Ministry provides meals for individuals or families in need. As needs arise, such as the celebration of a new baby or recuperation after surgery, Meal Train Ministry members are notified by email and invited to sign up through an online calendar if they are available to cook. Volunteers may either deliver the meal, or bring it frozen to the church for someone else to deliver. We are always looking for more cooks, and you are welcome to participate as your schedule allows. If you do not cook, or if you would prefer to provide a “contact-free” meal during COVID-19, another great way to participate would be to utilize delivery from Grubhub, DoorDash, a local restaurant, or a grocery store. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Jan Collins by email: spchelpers@gmail.com.

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.

Live Webcast – Watch a live video stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please share the link www.shadysidepres.org/live with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

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 archival recordings of worship.

Disaster Response

On the evening of December 10 through the early hours of December 11, several tornadoes devastated six southern and midwestern states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life. Shadyside Presbyterian Church's Mission and Urban Ministry is responding to the emergency by supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) with \$5,000. If you would like to make an additional contribution, please do so before December 29 by one of the following options:

- Place your check (payable to Shadyside Presbyterian Church, with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line) or cash donation in an envelope designated for PDA and place it in the offering plate. Designated envelopes are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium.
- Visit our online giving portal at www.shadysidepres.org/give, click the "Give Now" button, and choose "Disaster Relief Fund" in the drop-down menu.
- Mail your check directly to the church office marked to the attention of the Finance Office.

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MUSIC IN A GREAT SPACE

..... *The Concert Series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

2021-2022 Concert Season

Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Marco Panuccio, tenor, and Ellen Fast, piano

Virtual only; access concert from www.youtube.com/c/ShadysidePresbyterianChurch.

Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Nicole Keller, organist

Co-sponsored by the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh

Tickets available from www.organseries.com or at the door.

Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

The Crossing

Donald Nally, conductor

Tickets available from the Shadyside Presbyterian Church office; cost: \$15 each.

Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Eric Rieger, tenor, and J.J. Penna, piano

No tickets required for admission; donations appreciated.

For more information, please call 412.682.4300, or visit www.shadysidepres.org. Receive e-mail announcements from Shadyside's Music Ministry by emailing info@shadysidepres.org with "Subscribe Music List" in the subject line.

The Music in a Great Space concert series is made possible by a grant from the William E. Saul Fund of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, an endowment created by Mr. Saul in memory of his mother, Lydia Schulze Saul.

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The Pittsburgh Camerata

..... *Concerts at Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

February 1-20, 2022 (Virtual Only)

We Remember: People, Places, Experiences

Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Tango and Two, with the Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

In the Mood for Summer

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Mozart: Celebrate and Rejoice

Individual tickets available from www.pittsburghcamerata.org or at the door. Subscriptions also available.

Church Calendar

..... December 24 - January 2

TODAY <i>December 24</i>	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary and Online – Extended Prelude for Choir and Harp begins at 7:40 p.m.
SUNDAY <i>December 26</i>	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary and Online – First Sunday of Christmas Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith, preaching
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall
MONDAY		Building and Office Closed
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
	12:30 p.m.	Office Closes
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
WEDNESDAY	12:30 p.m.	Office Closes
THURSDAY	12:30 p.m.	Office Closes
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
FRIDAY	12:30 p.m.	Office Closes
SUNDAY <i>January 2</i>	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary and Online Second Sunday of Christmas – Rev. Austin Crenshaw Shelley, preaching
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Parish Hall

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... December 24 - 31

Friday, December 24 Psalms 102; 148 Isaiah 60:1-6 Galatians 3:23-4:7 Matthew 1:18-25	Sunday, December 26 Psalms 116; 150 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28 Colossians 1:9-20 Luke 2:22-40	Tuesday, December 28 Psalms 2; 146 Isaiah 49:13-23 Isaiah 54:1-13 Matthew 18:1-14	Thursday, December 30 Psalms 93; 147:12-20 1 Kings 17:17-24 3 John 1-15 John 4:46-54
Saturday, December 25 Psalms 2; 149 Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4 1 John 4:7-16 John 3:31-36	Monday, December 27 Psalms 34; 145 Proverbs 8:22-30 1 John 5:1-12 John 13:20-35	Wednesday, December 29 Psalms 96; 147:1-11 2 Samuel 23:13-17b 2 John 1-13 John 2:1-11	Friday, December 31 Psalms 98; 148 1 Kings 3:5-14 James 4:13-17; 5:7-11 John 5:1-15

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