

# The Pittsburgh Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA)

— 2:00 P.M. WORSHIP · JUNE 11, 2022 —  
SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Ordination of Rebecca L. Young

# Welcome to Shadyside Presbyterian Church

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

**As God calls us to care for one another and our community,** we require masks to be worn upon entering the building. Regardless of vaccination status, please wear a face covering 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 most vulnerable. 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 are a guest with us this afternoon,** our ushers are available to assist you.

**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](http://www.shadysidepres.org/check-in). Prayer requests also may be submitted via this form.

**Concerning Communion** - We delight to share this holy meal, united with those worshipping from home and those worshipping in the Sanctuary. Please read the information on page 11 to learn about your options for partaking in this afternoon's celebration of the Sacrament.

**Worship activity bags for children** are available in the Narthex. A cry room is available in the Parlor.

**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.

**A video feed of worship** is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary.

**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.

**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.

**A reception** in the Parish Hall immediately follows today's service of ordination. Please join us after the service for light refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to extend your best wishes to Rebecca as she begins her ordained ministry.

*! 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.*

## PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Johann Sebastian Bach

## WELCOME

The Reverend Austin Crenshaw Shelley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

**People:** **Let us exalt the name of the LORD together.**

**Pastor:** Come, let us sing to the LORD;

**People:** **Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

2 Corinthians 13:13; Psalm 34:3; Psalm 95:1

## ▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 442

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Drew Wilson

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

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

**Mighty and merciful God, You have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As You have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us Your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

## 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

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## ▲ 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

Lauren Davis

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

pages 555-556 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12-13, selected verses

The Reverend Dr. Christine Chakoian  
pages 174-175 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Christine Chakoian

### ▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Linstead*

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

The Reverend Dr. Christine Chakoian

**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.**

## OFFERING

The Reverend Austin Crenshaw Shelley

*It is customary at special events of Pittsburgh Presbytery to receive an offering for the John Oldman Jr. Fund, which provides scholarships for inquirers and candidates of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Psalm 23

André Marques

## THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

### LITANY OF GIFTS

The Reverend Philip A. Beck

There are varieties of gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,

**But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

To each is given a gift of the Spirit

**To be used for the common good.**

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for a particular work as ministers of the Word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

**Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life to set others free.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

Elder Fallaw B. Sowell

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

The Reverend Philip A. Beck

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? *I do.*

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? *I do.*

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? *I do and I will.*

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? *I will.*

Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? *I will.*

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? *I will.*

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? *I do.*

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? *I will.*

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? *I will.*

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

The Reverend Charissa Clark Howe

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

The Reverend Charissa Clark Howe

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Elder Ralph B. Lowe Jr.

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Elder Ralph B. Lowe Jr.

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### ▲ HYMN OF PREPARATION 515

Now to Your Table Spread

*Love Unknown*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Reverend Rebecca L. Young

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues.*

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**SANCTUS** (*sung in unison*)

Mark A. Anderson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The pastor continues.*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor continues.*

... Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*At the direction of the usher, you are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you prefer to remain seated, you are invited to commune in your pew using the pre-packaged elements available in the Narthex or elements you have brought from home. Please see page 11 for further details.*

## PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## ▲ SENDING HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

## ▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Reverend Rebecca L. Young

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

***Soli Deo gloria!***

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today! Immediately following the service, you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for a reception. Please continue your social distancing once outside the Sanctuary.*

## This Afternoon in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this afternoon** are given in loving memory of Patrick D. Dick from Douglas, Alexander, Cameron, and Gavin.

**Ushers and Servers:** Elder Carla M. Gedman, Elder Robert B. Luthultz, Deacon Sharon L. Luthultz, Elder Sharon A. Taylor, Elder Susan F. Thomson, and Deacon Carey T. Vinson.

## The Ordination Commission and Participants

Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry, Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

Philip A. Beck, *Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum*

Christine Chakoian, *Pastor, Westwood Presbyterian Church*

Lauren Davis, *Master of Divinity, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Charissa Clark Howe, *Director of Chaplaincy Services, Allegheny County Jail*

Ralph B. Lowe Jr., *Elder; Associate Minister for Justice Ministries, Pittsburgh Presbytery*

Austin Crenshaw Shelley, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

Fallaw B. Sowell, *Elder, Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

Drew Wilson, *Elder, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church*

## About the John Oldman Jr. Fund Offering

As part of each ordination and installation within Pittsburgh Presbytery, an offering is collected for the John Oldman Jr. Memorial Seminary Student Aid Fund. This fund has been created as a means to provide financial aid for students studying in an approved seminary to prepare for full-time church-related work in the Presbyterian Church (USA). As we celebrate the ordination of Rebecca Young today, remember those who will become the next generation of pastors to the denomination. Please give what you can to support seminary students as they respond to God's call on their lives. You may place your gift in the offering plate when the collection is received during this afternoon's service; or, alternatively, you may give online at [www.shadysidepres.org/give](http://www.shadysidepres.org/give) by selecting "Oldman Fund" from the drop-down fund menu.

## About the Cover

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a symbolic statement of the Church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross — the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian Church. The cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and His passion and resurrection. Because of its association with Presbyterian history, the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering of the ancient symbol.

In experimenting with the basic lines and shapes of the cross, the contour of a book began to emerge in the horizontal section, and the two center lines of the cross became the representation of an open book. This integration of the horizontal dimensions of the cross with the book motif highlights the emphasis which the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God's Word.

The slightly-flared shape of the Celtic cross also makes possible the transforming of the uppermost section into the shape of a descending dove. As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the dove is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting Scripture in the life of the Church. The dove also symbolizes Christ's baptism by John and the peace and wholeness which His death and resurrection bring to a broken world.

Beneath the image of the book is the suggestion of a lectern or pulpit, which captures the important role of preaching in the history of Presbyterian worship.

Integrated into the lower part of the design are flames which form an implied triangle, a traditional symbol of the Trinity. The flames themselves convey a double meaning: a symbol of revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and a suggestion of the beginning of the Christian Church when Christ manifested Himself to His apostles at Pentecost and charged them to be messengers of the good news of God's love.

The triangle also suggests the nature of Presbyterian government, with its concern for balance and order, dividing authority between ministers of the Word and laypersons, and between different governing bodies. This understanding of the Church was based in part on an important idea in Reformed theology: the covenant, which God establishes with people to affirm God's enduring love and to call us to faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Looking more closely at some of the visual components of the design, viewers may discover elements that seem to fuse with some of the more obvious theological symbols. In the shape of the descending dove, for example, one might also discern in the body of the bird, the form of a fish, an early-Christian sign for Christ, recalling His ministry to those who hunger. For some, the overall design evokes the calligraphy of Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Others have seen a baptismal font or a Communion chalice (cup).

In 1 Corinthians, Paul described the Church as a body with many members, illustrating the pluralism of the Church and the many gifts which God gives to its members. So also the seal's individual parts, when taken together, form an encompassing visual and symbolic unity, while not exhausting the richness of possible interpretations.

Text taken from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website: [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

## About Communion

**If you are worshiping in the Sanctuary this afternoon**, several options will be offered for Communion.

- Ushers will invite you to come forward by way of the center aisle. Please continue to wear your mask over your nose and mouth while moving throughout the Sanctuary. At the Chancel steps, you will receive a piece of bread from the pastor and a cup from one of the Communion servers. Please return to your seat using the side aisles and wait to partake of the elements until all congregants have returned to their seats so that we all may commune together.
- If you prefer to remain in your pew to commune, you may do so using elements you have brought from home, or you may use the pre-packaged elements available in the Narthex.
- Gluten-free, vegan Communion wafers also are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them.
- We invite all who place their trust in Jesus Christ to partake in the elements and celebrate Communion; however, if for any reason you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still welcome to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor. As you approach the Chancel, please cross your arms over your heart to indicate your choice to the pastor.

**If you are joining us remotely this afternoon**, 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. Additionally, we 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.

Regardless of the way each of us will choose to receive the bread and cup this afternoon, we remain in full communion with one another and with all the saints through our one Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Church Staff

Austin Crenshaw Shelley, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*  
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