



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2018  
9 AM Worship

## Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*Nicaea*

Youth Orchestra

(The tune may be found at Hymn 1 in *Glory to God*.)

**\* Call to Worship**

**Psalm 103**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Many: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.**

One: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**\* Gathering Songs**

**\* Song**

**How Great Is Our God**

*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves  
and Ed Cash*

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.**

**How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God!**

**Age to age He stands, and time is in his hands;  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, and Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

**How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God!**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, "How great is our God!" (Repeat)**

**How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God!**

**\* Song 2 (see pg. 4)**

**Light the Fire**

*Bill Maxwell*

**\* Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, your love for us is unbreakable and unshakable. But we confess that our devotion to you is often as fickle as the spring weather. We proclaim the good news that Christ is risen, but then we go about our lives as if he were still in the tomb. Forgive our unbelief. Fill our hearts with the hope of Easter, that we might serve you with joy and gratitude and freedom. In the name of your risen Son we pray.

**\* Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*At the end of each pew is a Friendship Pad. Please indicate your presence by signing it and passing it along the row. Members, make a point to greet visitors sitting near you.*

**Minute for Mission**

**Center for Justice and Peacebuilding**

Lindsay Martin

**Prayer for Illumination**

Jeb Stevenson

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 9:14-29**

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**I Believe; Help My Unbelief!**

Rev. Kevin J. Long

## Offering

## Offertory

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

Youth Orchestra

(The tune may be found at Hymn 263 in *Glory to God*.)

## \* Doxology (Hymn 609)

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken  
and Ralph Vaughan Williams

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow. Praise him all crea - tures here be -  
 low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the  
 Son; praise Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("and forgive us our debts...")

## \* Charge (responsive)

The cross...**We shall take it.**  
 The bread...**We shall break it.**  
 The pain...**We shall bear it.**  
 The joy...**We shall share it.**  
 The gospel...**We shall live it.**  
 The love...**We shall give it.**  
 The light...**We shall cherish it.**  
 The darkness...**God shall perish it. Amen.**

\* Closing Song  
(Hymn #627)

## I Love You, Lord

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;  
 O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
 May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## \* Benediction

## Postlude

\* Those who are comfortably able may stand.

*The flowers today are given in thankfulness to the  
Flower Committee members for their dedication to this ministry.*

**Thank you:**

**Ushers:** The Doeblers family. **Sound Personnel:** Dave Breit. **Childcare Workers:** Morna Murray, Jamie Petro, Chelsea Safran, and Colleen Sipes. **Youth Orchestra:** Zea Juarez-Safran, Kathryn Kromah, Ryan Mikush, Owen Prem, Bobby Serafin and Jack Szuba.

## Light the Fire

Bill Maxwell

**Verse:**

I stand \_\_\_\_\_ to praise You, but I fall \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ my knees; \_\_\_\_\_ my  
5 spi - rit is wil - ling, but my flesh, \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ weak! Light the fire

**Refrain:**

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ my soul. Fan the flame, \_\_\_\_\_ make me whole. Lord, you know  
13 \_\_\_\_\_ just where I've been, so light the fire \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart \_\_\_\_\_ a - gain. 2

**Verse:**

I feel \_\_\_\_\_ Your arms a - round me as the power of \_\_\_\_\_ Your hea - ling be - gins. \_\_\_\_\_ You  
24 breathe new life right through me like a migh - thy rush - ing wind! Light the fire

**Refrain:**

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ my soul. Fan the flame, \_\_\_\_\_ make me whole. Lord, you know  
32 \_\_\_\_\_ just where I've been, \_\_\_\_\_ so light the fire \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart \_\_\_\_\_ a - gain.

# Sunday School 10 a.m.



Children's Studios | Mezzanine

Pre-K - Kindergarten.....Studio A

Grades 1 - 3 .....Studio B

Grade 4 - 5 .....Studio C

Nursery

Ages Birth - 3 .....2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



Grades 6 - 12 | Faith House

Middle School.....Grades 6 - 8

Middle School Room

High School.....Grades 10-12

High School Lounge

Confirmation.....Grade 9

Faith House room 2C



April 15 | Ansby Hall

Guest Speaker: Kajungu Mturi

Kajungu Mturi, of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP), will be with us to discuss restorative justice. Restorative justice focuses on repairing the harm of crime and engaging individuals and community members in the process.

**Next Week:** We will begin a video series entitled *The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. Visit our website for more information.

## Weekly Groups

SUNDAY

**Sewickley Student Ministries Night**  
6 - 7:30 PM | Tull Family Theater

Middle School Youth Group is cancelled for this Sunday. Students are invited to attend this student ministries event.

TUESDAY

**Koinonia | 9:15 - 11 AM**  
Chapel & Willets Room

This women's group meets weekly for communion and study. The current study is NT Wright's *Acts for Everyone*. Rev. Sarah Bird leads this study each week.

**Men's Huddle | 6:30 PM | Faith House**

We welcome all men of the church and our community, regardless of denomination, to join us each Tuesday night to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian men.

Spring study: *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available from Rich Weber (rdweber@pennenergyresources.com).

WEDNESDAY

**Bible Basics | 11 AM**  
Willets Room

Adults are invited to join other SPC members as they are currently working their way through the book of Matthew. Rev. Kevin Long leads this discussion and study group each week.

**CLUB 345 | 3:45 - 5 PM**  
Faith House

Kids in grades 3, 4 & 5 are invited to join in this after-school program which focuses on discipleship, ministry, and fellowship led by Brian Mack.

THURSDAY

**Knitting for Mission | 1 PM**  
Faith House Room 2A

This weekly group works on projects that support local and international missions. We have given scarves to women's shelters, hats to the Center for Hope, baby blankets to Genesis House, and more. We've worked on our own projects, too. All knitters are welcome, from beginners to experts.

FRIDAY

**Journeymen | 8:15 AM**  
Chapel & Willets Room

This men's group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month for communion and study. The current study is *Acts, the Holy Spirit Transforms Lives* by Q Place.

**Visit our website for further details:**  
[www.sewickleypresby.org](http://www.sewickleypresby.org)

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# Today

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## WELCOME MARIANNE CORNETTI

Today | 11 AM Worship Service

Former mezzo-soprano soloist/section leader, Marianne Cornetti, will participate in the 11 AM service today. Ms. Cornetti served this congregation from 1990 to 1994. During that time, she made her debuts at the Metropolitan Opera and the Washington Opera. Since then, her career has taken her to the major opera houses in Western Europe, Asia, South America and North America.

## SEWICKLEY STUDENT MINISTRIES NIGHT

Today | 6 - 7:30 PM

Tull Family Theater

Tonight, all students from grades 6-12 are invited to join us at the Tull Family Theater for a combined youth event with all of the other youth groups from the Sewickley area. Come out for some great fun, laughter, worship and games!

# Coming Up

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 20 | 6 - 8 PM

Faith House High School Lounge



The Children's Ministry is sponsoring this Family Game Night. Families are invited to have fun and play games together! Join us for this great evening of fellowship mixed with a bit of competition! Dinner and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP online.

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

April 21 | Northmont United Presbyterian Church

Women of the church are invited to attend this spring gathering. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM and the program begins at 9 AM.

## NEW WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

April 22, 29, May 6 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Faith House High School Lounge

Please join us for three Sundays as we discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. This is a relaxed, casual opportunity for women to gather and explore how we support one another during difficult times. This will be led by Sandy Cooper, Rita Hoepf, Deborah Murdoch and Caroline Johns. Books are available for sale in the church office for \$18. Questions may be directed to Sandy Cooper at [msmb.coop@verizon.net](mailto:msmb.coop@verizon.net).

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, April 28 | 5 PM



Adults (18 years & older) are invited to travel around the Sewickley area for a night of food and fellowship and fun!

We will start with hors d'oeuvres at 5 PM at Mary and Rich Weber's home, then proceed to dinner at 6:30 PM and end with dessert at 8 PM at the Faith House. Please RSVP online by April 20.

## WORD SUNG

April 29 | 11 AM

The Chancel Choir will be joined by Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra members and organist C. William Goff. They will perform Handel's Easter/Ascension portion of *Messiah* and "Hallelujah".

## SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO EAST LIBERTY

July 8 - 11 | Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Cost: \$100 per student | \$200 per adult

This summer we are excited about an opportunity to serve alongside two of our partners in ministry by working with Open Hands Ministries and Garfield Farms on the East End of Pittsburgh. We'll help rebuild homes and learn more about urban gardening during the day and then come together for worship and discussion (and FUN!) in the evening. This trip is open to folks of all ages (8 years old and up), so have the whole family join us for this special experience! For more information, reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird ([sbird@sewickleypresby.org](mailto:sbird@sewickleypresby.org))



# SPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, 15 April 2018

8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH  
 9:00 AM Worship Service, SANC  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Service, SANC  
 12:30 PM Beaver Valley Choral Society Practice, SANC  
 3:00 PM BV Choral Society Performance, SANC  
 6:00 PM Sewickley Student Ministries Night at the Tull Theater

## Monday, 16 April 2018

5:30 PM Samaritan Center Board Meeting, FH-2A  
 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting, FH-2A  
 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, CA  
 7:15 PM AA Beginners Meeting, AH  
 8:30 PM AA Meeting, DR

## Tuesday, 17 April 2018

9:15 AM Koinonia Bible Study, WI  
 6:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Huddle, FH-HL  
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts, DR  
 7:00 PM Session Meeting, AH

## Wednesday, 18 April 2018

6:30 AM High School Breakfast at Brueggers  
 9:15 AM Staff Meeting, WI  
 11:00 AM Bible Basics, WI  
 3:45 PM Club 345, FH-HL  
 7:00 PM Arise Shine Rehearsal, SANC  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, DR  
 7:00 PM Standish Small Group, FH-HL  
 7:30 PM AA, Library

## Thursday, 19 April 2018

8:00 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting, CA  
 1:00 PM Knitting for Mission, FH-2C  
 6:30 PM Presbytery West Branch Meeting  
 @ Westminster Presbyterian Church  
 6:45 PM Westminster Ringers Rehearsal, SANC  
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous, DR  
 7:15 PM AA Meeting, WI  
 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Meeting, AH  
 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR  
 8:00 PM Young Life Campaigners Meeting, FH-HL

## Friday, 20 April 2018

8:15 AM Journeyman Bible Study, CH  
 6:00 PM Family Game Night, FH-HL

## Saturday, 21 April 2018

10:00 AM AA Meeting, AH  
 10:00 AM AI-Anon, LIB  
 10:00 AM Czech Trip Group Meeting, FH-HL

## Sunday, 22 April 2018

**Rev. Sarah R. Bird will preach.**  
 8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH  
 9:00 AM Worship Service, SANC  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Service, SANC  
 12:15 PM Calvin Handbell Rehearsal, HR  
 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, FH-HL

## ROOM CODES

### Main Church Building

AH	Ansby Hall	LIB	Library
CA	Campbell Room	RR	Robinson Room
CH	Chapel	SANC	Sanctuary
CR	Choir Room	SR	Session Room
DR	Dining Room	WI	Willets Room
HR	Handbell Room		

### Faith House: FH

HL	High School Lounge	2A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Room A
TR	Trevor's Room	2B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Room B
MR	Middle School Room	2C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Room C
KI	Kitchen	OF	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
SP	Sun Porch	WR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Workroom

## PRAYER CORNER

Please be praying for the following individuals & their families:

**Prayers for Comfort** | Sue and Dave Otto and their family on the death of their son, Danny Otto. (Sue is the director of the Center for Hope.)

**Prayers for Healing** | Jim Darby, Dorothy Dean, Susan Dobbins, Rod Gartner, Bill Gassman, Betty Gilliland (mother of Suzie Gilliland), Suzie Gilliland, David Henderson, Anne Kelley, Helen Mitchell, Mary Murphy, Karen Safran, Joanna Sarsfield, Jesse Sechler (grandson of Elaine Sechler), Renee Shutak (sister of Debbie Cain), Nancy Lewis Siler (aunt of Beth Whiteman), Betsy Stein, Karen Steup, Mary Swan (mother of David Swan), Pat Szuba (mother of Mike and Tom Szuba), Sally Thompson, Skooter Van Kirk (son of Jane Van Kirk), Amanda Walters (mother of Aileen Happe), Kay Wiegand and Roger Wiegand.

**Prayers for Mission Partners** | Community Youth Worker, Floyd Faulkner.

# Sewickley Presbyterian Church

We aspire to be a church where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed and faithfully lived in grateful response to God's love;  
LIVING as a church family,  
GROWING as disciples of Jesus, &  
SERVING together in God's mission in this world.

## Sunday Worship Times

8 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM  
10 AM Sunday School

**Rev. Kevin J. Long**, Pastor  
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Visit our website for a complete list of SPC staff members.

## Welcome

Join us for coffee in the Robinson Room, before and after worship.

## Childcare

Children are always welcome to attend worship with their families. However, if you would like to take advantage of our nursery you are invited to do so. Our nursery is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Parents are also welcome to care for infant children in the Robing Room, which is located down the stairs near the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.

## Large Print Bibles & Hearing Devices

If you would like a large print Bible and/or a hearing device, please contact an Usher.

## Prayer Requests

Please write any prayer requests on the pew prayer cards and place them in the offering plates. The pastors read and pray for these requests. Any requests marked "public" will be shared with weekly prayer groups.

## Handicap Accessibility

- A wheelchair lift is available for your convenience. Follow the sidewalk that curves around to the back of the building from Grant St. for easiest access.
- A ramp is accessible from the Grant Street driveway near the Sanctuary.
- An elevator is available on the Main level. Please access it by using the wheelchair lift or the ramp.
- A secondary lift is available to reach the Mezzanine level. Take the elevator to the basement. The lift is to the left of the elevator.

## Photography

We request that photography not be taken during worship.

## Worship Service Streaming at 9 & 11 AM

If you are unable to attend worship, visit our website on Sunday morning to listen to the service via your computer, tablet or smartphone.

## Sermon on CD

The 11 AM sermon is available on CD by request from the church office. You may also find a recording online at [www.sewickleypresby.org](http://www.sewickleypresby.org).

## Service Recording, Print & Social Media

Our Sunday morning services are live-streamed to the internet and recorded for future playback. Also, we regularly use print and social media to communicate. By entering our building and participating in our services or events, you are consenting to your voice, image, and likeness being used by SPC at our discretion. Please visit our website to view our Print & Social Media Policy.