
Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You!

May 13, 2018
11 AM Worship

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.



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Times

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

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Visit our website for a complete list
of SPC staff members.

LIVING GROWING SERVING

Together

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 2nd 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.

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.

Order of Worship

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak
(English tune)

Children's Choir

Jeremy Fisher, director

(The text and tune may be found at Hymn 20 in **Glory to God.**)

Introit

Peoples, Clap Your Hands!

Genevan Psalter (1551)

Chancel Choir

harm. Claude Goudimel (1564)

(The text and tune may be found at Hymn 261 in **Glory to God.**)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 30:4-5,11-12

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Many: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: You have turned my mourning into dancing.

One: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

Many: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

* Hymn 805

Come Sing to God

Ellacombe

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

What shall I render to you, my Creator, for all your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all that I have and all that I am. But I cannot shake off the fear which tempts me to hoard my life. So I ask only for your mercy. Fill me with such pure and heavenly love that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of your love.

- Clement of Rome, AD 96

* 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.

* Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

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.

Children's Conversation

Children grades 3 and under are invited to take part in our Young Children and Worship program in Studio B on the mezzanine level.

Anthem**Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee**

Chancel Choir

Morning Song
(Early American hymn tune)
arr. Alice Parker

Father, I stretch my hands to Thee, no other help I know.
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me, ah, whither shall I go?

What did thy only Son endure before I drew my breath!
What pain, what labor to secure my soul from endless death.

Author of faith, to Thee I lift my weary, longing eyes.
O let me now receive that gift my soul without it dies. - Charles Wesley

Prayer for Illumination

Jan Wendt

Scripture Reading**1 Samuel 1:1-20**

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon**A Mother's Faith**

Rev. Kevin J. Long

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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.

* **Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Offering

Offertory

Aria from *Requiem*, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré

Anna Singer, soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest.

* **Doxology** (Hymn 609)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Enfreuer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;

Praise Holy Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Choral Response

Day by Day

Arthur Henry Biggs

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

- attr. Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)

* **Hymn 236**

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

arr. Hatton

* *Those who are comfortably able may stand.*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Shirley Dewis Gordon by Robert Gordon.

Appreciation is expressed to organist C. William Goff and choral director Raymond Blackwell for their leadership in this morning's service.

Thank you: Ushers: Dan Kralik, Georgiann Kralik, David Mitchell and Becky Senior. **Sound Personnel:** Dave Breit. **Childcare Workers:** Morna Murray, Jamie Petro, Chelsea Safran, and Colleen Sipes.

Sunday School 10 a.m.



Children's Studios | Mezzanine

Pre-K - Kindergarten.....Studio A
Grades 1 - 3Studio B
Grade 4 - 5Studio C

Nursery

Ages Birth - 32nd 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

Until May 13 | Dining Room

"The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" video series

Filmed on location in Germany, Eric Metaxas will take us through a journey with Bonhoeffer and why he has inspired so many people's faith. Pulling themes from all of his major books, we will begin to understand why these spiritual truths meant so much to Bonhoeffer and how they can be an inspiration and challenge to us today. Please join us as we watch and discuss this fascinating new series!

Weekly Groups

SUNDAY

Middle School Youth Group
4 - 5:30 PM

Faith House High School Lounge

Middle schoolers (grades 6-8) are invited to the Faith House this evening. There will be food, games and laughter for all! Come and hang out and have some fun!

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 as we study the book of Acts. Spring/Summer study: *Blue Letter Bible* written by David Guzik. Books are available from www.blueletterbible.org. 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 1st and 3rd 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

Find us



Today



BLANKET SUNDAY

Today

Help to support families in need. Visit the Robinson Room and donate \$10 to purchase a blanket to keep people warm in the winter months. Visit our website for complete details.

Coming Up

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 19 | 9 AM

The warm weather is finally here and we need your help! All are welcome to help clean-up the church property this Saturday. We'll be doing some yard work and some minor repairs around the property. Please contact Mark Gensheimer if you have any questions: mgensheimer@CSMCKEE.COM

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO EAST LIBERTY

July 8 - 11 | Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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

Family discount: For every parent that signs-up, one child goes for free.

This summer we are excited about an opportunity to serve alongside with Open Hands Ministries and Garfield Farms on the East End of Pittsburgh. 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)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 20: Last day of Sunday School

May 27: Summer Worship begins: 8 & 10 AM
Worship Services

May 28: Kennywood Day

May 28: Memorial Day Parade

June 3: Confirmation Sunday, Church Picnic

We're Hiring! | FriendShip Preschool Teachers

We are hiring two preschool teachers. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Jenny Hay, our Director of FriendShip Preschool: jhay@sewickleypresby.org.

FIRST DAY ON THE LAWN DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, May 19 | 9 AM - 12 PM

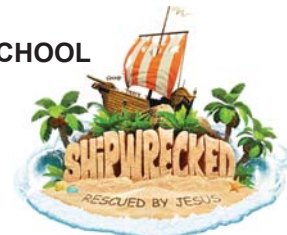
DAY ON THE LAWN

It's time to clean out your garages, closets, and basements! Donate your unwanted items to Day on the Lawn.

Help is needed for Drop-Off Days. Sign-up in the Robinson Room (or online) if you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time this summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11 - 15



Join us this summer for a fun-filled week as we play games, sing songs, do crafts, and learn important stories of our faith! The cost is \$25 per child with discounts for families and scholarships available. RSVP online or on the kiosk in the Robinson Room.

MAN UP PITTSBURGH

June 9 | 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Victory Family Church in Cranberry Twp.

Join Urban Impact, Coach Mike Tomlin, and men throughout the area for a dynamic day of worship, fellowship, coaching, and breakout sessions. Breakfast and lunch included. Visit www.ManUpPittsburgh.org for more information.

Registration fee: \$49



SPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, 13 May 2018

Mother's Day

Blanket Sunday

- 8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH
- 9:00 AM Worship Service, SANC
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SANC
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, FH-HL

Monday, 14 May 2018

- 6:30 PM Bible Bash, RR
- 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, CA
- 7:15 PM AA Beginners Meeting, AH
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting, DR

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

- 9:15 AM Koinonia Bible Study, WI
- 4:00 PM Czech Republic Trip Meeting
- 6:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Huddle, FH-HL
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts, DR
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting, AH

Wednesday, 16 May 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, 17 May 2018

- 8:00 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting, CA
- 9:30 AM Library Walking Group Stained Glass Tour, SANC
- 1:00 PM Knitting for Mission, FH-2C
- 3:30 PM PlarnGroup Meeting, FH-2C
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous, DR
- 7:15 PM AA Meeting, WI
- 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Meeting, AH

Friday, 18 May 2018

- 8:15 AM Journeyman Bible Study, CH/WI
- 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop, DR

Saturday, 19 May 2018

- 9:00 AM Church Spring Clean-Up Day
- 9:00 AM Day on the Lawn Donation Drop-Off
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting, AH
- 10:00 AM AI-Anon, LIB
- 10:00 AM Youth/Adult Orchestra Rehearsal, SANC

Sunday, 20 May 2018

Pentecost

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 Confirmation Lunch with Session
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, FH-HL

ROOM CODES

Main Church Building

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|----|---------------|------|---------------|
| 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

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

PRAYER CORNER

Please be praying for the following individuals & their families:

Prayers for Comfort | For the family of Raymond Shepherd, Jr., who died recently.

Prayers for Healing | Jim Darby, Susan Dobbins, Rod Gartner, Bill Gassman, Betty Gilliland (mother of Suzie Gilliland), Suzie Gilliland, David Henderson, Anne Kelley, Mary Murphy, Karen Safran, Joanna Sarsfield, 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 | Center for Hope.