



SPC SUNDAY

News You
Can Trust

October 7, 2018 | 9 AM

Fall 2018

Welcome.
We're glad you're here!



Our Vision & Mission

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.

Fall Sermon Series

FAKE NEWS ABOUT GOD

this week: Cosmic Killjoy

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8 AM | Chapel
9 AM | Sanctuary
11 AM | Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM for all ages



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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

Exalt the Lord Our God

Jeff Hamlin

*** Call to Worship**

*** Gathering Songs**

*** Song 1** (see insert)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*** Song 2** (see insert)

Light the Fire

Bill Maxwell

*** Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of Wisdom, we have dwelled in foolish ways, turning away from You to follow the desires of the world. We have sought worldly gain over the needs of our brothers and sisters. We have given in to anger, hate and fear rather than compassion and mercy. We have jumped to conclusions rather than waiting patiently to learn. Help us to move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we do not do, for sometimes, the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. Forgive us and lead us back to you, in Jesus' name.

*** 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

WORK

Ian Rosenberger

Prayer for Illumination

James Long

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Fake News about God: Cosmic Killjoy

Rev. Sarah R. Bird

* Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Offering

During this offering, please consider giving to The Peace & Global Witness Offering by using the special envelope provided in the pews. 25% of the offering will be used by the congregation to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. 25% will be used for ministries of peace and reconciliation. 50% will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence.

Offertory

All Creatures of Our God and King / Break Thou the Bread of Life Medley

* Doxology

I'm a Believer

Neil Diamond

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, all ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Then I saw your face, now I'm a believer.
Now your grace is filling my mind.
I've been loved. Now I'm a believer,
I couldn't leave ya if I tried.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

To receive communion, please come forward to one of the four stations, tear a piece of bread from the loaf, dip it in the cup and partake of both elements together. Gluten free wafers are available as well.

Music during Communion

Cornerstone

*E. Mote, E. Liljero, J. Myrin
R. Morgan, and W.B. Bradbury*

Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love,
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

Prayer

* 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

To God Be the Glory

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(Hymn #634)

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

* Benediction

Postlude

* *Those who are comfortably able may stand.*

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Len and Helen Foster
by their children, John and Nancy.*

Thank you:

Communion Servers: Bud Thorne, Caryn Doege, Melissa Cook, and Will Stevenson. **Ushers:** The Doeblen family.
Sound Personnel: Dave Breit. **Childcare Workers:** Morna Murray, Jamie Petro, Chelsea Safran, and Colleen Sipes.

Sunday School

10 AM



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

Nursery

Ages Birth - 32nd Floor



Middle School.....Grades 6 - 8
Meet in the Faith House Lounge
High School.....Grades 10-12
Meet in the Faith House Lounge
Confirmation.....Grade 9
Meet in the Faith House Lounge



Ansby Hall

October 7 | Haiti Mission

Join us this morning for an update about our Haiti mission presented by WORK.

October 14 | Malawi Mission

Members from our mission partner, Chonde CCAP, will be here to share about our shared ministry in Malawi.

Dining Room

Connections Class

This class is geared towards younger members of our church family (20s, 30s and 40s). There is no prep work for this class. Come as you are! We'll take time to catch up, enjoy some caffeine, and then dive into a video or lesson designed to help us navigate the way Scripture informs our daily living.

Weekly Groups

Visit our website for complete details:

www.sewickleypresby.org

SUNDAY

High School Youth Group | 2:30 - 4 PM

Middle School Youth Group | 4 - 5:15 PM

Faith House HS Lounge

Women's Book Study | 7 - 8:30 PM

Faith House HS Lounge

Dates: Oct. 7 & 21; Nov. 4 & 18; Dec. 2 & 16

Join us for study, faith-building and fellowship.

Study: *When God Interrupts* by Craig Barnes

TUESDAY

Koinonia | 9:15 - 11 AM

Chapel & Willets Room

This women's group meets weekly for communion & study.

Study: *Acts for Everyone part 2* by NT Wright

Men's Huddle | 6:30 PM

Faith House

Each week we enjoy a simple meal together and then break into study groups.

Study: *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idelman

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 2C

Do you like to knit or would you like to learn how? This group meets weekly to work on projects that support local and international missions. New and experienced knitters are welcome!

FRIDAY

Journeyman | 8:15 AM

Faith House Room 2A

This men's group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month for communion and study.

Study: *Acts, the Holy Spirit Transforms Lives* by Q Place

3 Ways to Give

ONLINE

sewickleypresby.org/give

CHECK / CASH

Make checks payable to SPC

TEXT

Text: 73256 / Message: giveatpc

Coming Up



Coffee hour every Sunday

Join us after the 11 AM worship for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn. If the weather is inclement, we'll meet in the Robinson Room.

HAPPY FALL CLEAN-UP!

October 13



It's time to clean-up our property to get ready for winter! There is a lot to do inside our buildings and a lot to do outside on the grounds. All are welcome.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need is collecting these items from now until the end of October, at which time the products will be delivered to the Sewickley Community Center, the Center for Hope and the Ladle. Brown woven collection baskets marked "Neighbors in Need" are located at all church entrances.

REQUESTED ITEMS:

Shampoo - Conditioner - Toothpaste - Mouthwash - Dish Soap - Feminine Products - Bar Soap (women's & men's) - Disposable Razors - Hand Cream - Shaving Cream - Deodorant (women's & men's) - Detergent - Adult & Infant Diapers

MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Meeting God in Missions
January 19-26, 2019 (WEEK 3)
Cost \$1090.00

Register Online at gomgm.org/events/
Scholarships are available

Contact Rich Weber for more information:
rdweber@pennenergyresources.com

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

October 19 | 6:30 PM | Faith House

Your whole family is invited for a night of fun and fellowship! We'll have everything from a chili dinner to s'mores by our new fire pit that will be dedicated that night. There will also be a balloon artist and face painter.

In addition, we will be celebrating the opening our brand-new fire pit, so mark your calendars for this great night! All ages are invited to attend.

PRODUCE TO PEOPLE

October 20 | 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Three times a year, we take a team of people to Martin Luther Elementary School in Pittsburgh. We pack single and family sized servings of fruits, veggies, and groceries, then distribute them to those in need. Please sign-up on our website if you'd like to take part in this great mission!

FRANK STONER WEEKEND WELCOMES REV. DR. THOMAS LONG

October 20 | 6 PM | Dinner with Dr. Long

This year we welcome Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long as our Frank Stoner speaker on the weekend of October 20 & 21. You are invited to join us on October 20 for supper and dessert as we fellowship with Dr. Long and enjoy his lecture. There is a limit of 120 people who may attend, so sign-up soon! RSVP by October 16 on our website, the Robinson Room kiosk, or by calling the church office. The cost is \$20 per person. Please pay Sharon Barber in the church office.

COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

If you have a student in college, we'd love to stay in touch with them. Please email their campus address to Elizabeth Szuba at eszuba@sewickleypresby.org.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Do you have a submission for the newsletter? Please get it to Jennifer Johnson at jjohnson@sewickleypresby.org by October 9. Thank you!



SPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, 7 October 2018

- 8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH
- 9:00 AM Worship Communion Service, SANC
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Communion Service, SANC
- 12:15 PM Calvin Handbell Rehearsal, HR
- 2:30 PM High School Youth Group, FH-HL
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, FH-HL
- 7:00 PM Women's Book Study, FH-HL

Monday, 8 October 2018

- No FriendShip Preschool
- 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, CA
- 7:15 PM AA Beginners Meeting, AH
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting, DR

Tuesday, 9 October 2018

- 9:15 AM Koinonia Bible Study, CH/WI
- 6:30 PM Men's Huddle, FH-HL
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts, DR
- 7:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting, FH-2A

Wednesday, 10 October 2018

- 9:00 AM FriendShip Parent Meet & Greet, CA
- 9:15 AM Staff Meeting, WI
- 11:00 AM Bible Basics, WI
- 3:45 PM Club 345, FH-HL
- 4:00 PM History Committee Meeting, DR
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, DR
- 7:00 PM Discipleship Meeting, FH-2A
- 7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal, SANC
- 7:30 PM AA, LIB

Thursday, 11 October 2018

- 1:00 PM Knitting for Mission, FH-2C
- 6:45 PM Westminster Ringers, SANC
- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting, FH-2C
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous, DR
- 7:00 PM Young Life Campaigners Meeting, FH-HL
- 7:15 PM AA Meeting, WI
- 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Meeting, AH
- 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR

Friday, 12 October 2018

- 8:00 AM Samaritan Center Case Conference, FH-HL
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Retreat Dinner at the Dobbins'

Saturday, 13 October 2018

- 8:30 AM Handbell Retreat, HR
- 9:00 AM Fall Clean-Up Day
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting, AH
- 10:00 AM Al-Anon, LIB

Sunday, 14 October 2018

Rev. Kevin J. Long will be preaching.

- 8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH
- 9:00 AM Worship Service, SANC
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SANC
- 11:00 AM Lyons Baptisms, SANC
- 2:30 PM High School Youth Group, FH-HL
- 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 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 Matt Christ on the death of his brother, Nicholas Christ.

Prayers for Healing | Hal Bonnett, Don and Toni Brainerd, Jim Darby, June and Barry Dietrich (parents of Dwight Dietrich), Betty Gilliland (mother of Suzie Gilliland), Suzie Gilliland, Eddie Groll (grandson of Eva Grollová, Czech mission partner), Winni Hayward, David Henderson, Anne Kelley, Gaylord Larsen, Virginia Monaghan (mother of Carol Weir), Mary Murphy, Karen Safran, Joanna Sarsfield, Renee Shutak (sister of Debbie Cain), Nancy Lewis Siler (aunt of Beth Whiteman), Betsy Stein, 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 | Rev. Dr. Victor and Sara Makari, PC-USA missionary liaisons working for peace in the Middle East.