



# SPC SUNDAY

News You  
Can Trust

November 4, 2018 | 11 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:* Elephants, Donkeys,  
and the Lamb

### SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM for all ages



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

**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 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.

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

# Order of Worship

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

## Prelude

**Ar Hyd Y Nos**

*setting by Larry Shackley*

(The tune may be found at Hymns 36, 547, and 676 in **Glory to God.**)

## Introit

**By All Your Saints Still Striving**

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Chancel Choir

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed. You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.  
- Horatio Bolton Nelson

## \* Call to Worship

(inspired by Matthew 5:1-10)

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

**Many: They will rejoice in God's Kingdom forever.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

**Many: They will be comforted in God's Kingdom forever.**

One: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

**Many: They will find it in God's Kingdom forever.**

One: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

**Many: We will live in God's Kingdom forever.**

One: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**Many: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!**

## \* Hymn 36

**For the Fruit of All Creation**

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

## \* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

## \* 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.*

Minute for Mission

Christmas Food Baskets

Eric Fulmer

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

## Prayer for Illumination

Barbara Swan

## Scripture Reading

### Luke 6:20-38

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**Fake News about God: Elephants, Donkeys, and the Lamb**

Rev. Sarah R. Bird

## \* 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.**

Offering (See announcement pages for ways to give.)

## Offertory

**Souls of the Righteous**

*David N. Johnson*

Anna Singer, soprano

Souls of the righteous, in the hand of God, nor hurt, nor torment cometh them a-nigh. O holy Hope of immortality! Souls of the righteous, in the hand of God, to eyes of those unwise they seem to die, but they are at peace, but lo, they are at peace! O fairest liberty! Souls of the righteous, in the hand of God, on earth as children chastened by love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars, a golden galaxy.

- The Wisdom of Solomon: 3:1, 3b, 4, 5b, 7a, and 8a; trans. The Very Rev. Stubbs

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**Invitation**

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

**Choral Response**

**Nine-fold Kyrie Eleison**

*George Oldroyd*

Raymond Blackwell, baritone; Chancel Choir

(The text may be found at Hymn 575 in ***Glory to God.***)

**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**

"Chorale" from ***Mass***  
Chancel Choir

*Leonard Bernstein*

Almighty Father, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all those who have gathered here. Thine angel send us who shall defend us all. And fill with grace all who dwell in this place. Amen.

- Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Berstein

**Ar Hyd Y Nos**

*setting by Mark Albrecht*

(The tune may be found at Hymns 36, 547, and 676 in ***Glory to God.***)

**Prayer of Remembrance**

These dear friends have entered into the Church Triumphant since we last called this roll.

Donald (Don) Brainerd  
Betsy Donehoo  
Rodney (Rod) Gartner  
William (Bill) Gassman

Betty Mann  
Mary Louise (Mary Lou) Scholl  
Stephen (Steve) Simons  
William (Jeffrey) Simpson

Elizabeth (Betsy) Stein  
James (Jamie) Wardrop

\* **Hymn 326**

**For All the Saints**

*Sine Nomine*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Sine Nomine**

*setting by Hugo Gehrke*

(The tune may be found at Hymns 295 and 326 in ***Glory to God.***)

\* *Those who are comfortably able may stand.*

***The flowers today are given in loving memory of  
Debbie Darby from her Family.***

**Thank you:**

**Communion Servers:** Charlene Beck, Matt Cooper, Caryn Doege, Eric Fulmer, Jim MacDougall, Tina Thomas, and Liza Thornton, **Ushers:** Bob Bagans, Charles Jacobs, David Mitchell, and Oliver Rea. **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 - 3 .....Studio B  
Grade 4 - 5 .....Studio C

## Nursery

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



## November 4

### Connections Class

This class is geared towards 20, 30, and 40-somethings and is a time for us to connect, not only with God, but with one another. Stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and join us as we begin a new video series *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton.

### Ansby Hall

Come join us this month as we take a deeper look into words we say EVERY Sunday in worship – the Apostles' Creed.

### In the Word: John with Joan

#### Library

Bible study on the book of John. Joan Murdoch will lead this informal Bible study with the aid of *John for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. Books are available in class for \$10.

# Weekly Groups

Visit our website for complete details:

[www.sewickleypresby.org](http://www.sewickleypresby.org)

## SUNDAY

All Youth Campfire Rescheduled

Tonight | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Faith House

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

Faith House HS Lounge

Dates: 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://sewickleypresby.org/give)

## CHECK / CASH

Make checks payable to SPC

## TEXT

Text: 73256 / Message: [giveatpspc](http://giveatpspc)

# Coming Up

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## Coffee hour every Sunday

Join us after the 11 AM worship for refreshments and fellowship in the Robinson Room.

## SPAGHETTI LUNCH TODAY

12 PM | Dining Room

The middle school youth group is serving a spaghetti lunch today in the dining room. All proceeds from this spaghetti lunch fundraiser will go to the CFH Stocking Project to purchase and fill 100 stockings for children in need this Christmas. If you are unable to attend, donations are still appreciated.

## ALL YOUTH CAMPFIRE TONIGHT!

5:30 - 7:30 PM | Faith House



Join us around the new fire pit to roast hot dogs, make s'mores and share stories.

## DECORATING HELP NEEDED

We need one or two people to coordinate decorating the main floor of the church building (Robinson Room, Grant Street and Ansby entrances) for the holiday season. This would include decorating the large Christmas tree in the Robinson Room. Decorating would need to be finished by Saturday, December 1. Please let Jennifer Johnson know if you are interested: [jjohnson@sewickleypresby.org](mailto:jjohnson@sewickleypresby.org)/412.741.4550. Thank you!

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We miss our college youth and want to show our love by sending care packages during final exams. If you have a student in college, please send us their campus address. If you would like to support the ministry, we are collecting the following items until November 19:

- \$5 Starbucks gift card
- Power Bars/ Granola bars
- Gum/Hard candy
- Highlighters/sticky notes

We are also accepting financial donations to cover postage. Please give donations and college addresses to Elizabeth Szuba at [eszuba@sewickleypresby.org](mailto:eszuba@sewickleypresby.org).

## LAURELVILLE FALL RETREATS

Today is the final day to sign-up. Don't miss out on the fun!

November 9 to 11 - Middle School Weekend

November 16 to 18 - High School Weekend

Cost: \$160

## ReGROUP PRAYER GROUP

November 7 | 7 - 7:45 AM | Faith House HS Lounge

All are invited to join us as we renew, refocus, reorient and regroup in the middle of the work week.

## BIBLE BASH 3.0

November 7 | 6:30 - 8 PM | Ansby Hall

Have you been reading the Bible together with us this year? How have you been keeping up? Whether you're right on track or still back in Leviticus, you're welcome to join us for Bible Bash 3.0. We'll share dinner together and talk about the joys and challenges of reading through Scripture together. RSVP online to let us know you'll be there!

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

November 16 | 6 - 9 PM

Children's Ministries & SPC Youth are hosting PNO! Drop your kids off at 6 PM and enjoy the evening to yourself! We'll provide dinner, games, and activities for children in grades 5 and under. Though there is no set cost, please consider making a donation to support our youth's CFH Christmas stocking project. RSVP online by November 12.

## WORD SUNC

November 18 | 11 AM

The Word will be proclaimed through music rather than through the spoken word. The Chancel Choir, together with members of the Pittsburgh Symphony orchestra, and organist C. William Goff, will offer Vivaldi's well-known choral work *Gloria*, RV589. By themselves, the instrumentalists will perform his *Concerto in D Major for Trumpet, Oboe, Strings, and Continuo*, RV563.

## HOLIDAY GIFTS = MISSION IN NOVEMBER

During the month of November stop by the Robinson Room and check out ways to give to those in need this holiday season. Purchases made or money donated will benefit community families, a YMCA youth scholarship, and your own holiday decorating or gift giving.



# SPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, 4 November 2018

### All Saints' Sunday

- 8:00 AM Worship Communion Service, CH
- 8:00 AM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal, SANC
- 9:00 AM Worship Communion Service, SANC
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Communion Service, SANC
- 12:00 PM Middle School Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser, DR
- 12:15 PM Calvin Handbell Rehearsal, HR
- 5:30 PM All Youth Campfire, FH
- 7:00 PM Women's Book Study, FH-HL

## Monday, 5 November 2018

- FriendShip Conferences
- 7:00 PM Membership Committee Meeting, FH-2A
- 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, CA
- 7:15 PM AA Beginners Meeting, AH
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting, DR

## Tuesday, 6 November 2018

- FriendShip Conferences
- 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 Personnel Committee Meeting, FH-2A

## Wednesday, 7 November 2018

- 7:00 AM ReGroup Prayer Group, FH-HL
- 8:30 AM Samaritan Workshop, DR
- 9:15 AM Staff Meeting, WI
- 11:00 AM Bible Basics, WI
- 3:45 PM Club 345, FH-HL
- 5:30 PM Property Committee Meeting, FH-2A
- 6:30 PM Bible Bash 3.0, AH
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, DR
- 7:00 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Mtg., FH-2A
- 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, SANC
- 7:30 PM AA, LIB

## Thursday, 8 November 2018

- 1:00 PM Knitting for Mission, FH-2C
- 6:45 PM Westminster Ringers, HR
- 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, 9 November 2018

- Middle School Retreat at Laurelville
- 8:00 AM Samaritan Center Case Conference, FH-HL
- 5:00 PM Brownie Troop Meeting, DR
- 7:00 PM Amigos Pizza, Games and Crafts, DR

## Saturday, 10 November 2018

- Middle School Retreat at Laurelville
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting, AH
- 10:00 AM Al-Anon, LIB
- 2:00 PM Betsy Stein Memorial Service, SANC

## Sunday, 11 November 2018

### Rev. Kevin J. Long will be preaching.

- Middle School Retreat at Laurelville
- 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

## 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** | For the family of Betsy Stein, who died recently.

**Prayers for Healing** | Hal Bonnett, Jim Darby, Dorothy Dean, 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, Mary Murphy, Karen Safran, Joanna Sarsfield, Nancy Lewis Siler (aunt of Beth Whiteman), Mary Swan (mother of David Swan), Pat Szuba (mother of Mike and Tom Szuba), Sally Thompson, Skooter Van Kirk (son of Jane Van Kirk), Kay Wiegand, and Roger Wiegand.

**Prayers for Mission Partners** | Chonde CCAP, partner church in Blantyre Synod, Malawi through Pittsburgh International Partnership.