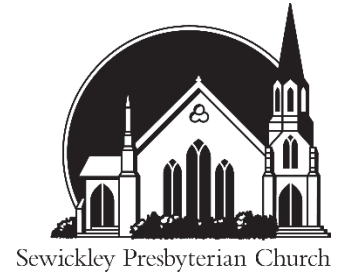


# Order of Worship | July 14, 2024

## 10 AM



### Prelude

Duetto no. 1 in D

*Paul Yeater & Michael Hammer, organ*

### Introit

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 18*

Leader: O Lord you deliver a humble people,

**People: but the haughty eyes you bring down.**

Leader: The Lord, our God, lights up the darkness.

**People: We will praise you O Lord among the nations,**

Leader: and sing praises to your name.

**All: Let us worship God.**

### Opening Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1905*

O God, Lord of light, with whom is no shadow of turning, we ask you to look in mercy upon us, your sinful and wayward children; grant us pardon for our sins and a vision of the truth in Jesus so that the darkness of evil may be driven from our hearts and we may sing our songs of praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### 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.**

### Confession Response

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Children going into preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to leave for Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.

## **Anthem**

Nicodemus

*Paul Yeator, tenor*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **John 3:1-21**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

By Night

*Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport*

### **Sermon Hymn #490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

## **Affirmation of Faith**

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 & Offertory**

God So Loved the World

## **Doxology**

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

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Prayer Response**

Amen

## **Closing Hymn #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Born Anew

*The flowers today are given*

*in loving memory of*

**Bob & Betty Galey,  
Edmund & Gene Smith**

By

***Dr. and Mrs. Gary Smith and Families***

## Worship Participants

*Sr. Pastor* : Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport  
*Assoc. Pastor* : Rev. Emily I. Miller  
*Assoc. Pastor* : Rev. G. Michael Creamer  
*Choir Director/Organist*: Dr. Michael Hammer  
*Soloists*:  
Ray Blackwell, baritone  
XiuRu Liu, contralto  
Anna Singer, soprano  
Paul Yeater, tenor  
Summer Choir  
*Ushers*: Tom Getty, John Corbelli, Linda Getty,  
Jane Corbelli  
*Tech Crew*: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,  
Lexie Merritt

## Credits

*Duetto no. 1 in D, Samuel Wesley*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Joachim Neander*  
*The Church's One Foundation, (#321)*  
*Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri*  
*Nicodemus, Dr. Michael Hammer*  
*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters, (#490)*  
*God So Loved the World, John Stainer*  
*Amen, Johann G. Naumann*  
**Doxology**  
*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!, (#839)*  
*Born Anew, Grollen*

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## IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber ([sbarber@sewickleypresby.org](mailto:sbarber@sewickleypresby.org)/412.741.4550).

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week.  
[www.sewickleypresby.org](http://www.sewickleypresby.org)

## PRAYER NEEDS

### PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING

- Johnathan Arkell (grandson of Betsy Thomas, nephew of Pat and Eric Fulmer)
- Beverly Harris
- Ruth Larson
- Dotti Miller (Rick Miller's wife)
- Becky Senior
- Patsy Walker (daughter-in-law of Ann Walker)

### PRAYERS OF JOYFUL THANKSGIVING

- On the birth of Cameron Michael Courneen  
Born on May 29, 2024  
Son of Alexandra & Ryan Courneen  
Grandson of Anne & Casey Courneen  
Great Grandson of Betsy & Don Spalding

*\*Please find a full list of Prayer Needs in the Robinson Room and near the entrance to the Sanctuary\**

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