



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

December 01, 2024

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort

Introit

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Welcome

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Advent Hymn #90

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

Lighting of the *First Advent Candle* – *The St. Germain Family*

Opening Hymn #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1-2, 6-7

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lancelot Andrews, d. 1626

O Lord our God, you are the helper of the helpless, the hope of the hopeless, the Savior of all who are lost as in a tempest at sea. Be with us, Lord, to strengthen us. Be about us to keep us. Be above us to forgive us and keep us from straying. Blessed are you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

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.

Announcements

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Children's Time

Children going into preschool through 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children's Church following the Children's Time.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Old Hope; A New Hope

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Sermon Hymn #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Offering & Offertory

Advent Message

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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Savior of the Nations, Come (verse 1)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

Joyful Shepherd

Paul Yeater, tenor

Joyful shepherds, hurry to see the lovely child. Don't linger, the joy is too beautiful. Gain it for yourselves.

Refresh your heart and mind.

Prayer

Closing Hymn #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Noel XII, "Swiss"

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Emily I. Miller

Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Acolyte: Noelle St. Germain

Choir Director/Organist:

Dr. Michael Hammer

Soloists:

Ray Blackwell, baritone,

Xiuru Liu, contralto

Anna Singer, soprano,

Paul Yeater, tenor

Chancel Choir

Communion Servers: Becky Senior,

Jane Van Kirk, Jane Shadle,

Laura Vassamillet, Emilie Rubin, Ann Strong

Ushers: Terry Smith

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Laurie Holding

Credits

Comfort, Comfort, M. Marteau

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper, Mary Louise

Bringle / Alexander Johnsons' Tennessee Harmony

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, (#88)

Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri

Joyful Shepherds, J.S. Bach

Advent Message, Martin How

Doxology

Savior of the Nations, Come (verse 1), Ambrose of

Milan (4th C.) / Ehfurt Endchiridion (1524)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, (#82)

Noel XII, "Swiss", Claude Daquin

Today's Flowers: In dedication to embracing the excitement and anticipation of the Advent Season!

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/412.741.4550).



LOOKING AHEAD

- December 5:** Christmas Open House at the Manse
- December 8:** Word Sung
- December 14:** Thanks4Giving: Food Basket Delivery
- December 15:** 9 AM Rock Cantata
Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Lutheran
- December 18:** Longest Night Service
- December 22:** Christmas Pageant
Congregational Meeting
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Worship

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week: sewickleypresby.org

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING

- Suzie Gilliland
- Marcy Pittman (friend of Ann Walker's family)

A full list of Prayer Needs can be found in the Robinson Room and at the door of the Sanctuary

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM
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