



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

January 19, 2025

Prelude

Allegro from Sonata in C, K. 309

Introit

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (#41)

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Psalm 90

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Many: Before the mountains were brought forth,

One: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

Many: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, in Jesus Christ you have brought light into the darkness. But we confess that we have chosen to remain in the darkness where we have made our home. You would give us life, but we have grown accustomed to death. You would give us love, but we have nurtured resentment too long. You would give us hope, but we are afraid hope will disappoint us once again. Forgive us, O God, for being afraid of your salvation, and lead us in your will and love. 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.

Announcements

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Children's Time

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

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King

Paul Yeater, tenor

Ray Blackwell, bass

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

Learn to Start Over

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Sermon Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

My Song Forever Shall Record (#67)

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 (#574)

Closing Hymn #43

On Eagle's Wings

Benediction

Postlude

Sortie Volant

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer
Acolyte: Carley Birnie
Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer
Soloists:
Ray Blackwell, baritone,
Xiuru Liu, contralto
Anna Singer, soprano,
Paul Yeater, tenor
Ushers: Ann Strong, Becky Senior
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

Allegro from Sonata in C, K. 309, W. A. Mozart
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (#41), Robert
Grant_Joseph martin Kraus
Praise Ye the Lor, the Almighty, the King of Creation,
hymn #35
All Creatures of Our God and King, Arr. Richard Walters
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, hymn #12
My Sing Forever Shall Record (#67), The New Metrical
Version of the Psalms, 1909_adapt. Michael Praetorius
Amen (#574), Thomas Pavlechko
On Eagle's Wings, hymn #43
Sortie Volant, Rosser

Today's Flowers:

In Loving memory of Ann and Tui Coburn
by the Coburn Family

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).



Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, January 19

Sewickley United Methodist Church MLK Service
4 PM Dinner followed by 5 PM Service

Monday, January 20

Kids' Penguin Party | 10 AM - 12 PM

Sunday, January 26

One Service Only at 10 AM
Congregational Annual Meeting at 11 AM

Sunday, February 9

Youth Sunday

Friday, February 7

Mama Needs Coffee

Saturday, February 15

The Chosen
Four-Week Study begins

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

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

- For the Harris and Lubbert family on the death of Beverly Harris.
- For Lee Wierman and her family on the death of her daughter, Kathryn Wierman Hayes.

PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING

- Rick Berg (Jen Berg's father)
- Janice Martin (Jenna Stevenson's mother)
- Jim Morrissey
- John Smith

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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