



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

LIVE · GROW · SERVE

Order of Worship

January 26, 2025

Prelude

New Wine

Gathering Song

10,000 Reasons

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Processional Hymn #396

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

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.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Pie Jesu

Anna Singer & Rosie MacKenzie Wyche

*Translation: Pious Lord Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them eternal rest.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who was a Sinner

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Offering & Offertory

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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

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.

Closing Hymn #69

Here I Am Lord

(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn. The offering is meant to be sacrificial, above our regular giving. Please come forward as clergy place a basket before the Communion table and place your gift. All proceeds will go to **Pittsburgh Presbytery Hunger Fund.**)

Charge & Prayer

Postlude

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Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer
Acolyte: Clara Schlenke
Praise Team Director: Jeremy Fisher
Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer
Singers:
Andrew Birnie, Erin Leghorn, Isaac Palladini,
Rosie MacKenzie Wyche
Soloists:
Ray Blackwell, baritone,
Xiuru Liu, contralto
Anna Singer, soprano,
Paul Yeater, tenor
Musicians:
Dr. Michael Hammer, piano
Eric Fulmer, saxophone
Doug Canan, drums
Ushers: Jenny Valente, Amy Doz, Judee
Rooney, Ann Strong
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

New Wine, Brooke Ligertwood
10,000 Reasons, Matt Redman
Brethren We Have Met to Worship, hymn #396
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
Pie Jesu, Andrew Lloyd Webber
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, arr. Ronald Kaufman
Here I Am Lord #69
Postlude, Smith

Today's Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Cora & Bob Baker
By Joan Baker Darby

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 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

Sunday, February 23

Founders' Day

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

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS OF JOYFUL THANKSGIVING

- On the birth of Ivy Rachel Wright
Born on January 15th, 2025
Daughter of Whitney and Eric Wright

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 Morrisey
- 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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