



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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## **Order of Worship**

July 13, 2025

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

### **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 46*

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Many: Therefore we will not fear.**

One: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake

**Many: The Lord of hosts is with us!**

One: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Many: The Lord of hosts is with us. Let us worship the Living God!**

### **Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

*St. Augustine*

Lord Jesus, as you have come to us, let us now come to you. Our hearts are cold; warm them with your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood. Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours. Possess them always and only for yourself. 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 Time**

*Rev. Barb Kennedy*

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

## **Offering**

*You may offer a gift of thanksgiving physically or digitally.  
More information is on the back of the bulletin.*

## **Offertory**

## **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.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## **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 for Illumination**

## **Scripture Reading**

### **Jeremiah 18:1-10**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Many: Thanks be to God.***

## **Sermon**

Shaping Faith

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

## **Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## **Worship Participants**

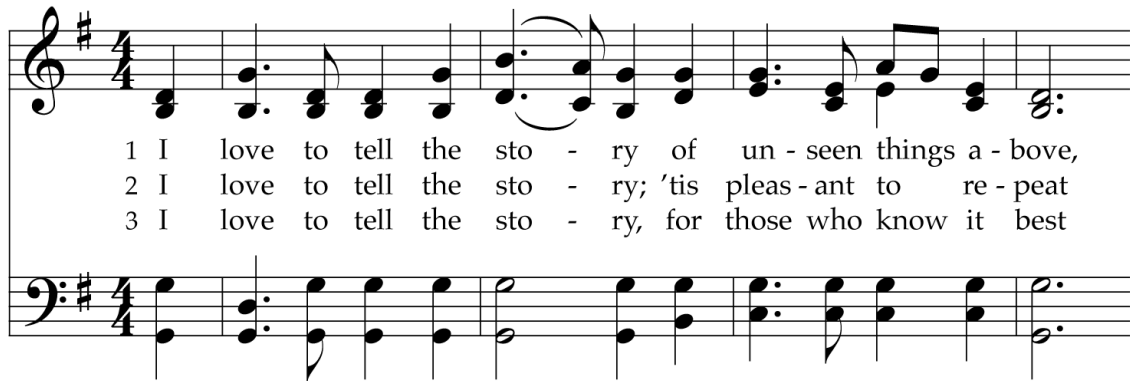
Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport  
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer  
Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy  
Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer  
Soloists:  
Xiuru Liu, contralto  
Anna Singer, soprano,  
Paul Yeater, tenor  
Ushers: Wayne Murphy, Bob Burnham,  
Gretchen Burnham  
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson

## **Credits**

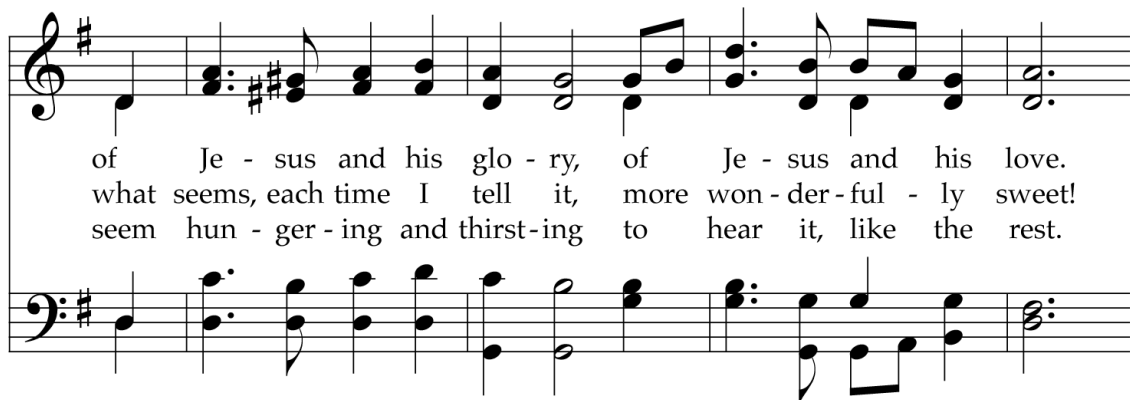
Prelude  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, Hymn #611  
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Hymn #475  
Offering  
Doxology  
I Love to Tell the Story, Hymn #462  
Postlude

Today's flowers are given  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**Bob & Betty Galey,**  
**Edmund & Gene Smith**  
by  
*Dr. & Mrs. Gary Smith*  
*And Family*

## I Love to Tell the Story



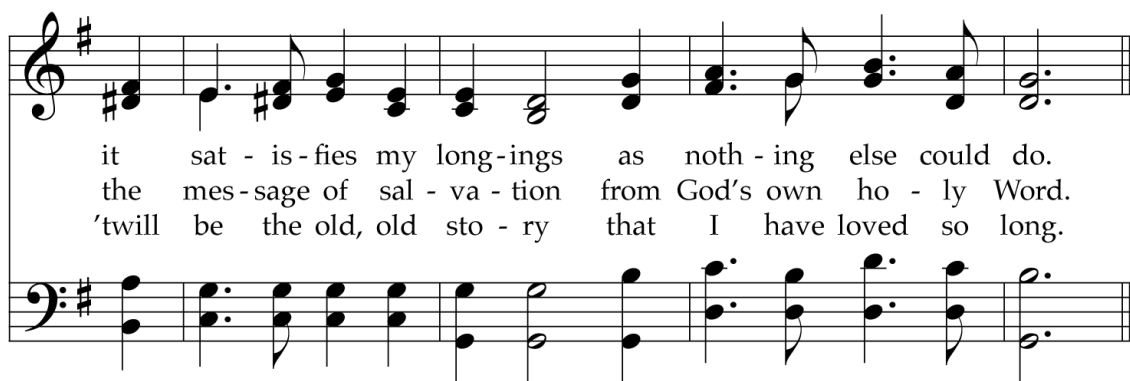
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

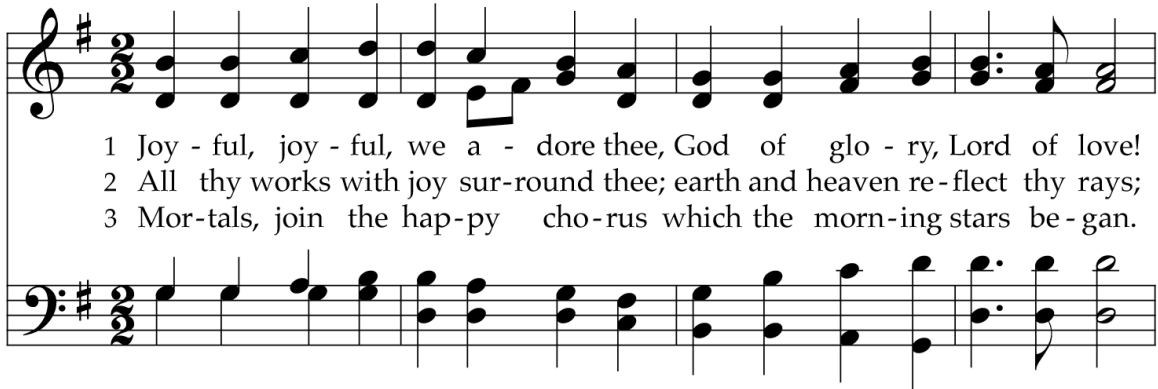
The first line of the refrain is written on two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some measures containing triplets. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.



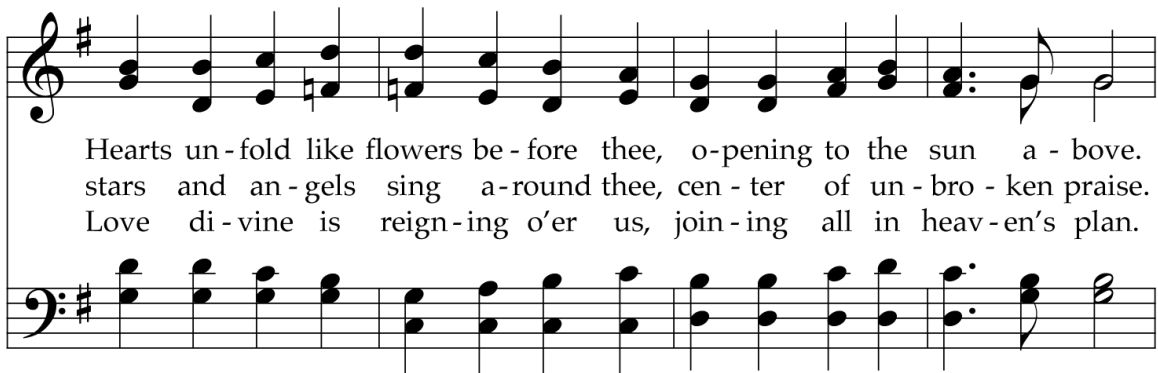
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues on two staves. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

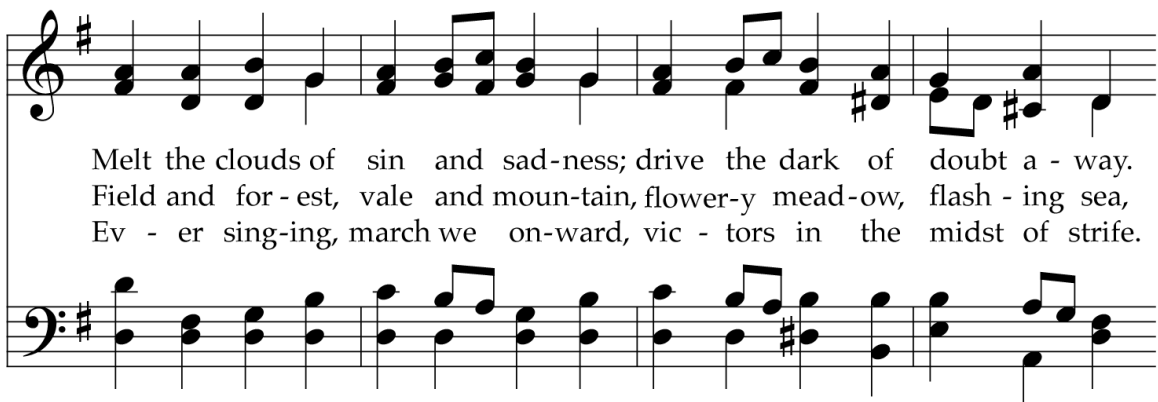
# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



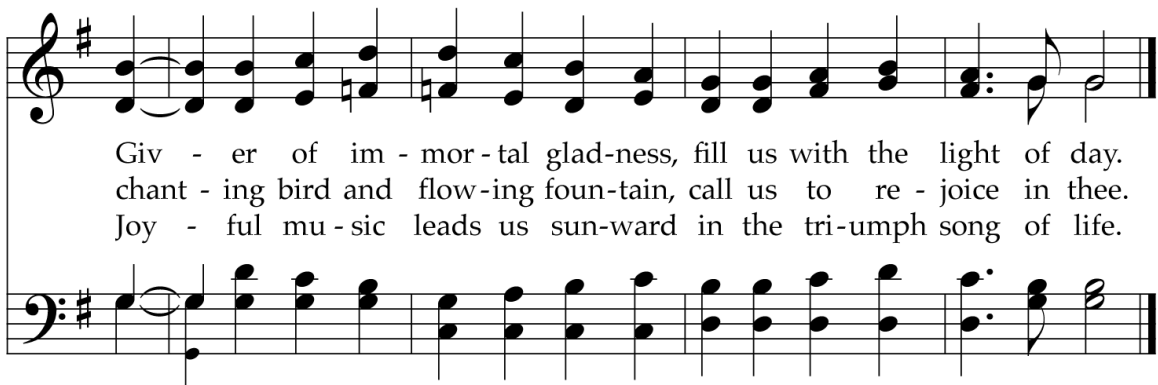
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

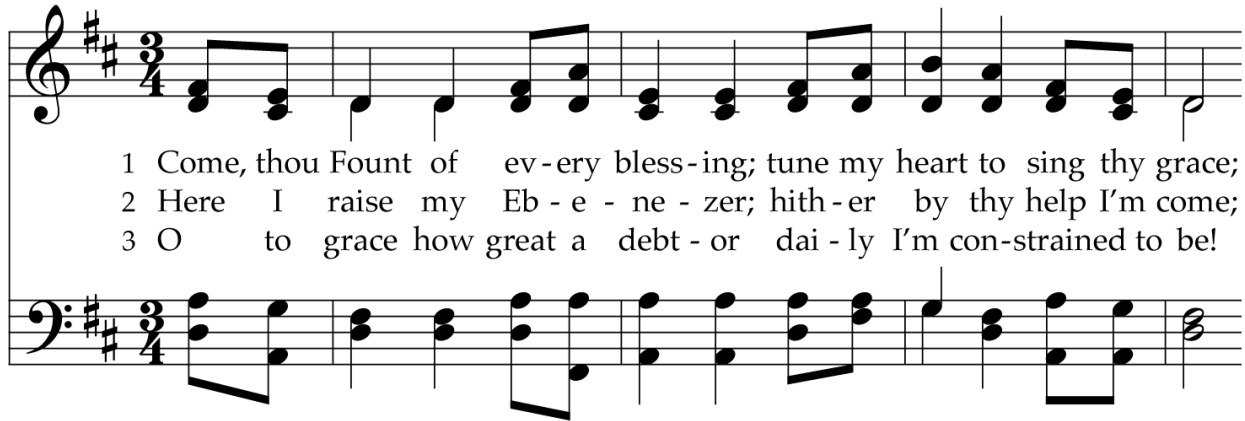


Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

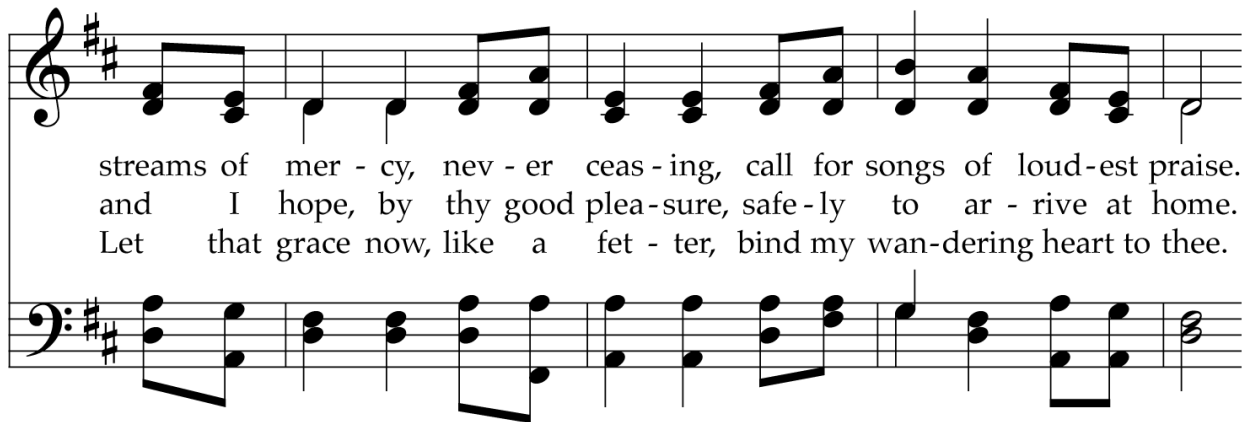


Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

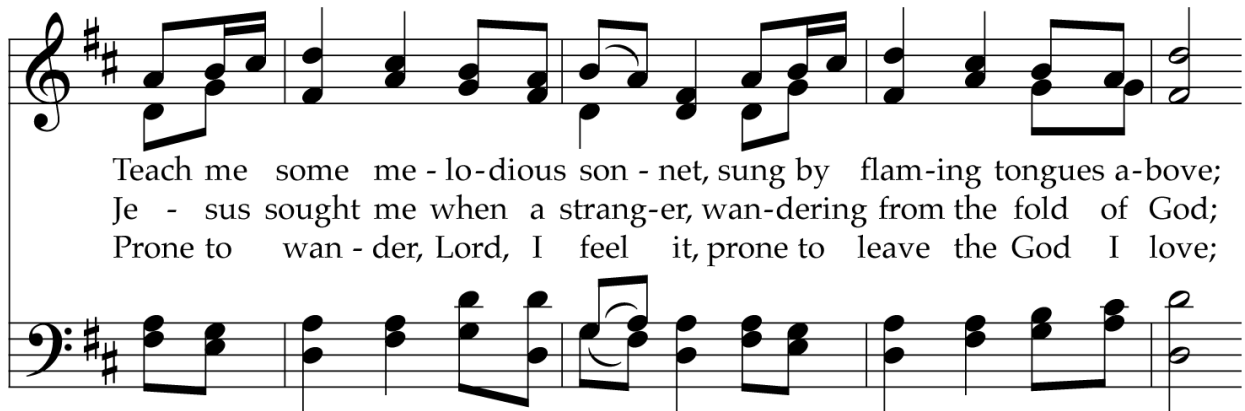
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



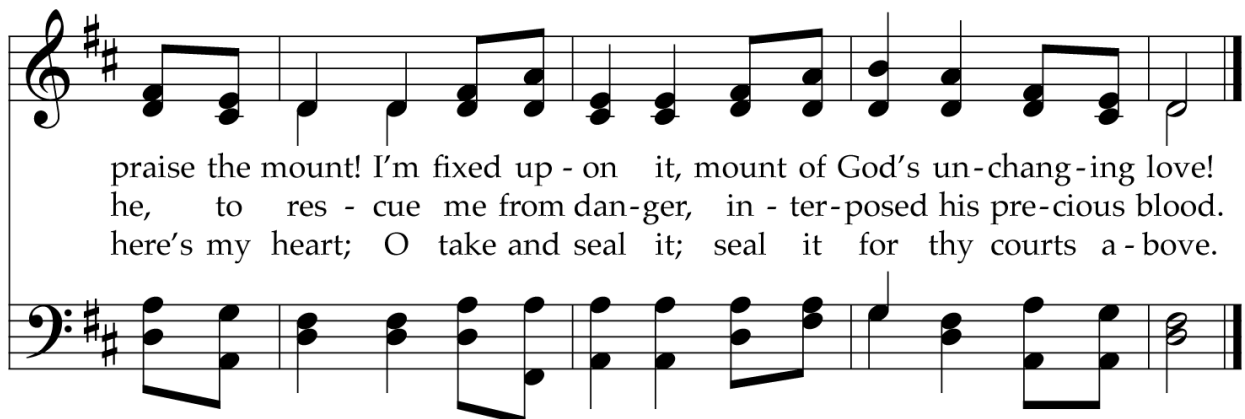
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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).



### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday, July 14**

Youth Kayak & Paddleboard Event

**Saturday, July 19**

Day on the Lawn Donation Drop Off Day

**Sunday, July 20**

Surf City Youth Trip Begins

**Monday, August 4**

Vacation Bible School Begins

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

## PRAYER NEEDS

### Prayers for Comfort

- For Tim Bingman on the death of his brother, John Bingman
- For CJ Weicht and her family on the death of her mother, Carole Edythe Ciaio

### Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Sandy Gratton



Your giving today helps make everything we do at SPC possible. It supports our ministers and staff, our outreach in the community and beyond, and the care of our historic sanctuary, classrooms, and Faith House. Thank you for being part of this work—every gift matters.

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