



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

October 26, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Introit For A New Space

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Minute for Mission – Center for Hope

Sylvia Dallas

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-2,7

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.

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

Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have shattered the power of sin and death, but we confess that we do not always believe in this hope, and remain captive to doubt and fear, and fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our dread of loss, our despair, and our anxiety about the future. Set us free with the joy of Christ, who was dead but now lives, that we too might find new life in the service of his kingdom. Through our risen Savior we pray. 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

Anthem

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Lucy Natale, soprano

Sacrament of Baptism

Kennedy Achilles Coggeshall

Daughter of Walker Bayard Coggeshall & Danielle Laura (Frappolli) Coggeshall

Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

Question to the Congregation

Our Lord Jesus Christ orders us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of the church, promise to teach Kennedy the good news of the gospel, to help her understand all that Christ commands, and, by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: We do.

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.

Congregational Response: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise – Hymn #486, stanza 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.**

Prayer

The Baptism

Words of Charge

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

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

All My Hope in God Is Firmly Grounded

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

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.

Hymn #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Heart of the Matter

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(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 **Center For Hope**.)

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer
Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy
Director of Music: Dr. Michael Hammer
Assistant Music Director of Choirs: Paul Yeater
Congregational Choir
Chamber Choir
Soprano: Lucy Natale
Acolyte: Lem Murdoch
Ushers: Alasdair Gledhill, Wayne Murphy,
Tim Merrill
Tech Crew: Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt, Tre Whitlock

Credits

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Introit For A New Space, MAH
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Hymn #275
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us, Zaninelli
All My Hope in God Is Firmly Grounded,
Herbert Howells
Offering
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Today's flowers are given

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN CELEBRATION OF
OUR NEW SANCTUARY**

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, October 26

*Fall Family Festival
Youth Campfire*

Saturday, November 1

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Saturday, November 7

Center for Hope Yearly Fundraising Auction

Sunday, November 9

New Member Orientation
Thanks 4 Giving Kick Off:
Knitting for Mission Sale, Youth Pasta Lunch,
Christmas Food Baskets

Thursday, November 13

Evergreens: Storytelling & Games

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Comfort

- For Susan and Holland Donaldson on the death of their son, David Donaldson.

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Sharon Barber
- Jennifer Berg
- Tim Bingman
- Ginny Gladstone
- Marlene Kirsch
- Betsy Spalding

**You can find a full Prayer List with updated and continued prayer needs in the weekly church email on Thursdays.*



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