Order of Worship | October 26, 2025 9 AM

Prelude

Bagpipe Medley

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Center for Hope Sylvia Dallas

Gathering Music

Simple Kingdom

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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.

Responsive Song

Give Me Faith

Sacrament of Baptism

Children's Time

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

Offering

Offertory

Child of Love

Doxology

- Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading

Sermon

The Heart of the Matter Rev. G. Michael Creamer

❖ Closing Music – Hunger Offering Raise a Hallelujah

Benediction

Postlude

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.

❖ Sacrament of Baptism

Nolan Stephen Graham

Son of Joshua Keith Graham & Lyndsey Catherine (Costa) Graham

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 Nolan the good news of the gospel, to help him understand all that Christ commands, and, by our fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God? Please answer: "We do."

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.

Prayer

The Baptism

Words of Charge

Offering

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

❖ 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.

❖ Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13

Hunger Offering

(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this music. 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*.)



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

Today's flowers are given

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

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy Assistant Music Director: Rosie MacKenzie

Praise Singers & Musicians:

Andrew Birnie, Doug Canan, Erin Leghorn, Davie MacKenzie, Patrick Regan, bagpipes Ushers: Chris Standish, Jay Joseph,

Judy Scioscia

Tech Crew: Rici Brockinson, Matt Doebler,

Lexie Merritt

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**

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.

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