



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

November 30, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Canticle of the Turning

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Minute for Mission – Capital Campaign

Mark Gensheimer

Lighting of the First Candle

Hymn #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 for 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.

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

We Have Seen the God of Glory

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

Anthem

We Have Seen the God of Glory
Paul Yeater, tenor

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.

Hymn #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

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

Luke 1:30-45

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

May It Be

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Hymn #97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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
Soprano: Meghan Thomson
Congregational Choir
Chamber Choir
Acolyte: Felicity Chan
Ushers: Ann Strong, Becky Senior, Lorraine
Adell Lubbert
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

Prelude
Canticle of the Turning, Rory Cooney/Irish melody
O Come, O Come, Emanuel, Hymn #88
Prepare the Way, O Zion, Hymn #106
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
We Have Seen the God of Glory, arr. Jim Vyhanek
Doxology
Anthem
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night, Hymn #97
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

**To The Glory of God
In Thankful Memory
of David Murdoch**

*Given by
Joan, Christina, Tim & Devon, Mac,
Lem Murdoch and Deborah,
Ryan Ash, Eleanor & Olivia*

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:

Now - December 7

Christmas Food Basket Collection

Sunday, November 30

Youth Christmas Stockings Due

Tuesday, December 2

Davenport Open House

Friday, December 5

Mama Needs Coffee

Saturday, December 13

Christmas Food Basket Delivery

Cocoa, Crafts & Cookies Event

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4 PM

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Comfort

- For the Spalding family on the death of Elizabeth "Betsy" Spalding.
- For the Cockrell family on the death of W. Brewster Cockrell.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Crew Adam Zombek
Born on November 21, 2025
Son of Adam and Kelsey Zombek



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.*

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 5 PM
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