

Order of Worship |

November 30, 2025

9 AM First Sunday of Advent

Prelude
By Your Grace

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Capital Campaign
Mark Gensheimer

Lighting of the First Candle

Gathering Music
Just A Closer Walk with Thee

❖ 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
God So Loved

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
There was Jesus

Doxology

❖ Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Illumination

❖ Scripture Reading

Sermon
May It Be
Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Closing Music
Go tell it on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

❖ 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.

❖ 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 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!"



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

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*

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:

Danny Rectenwald, Dan Burgun,

Davie MacKenzie, Dante Spinosi

Ushers: Rita Crawford, George Crawford,

Jenny Valente

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Lexie Merritt

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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