

Order of Worship |

December 28, 2025

10 AM | Happy New Year!

Prelude

Piano Medley
Margot St. Germain

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Music

We Three Kings Hymn #151

❖ 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

How Great is Our God

Children's Time

❖ Offering

Offertory

As the Deer
Erin Leghorn & Rosie MacKenzie

Doxology

❖ Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Illumination

❖ Scripture Reading

Sermon

In Defense of: Nikky Dappleblock
Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Closing Music – Hunger Offering

Angels We Have Heard on High, Hymn
#113

Benediction

Postlude

❖ Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from A book of Family Worship 1899

Lord of infinite mercy, giver of light and hope, we rejoice this day in your grace. Let the gift of this morning bring us renewal to go forth in your strength. With profound sorrow we confess our many errors and the failures of our past. Grant us pardon for Christ's sake and send us on our way rejoicing. Take away our sin and give us wisdom and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

❖ 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 Galatians 3:7-14

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

❖ 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 **Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry**.



Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, December 30

Year End Donations due to office by 4 PM

**Please check the holiday office hours on our website,
before visiting the office between December 24 & January 2.**

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

Today's flowers

Christmas Memorial

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Lewis Benson

Prayers for Comfort

- For the Happe family on the death of Richard "Dick" Happe.
- For the family and friends of Susan "Susie" Reuter who died recently.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Cash James Courneen
Born on December 11, 2025
Son of Ryan and Alexandra Courneen
Grandson of Anne and Michael (Casey) Courneen
Great Grandson of Don Spalding

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

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:
Doug Canan, Erin Leghorn,
Davie MacKenzie, Dr. Michael Hammer
Ushers: Lorraine Adell Lubbert,
Judee Rooney, Becky Senior
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt



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