



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

December 07, 2025

Prelude

What Child Is This?

Devin Arrington, violin

Introit

Canticle of the Turning (verse 2)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Lighting of the Second Candle

Hymn #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Ancient Collects and Other Prayers, 1875

Come to deliver us, O Lord God of hosts. As we prepare for your arrival in our lives, turn us again, and make your face to shine upon us, that we may be saved. Cleanse us by your mercy, and give us the gift of repentance, that we may be enabled to stand before you through your mercy. In Jesus name 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

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

Christus Paradox

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

Carol of the Advent

*Lucy Natale, soprano | Jett Downey, soprano | Meghan Thomson, alto | Paul Yeater, tenor |
Conor Warshawsky, bass*

Hymn #123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rowdy Peace

Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**All the bread is gluten free. The outer ring of cups in the juice trays contain wine.*

The inner rings contain grape juice.

Music during Communion

Variations on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Devin Arrington, violin

Prayer

Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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
Lucy Natale, soprano | Jett Downey, soprano |
Meghan Thomson, alto | Conor Warshawsky,
bass | Devin Arrington, violin
Congregational Choir
Chamber Choir
Acolyte: Rory McLaughlin
Ushers: Lorraine Adell Lubbert, Jan Wendt,
Beth Rom, Tina Thomas
Communion Ushers: Liam Madden,
Virginia Elliott, Tom Getty, Linda Getty
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

What Child Is This?, arr. Lindsey Stirling,
Debi Johanson, and Stephen Anderson
Canticle of the Turning, verse 2, Rory Cooney / Irish
melody
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Hymn #82
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
Carol of the Advent, Phillip R. Dietterich
Christus Paradox, arr. Alfred Fedak
Doxology
Variations on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, MAH
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Hymn #123
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory of
Rol F. Kinney**

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:

Saturday, December 13

Christmas Food Basket Delivery
Cocoa, Crafts & Cookies Event

Sunday, December 14

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

Wednesday, December 17

Light in the Darkness Service

Sunday, December 21

Christmas Pageant
Youth Christmas Party

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Joan House, Ken House's mom.

Prayers for Comfort

- For the Cockrell family on the death of W. Brewster Cockrell.
- For the family and friends of Tom Vanderslice who passed away recently.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Crew Adam Zombek
Born on November 21, 2025
Son of Adam and Kelsey Zombek
Brother of Maverick and Thea
- On the birth of Lincoln Elias Turner.
Born on November 24, 2025
Parents Sarah and Keegan Turner
Grandparents: Gail Gratton, Rich and Sandy Gratton.
New cousin for Irina Gratton.



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
Contact Us: 414 Grant Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 | 412.741.4550