



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

December 14, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Canticle of the Turning (verse 3)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Lighting of the Third Candle

Hymn #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Ancient Collects and Other Prayers, 1875

Merciful God, who looked upon humankind when we had fallen down into death, and resolved to redeem us by the advent of your only-begotten Son; grant, we pray, that those who proclaim you as Lord and confess our sins may be forgiven and admitted into the fellowship of our Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. G. Michael Creamer

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

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

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 #143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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.

Anthem

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

Joy on Purpose

Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Hymn #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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

Congregational Choir

Chamber Choir

Acolyte: Remy Hodzic

Ushers: Oliver Rea, Laurie Holding,

Bob Burnham, Gretchen Burnham

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Lexie Merritt

Credits

Prelude

Canticle of the Turning, verse 3, Rory Cooney / Irish melody

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Hymn #119

Anthem

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, Hymn #143

Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri

Doxology

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, Hymn #132

Postlude

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory of
Dotti Miller and John & Billie Miller**

*By
Rick Miller*

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:

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

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services
4 PM, 6:30 PM, 9 PM

Sunday, December 28

End of Year Service, 10 AM only

Tuesday, December 30

Year End Donations due to office by 4 PM

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Lewis Benson.

Prayers for Comfort

- For the House family on the death of Ken's mother, Joan House.
- For the family and friends of Tom Vanderslice who passed away recently.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Jules Vincent DesRosiers
Born on December 8, 2025
Son of Caroline (C.C). and Reed DesRosiers
Grandson of Mark and Annie Gensheimer
- 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