

Order of Worship | December 24, 2025

4 PM | Christmas Eve Service

Prelude

Hallelujah Christ Is Born
Winters Dream

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Music

Joy to the World Hymn #134

❖ 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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Hymn
#82

Children's Time

❖ Offering

Offertory

Go Tell It

Doxology

❖ Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Illumination

❖ Scripture Reading

Sermon

Watch Nearby
Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Closing Music

Silent Night Hymn #122

Benediction

Postlude

❖ 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.

❖ 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 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services
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

**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:

Andrew Birnie, Katie Doeblor, Eric Fulmer,

Erin Leghorn, Dr. Michael Hammer, Davie

MacKenzie, Danny Rectenwald,

Dante Spinosi, Nate St. Germain,

Conor Warshawsky

Ushers: Judee Rooney, Sylvia Dallas,

Curigliano Family

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Lexie Merritt



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