



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve Service

Order of Worship

December 24, 2025, 6:30 PM

Prelude

The First Noel

Pittsburgh Elite Brass

Sing Now a Song of a Child Who Was Born - Scottish Melody

Congregational Choir

Winter's Dream

Eric Fulmer, saxophone

Still, still, still - Austrian carol

Congregational Choir

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen - English melody

Pittsburgh Elite Brass

Opening Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Hymn #133

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

One: Let us magnify the Lord

Many: Let our spirit rejoice in God, our Savior,

One: for the Mighty One has done great things.

Many: Holy is his name

One: His mercy extends to those who fear him.

All: Let us worship God.

Luke 1:46-47;49

Hymn #134

Joy to the World

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. Barb Kennedy

Offering

*You may offer a gift of thanksgiving physically or digitally.
More information is on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory

He Came So Still

Congregational Choir and Brass

Doxology /What Child Is This

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.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the song of Mary!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

Weihnachts-Liedchen

Paul Yeater, tenor | Conor Warshawsky, baritone

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Watch Nearby

Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Hymn #122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

Pittsburgh Elite Brass

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

Pittsburgh Elite Brass

Eric Fulmer, saxophone

Conor Warshawsky, baritone

Acolyte: Remy Hodzic

Ushers: Jan Wendt, Ann Strong, Becky Senior,

Bob Burnham, Gretchen Burnham, Oliver Rea

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Lexie Merritt

Credits

The First Noel, arr. Drew Fennell

Sing Now a Song of a Child Who Was Born - Scottish
Melody (Skye Boat Song), arr. Sally Ann Morris

Winter's Dream, Paul Halley

Still, still, still - Austrian carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen – English melody, arr.

Drew R. Fenell

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Hymn #133

Joy to the World, Hymn #134

Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri

He Came So Still - Theron Kirk

Doxology /What Child Is This

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Hymn #127

Weihnachts-Liedchen - Johann Wenzel Kalliwooda

Silent Night, Holy Night!, Hymn #122

Postlude- Hallelujah Chorus, G. F. Handel

Today's flowers

Christmas Memorials

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:

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Services
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

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



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**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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