

Order of Worship | December 21, 2025

9 AM | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Canticle of Hope
Calvin Ringers

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Gathering Music

Hark the Herald, Hymn #119

❖ 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

O Come O Come Emmanuel, Hymn #88

Children's Time

Children going into preschool through 3rd
grade are invited to leave for Children's
Church following the Children's Time.

❖ Offering

Offertory

Away in A Manger
Calvin Ringers

Doxology

❖ Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Illumination

❖ Scripture Reading

Sermon

Love Won't Leave You
Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Closing Music

O Come All Ye Faithful, hymn #133

Benediction

Postlude

❖ Corporate Prayer of Confession

St. Augustine

Lord Jesus, as you have come to us, let us now come to you. Our hearts are cold; warm them with your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood. Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours. Possess them always and only for yourself. 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 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.



Upcoming Dates:

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

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 House family on the death of Ken's mother, Joan House.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

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

**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, Doug Canan, Erin Leghorn,
Davie MacKenzie, Dr. Michael Hammer
Ushers: Jenny Valente, Jay Joseph,
Judee Rooney
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt, Jenny Valente



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