



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve Service

Order of Worship

December 24, 2025, 9 PM

Prelude

All My Heart This Night Rejoices
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Noel, Nouvelette
Sing We a Song of a Babe Who Was Born
Chamber Choir
Winter's Dream
Eric Fulmer, saxophone
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Opening Song #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Luke 1:46-47;49

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.

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

Offering

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

Offertory

Once In Royal David's City

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!

Anthem

Annunciation Carol

Hymn #127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer for Illumination

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.
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

Watch Nearby

Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

The First Noel, *Pittsburgh Elite Brass*

Intermezzo, op. 117. No 1, *Michael Hammer, piano*

Prayer

Prayer of Dedication

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

Eric Fulmer, saxophone

Pittsburgh Elite Brass

Ushers: Hayes Stover, Patricia Stover, Beth Rom,

Rita Crawford, George Crawford, Anne Benson

Communion Servers: Ann Strong, Becky Senior,

Hayes Stover, Mark Hitchens, Tina Thomas,

Oliver Rea, Rita Crawford, George Crawford

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Peggy Hawthorn

Credits

All My Heart This Night Rejoices, J. G. Ebeling

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, trad. English tune,
adapt. Arthur Sullivan

Noel, Nouvelette, French carol. Arr. John Rutter

Sing We a Song of a Babe Who Was Born, trad. Scottish
tune, arr. Sally Ann Morris

Winter's Dream, Paul Halley

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

Once In Royal David's City, C. F. Alexander / A. J.

Gauntlett, arr. David Willcox

Doxology /What Child Is This

The First Noel, arr. Drew Fenell

Intermezzo, op. 117. No 1, Johannes Brahms

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Hymn #127

Anthem- Annunciation Carol, arr. Richard Proulx

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:

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

**You can find a full Prayer List with updated and continued prayer needs in the weekly church email on Thursdays.*



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