



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

January 11, 2026

Prelude

Prelude on Song 13

Introit

O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright
(verse 2)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Minute for Justice

Jane Shadle

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth.

Many: You have set your glory above the earth.

Leader: We consider your heavens, and the work of your hands.

Many: The moon and the stars, which you have created.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth.

All: Let us worship God!

From Psalm 8:1,3,9

Hymn #440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from The Hymnbook, 1955

O Lord, Jesus Christ, you who gave your life for us that we might receive pardon and peace, mercifully cleanse us from all sin. Keep us always in your favor and love. Help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways. Strengthen us to live according to your commandments. In Jesus Christ we pray, 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Olivia Anne Ash

Daughter of Deborah and Ryan Ash

Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

Question to the Congregation

Our Lord Jesus Christ orders us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of the church, promise to teach *Olivia* the good news of the gospel, to help *her* understand all that Christ commands, and, by our fellowship, to strengthen *her* family ties with the household of God? Please answer: "We do."

Congregation: We do.

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.

Congregational Response: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise – Hymn #486, stanza 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.**

Prayer

The Baptism

Words of Charge

Children's Time

Rev. Barb Kennedy

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

Set Me As a Seal

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

Hymn #306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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

Love Like This

Rosie MacKenzie

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading
Song of Solomon 8:6-7

"Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.
Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot sweep it away.
If one were to give
all the wealth of one's house for love,
it would be utterly scorned."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Strong and Unyielding
Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport

Hymn #693

The Gift of Love

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
Soloist: Rosie MacKenzie
Congregational Choir
Chamber Choir
Acolyte: Addington Coates
Ushers: Tim Merrill, Oliver Rea,
Lorraine Adell Lubbert
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

Prelude - Prelude on Song 13, Gibbons/R. Vaughan Williams
Introit- O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright (verse 2), Phillip Nicolai
Jesus, Lover of My Soul, *Hymn #440*
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
Anthem – Love Like This, Lauren Daigle
Doxology
Blest Be the Tie that Binds, Hymn #306
Set Me As a Seal, Rene Clausen
The Gift of Love, Hymn #693
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

In Loving Memory
of Jack & Stevie Moyer
from
The Moyer Family

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:

Friday, January 9

Mama Needs Coffee

Sunday, January 11

8, 9 & 11 AM Worship Services
10 AM Discipleship Hour

Tuesday, January 13

Growing in the Spirit
2-3:30 PM

Thursday, January 15

Growing in the Spirit
7-8:30 PM

Friday, January 30

Penguin Party

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Comfort

- For the family & friends of Virginia Picard who died December 26, 2025

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- John Franc (father of Judy Packer)
- Denise Shipley
- Ann Reed Snead (mother of Keelie Garbee)

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Serena (Rena) Lee Dotson
Born on December 31, 2025
Daughter of Amy and Stanley Dotson
Granddaughter of Dennis and Teri Dunn

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



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