



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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## Order of Worship

January 18, 2026

### Prelude

### Introit

O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright

(verse 3)

*Congregational Choir*

### Welcome & Announcements

*Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport*

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 90*

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

**Many: Before the mountains were brought forth,**

One: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

**Many: from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

### Hymn #412

God, Reveal Your Presence

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion and power. We find it hard to give ourselves to you with gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes that diminish joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us, that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. 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. Dr. Derek R. Davenport*

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**

River of Hope  
*Congregational Choir*

**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****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.

**Anthem**

Every Valley  
*Conor Warshawsky, baritone*

**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.

**Hymn #683**

Lord of All Hopefulness  
(to SLANE)

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading****Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Stumped

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

### **Hymn #250**

Hymn of Promise

### **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  
Baritone: Conor Warshawsky  
Congregational Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Acolyte: Rory McLaughlin  
Ushers: Lorraine Adell Lubbert, Judee Rooney,  
Joe DeMeis, Debra DeMeis  
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,  
Lexie Merritt

### **Credits**

Prelude  
O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright (verse 3), *Phillip Nicolai*  
God, Reveal Your Presence, *Hymn #412*  
Gloria Patri, *Gloria Patri*  
Every Valley, *John Ness Beck*  
Doxology  
Lord of All Hopefulness (to SLANE), *Hymn #683*  
River of Hope, *Susan J. Paul*  
Hymn of Promise, *Hymn #250*  
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

### **In Loving Memory of Beverly Lorraine Harris**

*from*

*Lorraine Adell Lubbert  
Hunter Patrick Lubbert  
Gloria Ann Barbee*

*Robert James Harris, Jr. & Lisa Osmundsen*

## 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](mailto:sbarber@sewickleypresby.org) / 412.741.4550).



## Upcoming Dates:

### Tuesday, January 20

*Growing in the Spirit*

2-3:30 PM

### Thursday, January 22

*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](http://sewickleypresby.org)

## PRAYER NEEDS

### Prayers for Comfort

- For Judy Packer and family on the death of her father, John Franc.

### Prayers for Presence and Healing

- 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



Your giving today helps make everything we do at SPC possible. It supports our ministers and staff, our outreach in the community and beyond, and the care of our historic sanctuary, classrooms, and Faith House. Thank you for being part of this work—every gift matters.

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