



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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## **Order of Worship**

February 22, 2026

11AM

### **Prelude**

#### **Introit**

Agnus Dei

*Congregational Choir*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord,

**People: he is our help and shield.**

Leader: Our heart is glad in him,

**People: because we trust in his holy name.**

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

**People: even as we hope in you.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

*from Psalm 33:20-22*

### **Hymn #165**

The Glory of These Forty Days

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders of your work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus 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

### **Children's Time**

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**

Know That the Lord is God  
*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****Anthem**

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion  
*Meghan Thomson, soprano*

**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.

**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.

**Responsive Hymn #166**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading****Zechariah 1:1-6**

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

“The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. Therefore, tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty. Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?

“Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”

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

***Many: Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

Where Are They?

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

**Hymn #13**

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

**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  
Meghan Thomson, soprano  
Congregational Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Liturgist  
Acolyte: Remy Hodzic  
Ushers: Lorraine Adell Lubbert, Tim Merrill,  
Ann Strong  
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,  
Lexie Merritt

**Credits**

Prelude  
Introit: Agnus Dei, Martin Shaw  
The Glory of These Forty Days, Hymn #165  
Anthem: O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion,  
G. F. Handel  
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, Hymn #166  
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri  
Offertory: Know That the Lord is God, Händel, arr. Lloyd  
Pfausch  
Doxology  
The Mighty God with Power Speaks, Hymn #13  
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory  
of  
Stephen and Dolly Simons**

by  
*Stephanie Simons O'Kane*

## 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 Events:

#### Tuesday, February 24

*Koinonia*

9:15-11:15 AM

*Growing in Spirit*

2-3:30 PM

#### Wednesday, February 25

*Club 345*

3:45-5:00 PM

*Children's Choir*

5-5:30 PM

*Youth Hangz*

5:00-6:00 PM

*Soup Suppers*

6-7:30 PM

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 Matt and Sandy Cooper on the death of Matt's father, Matthew "Harvey" Cooper III.

### Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Sandy Gratton
- Rev. Barb Kennedy

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



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