

Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Annual Report





Woven Together in Christ's Love

“that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.”

~ Colossians 2:2





From our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport



God's Faithfulness

Looking back, it is hard to believe how much has happened this year. We spent the summer worshipping in a new location as the dining room became our temporary worship space. We said goodbye to several long-time, beloved staff members and welcomed new faces into our ministry. Along the way, we maintained valued partnerships, introduced new choir programs, renewed our mission focus at Day on the Lawn, and completed a full renovation of our sanctuary.

The sanctuary work has been a tremendous success. The chancel is more accessible, the choir loft more comfortable, the stairs safer, and the lighting more effective. It is a joy to see people experience the renovated space for the first time. Through all these changes, our worship space looks more like itself than ever before. Work on phase two is already underway as the Robinson Room is transformed into a safer, more comfortable, and more welcoming gathering space. I am excited to see how Sewickley Presbyterian Church continues to live, grow, and serve Christ in this new chapter of our lives together. Of course, buildings are just buildings. The true excitement comes from the ways SPC continues to impact and bless lives. From children and youth programs to Bible studies, worship, and mission partnerships, this congregation is an active and faithful presence in our shared life and wider community. That life-changing ministry is reflected in this annual report—a snapshot of Christ's work in and through this congregation over the past year. As you read, look for your own fingerprints and the places where God may be calling you to use your gifts in new or ongoing ways. Thank you for making this ministry possible.

In Christ,

Derek Davenport

OUR VISION

WE ASPIRE TO BE A CHURCH WHERE
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS
FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMED AND
FAITHFULLY LIVED IN GRATEFUL
RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE.



OUR MISSION

TO LIVE AS A CHURCH FAMILY
TO GROW AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
TO SERVE IN GOD'S MISSION

Fast Facts

828

Church Members

19

New Members

9

Baptisms

7

Members Who Entered the Church Triumphant
(listed on Page 13)

56

Preschool Enrollment

136

Total Worship Services

12,173

Views from Live Streamed Sunday Services

36,502

Visits to our Website

1,258

Social Media Followers





Notable Events

Our Enhanced Sanctuary

From May through October, SPC’s sanctuary underwent a comprehensive renovation that reimagined the space for worship and accessibility. The project included new lighting, safer stairs, updated flooring, a redesigned tech booth, and renewed chancel and choir loft areas. While worship temporarily moved elsewhere, each improvement was made with care for both function and hospitality. The completed sanctuary is brighter, more accessible, and better equipped for worship, while still feeling deeply familiar to the SPC community.



Day on the Lawn

Day on the Lawn was a joyful and successful church-wide event in 2025. Spanning the entire SPC property, the event welcomed families from the Sewickley area and beyond. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and donors, the event raised \$84,908. All proceeds directly supported SPC’s mission partners, extending the impact of this day far beyond our campus.



Praise the Lord

Music played a vibrant role in SPC’s worship life throughout 2025. The choral program expanded with four additional soloists and the formation of Congregational and Chamber choirs. In May, 62 musicians from across SPC’s ensembles collaborated in a Word Sung service premiering a newly-composed work.



A Quick Glance at 2025

Ash Wednesday Service
Child Health House Tour
Choir Retreat
Club 345
College Care Packages
Confirmation Sunday
Day on the Lawn
Deacon Tea at Masonic
Egg Ciment Hunt
Easter Morning Brunch
Evergreen Gatherings

Founders’ Day Celebration
Guess Who Dinners
Interdenominational Services
Kids’ Night Outs
Laurelville Youth Retreat
Lemonade on the Lawn
Lent Soup & Studies with
Rev. Derek Davenport and
Rev. G. Michael Creamer
Light in the Darkness
Mama Needs Coffee

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Maundy Thursday Service
Middle School Late Nite
Montreat Music Conference
Piano Concert & Dedication
Surf City
Vacation Bible School
Women’s Retreat
Word Sung
World Day of Prayer Service
Youth Sunday

Stewardship

\$ 1,963,048

2025 Total Income

\$1,929,798 ... 2024
\$1,922,702 ... 2023

Tithes and Offerings.....\$1,434,095
Miscellaneous Income.....\$527,753

\$ 1,901,433

2025 Total Expenses

\$1,926,595 ... 2024
\$1,852,056 ... 2023

EXPENSES DETAILS

Administrative.....\$149,760
Facilities.....\$374,341
Ministries.....\$46,176
Mission.....\$222,584
Personnel.....\$1,108,571

FINANCIALS

2025 Pledges: 225.....\$1,320,645
2024 Pledges: 218.....\$1,222,460
2023 Pledges: 228.....\$1,179,635

MAJOR EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND

2025 Balance.....\$353,345
2024 Balance.....\$294,896
2023 Balance.....\$268,597

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Total for Year.....\$22,677
Hunger, Christmas Joy, Blanket Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

2025 End of Year Balance.....\$6,838,491
4.5% Draw.....\$307,732
2024 End of Year Balance.....\$6,323,500
4.5% Draw.....\$252,141
2023 End of Year Balance.....\$5,899,395
4.5% Draw.....\$238,281

WAYS TO GIVE



Offering Plate



Our Website



Via Text



Planned Giving

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” - James 1:17



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

\$222,584

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**40 ORGANIZATIONS
& INDIVIDUALS**

Mission Partners

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| Animal Friends | Northside Common Ministries | The Blessing Board |
| Bethlehem Haven | Pittsburgh Kids Foundation | The Center Midland |
| Brothers Brother Foundation | Pittsburgh Theological Seminary | The Ladle |
| Center for Hope | QVSD Youth Worker | Union Aid Society |
| Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank | QVSD Lunch Program | Water Mission |
| Jewish Family and Children Services | Samaritan Counseling Center | Women's Center and Shelter |
| Light of Life Rescue Mission | Sewickley YMCA - Faith in Action | Work Team Tassy |
| N. Sewickley Borough Meals on Wheels | Sojourner House | |

International Ministries

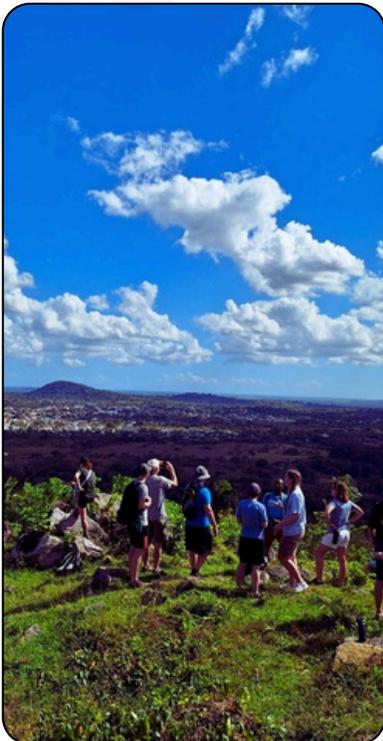
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| <u>Czech Republic</u>
Diaconia
Evangelical Czech Church
Protestant Theological Faculty of
Charles University | <u>Dominican Republic</u>
Del Ray Medico
Del Ray Ministries | <u>Malawi</u>
Pittsburgh International Malawi |
| | | <u>Palestine</u>
ELCA-Dar Al-Karima |



Christian Education Speakers, Topics, & Gatherings

Question & Answer with Rev. Mike Creamer
Missions with Floyd Faulkner
Through Middle Eastern Eyes: A Life of Ken Bailey with Rev. Dr. Mike Parker
Early Christian Sects, Schisms, & the Formation of Denominations by Jay West
Living Faithfully: Applying Christian Values in a Modern World by Rev. Ralph Lowe
Final Words From the Cross (video series by Adam Hamilton) by the Adult Education sub-committee
Bittering Cross Dedication by
- Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport
Meet the Davenports by Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport & -
- Rev. Erin Davenport
Sacred Spaces and Holy Places by
Rev. Dr. Derek Davenport
C.S. Lewis by Rev. Mike Creamer
Stewardship by Malcolm Nimick
Living Generously (video series by Jonathan de Bernhardt) by the Adult Education sub-committee
Putting Your Affairs in Orders by Jan Wendt and Shelly Newlin

Report on the Czech Republic trip by Ann Strong, Eric and Pat Fulmer, Joe and Charlene Beck
Discernment and Spiritual Disciplines by the Spiritual Leadership Team
Living a Life of Compassion by Amy Armanious
Breakfast Club: Casual Conversation about Faith and Life
Good News Bible Study with
- Brian Wood and Joan Murdoch
"The Chosen" Women's Study with Erin Leghorn
Fueling Faith Women's Study with Members & Friends of SPC
Koinonia: Women's Chapel & Study
Men's Huddle
Bible Basics
Journeymen: Men's Study
Growing in the Spirit: Book study



Mission Spotlight: Dominican Republic

In 2025, Sewickley Presbyterian Church partnered in mission through a life-giving trip to the Dominican Republic, where four SPC members, including Rev. Derek Davenport, served alongside Del Ray Médico (Ministerio Del Ray). This ministry focuses on building sustainable healthcare by training and supporting local doctors and medical professionals. The team participated in health fairs, health education efforts, and helped connect local physicians with broader medical resources.

In addition to medical outreach, the group supported ministry staff by helping build housing and traveling into remote mountain communities. They worshiped with local churches and served the less fortunate through hands-on work, prayer, and presence. These shared experiences formed meaningful relationships rooted in faith and mutual respect.

This mission was more than a trip—it was a powerful expression of Christ's love in action. The Dominican Republic partnership continues to inspire SPC to serve with compassion, humility, and hope.

Youth By the Numbers

245

Total Kids who attended Children's Special Events

150

Children that Attended and Volunteers that helped at VBS

25

Average Attendance for Childrens' Sunday Programs

61

Total Youth who attended youth events in 2025

8

Teens Confirmed on Confirmation Sunday

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Cups of Coffee Consumed at Bible Study

Starbucks: The Spot for High Schoolers



Every Thursday at 6:45 AM, high school students gathered at Starbucks for a faith-filled breakfast and Bible study with Rev. Creamer and SPC member Mark Gensheimer, encouraging one another as they shared how Christ is at work in their lives.

Leadership

Ruling Elders

**Becky Senior -
Clerk of Session**

Rachel Bartels
Keith Boyer
Robert Burnham
Roscoe Carrier
Joseph DeMeis
Richard Garbee
Linda Getty
Caroline Johns
Jana Joseph
Janet Lee
R. Bruce McAdams

Marcie McClintic Coates
Malcolm Nimick
Beth Rom
Becky Senior
Christopher Standish
Ann Strong
Amy Szuba
Robert Thomas
Laura Vassamillet
Maggie Watson
Ann West
Donald Zier

Board of Deacons

**Gretchen Burnham -
Head Deacon**

Anna Campbell
Joanne Canan
Sandra Cooper
Sylvia Dallas
Maggie Doz
Virginia Elliott
Kimberly Ference
Thomas Getty
Timothy Gordon
Peggie Hatton

Courtney Jones
Marlene Kirsch
Erik Lindamood
William Madden
Suzanne Morrison
Jane Raymond
Ollie Rea
Judee Rooney
Kelly Stover
C. Steven Victor
Heather Wiehe
Adam Zombek

Officers of Corporation

Janet Lee, **President**

Keith Boyer, **Treasurer**

Caroline Johns, **Vice President**

Becky Senior, **Secretary**



Church Staff

Overview

New Parish Associate

In February, Barb Kennedy stepped into the role of Parish Associate, bringing pastoral leadership to our congregation.

Music Department

In October, Paul Yeater, Assistant Music Director of Choirs, and Rosie MacKenzie, Assistant Music Director of the Praise Team, stepped into their new roles in support of SPC's growing music ministry.

Staff Transition – Communications

In December, Jennifer Johnson concluded her service as Director of Communications. Josh Laird began part-time in Youth Ministry in October and stepped into the full-time role of Communications Coordinator and Jr. High Ministry Coordinator on January 1, 2026.

Pastors

Rev. Derek R. Davenport, Senior Pastor

Rev. G. Michael Creamer, Associate Pastor
for Youth and Young Adults

Rev. Barb Kennedy, Parish Associate (P)

Administration

Sharon Barber, Assistant to the Pastor

David Blum, Custodian (P)

Nancy Cochran, Stewardship Coordinator (C)

Laura Mikush, Business Administrator

Thom Lockward, Custodian (P)

Gretel Tomales, Housekeeper (P)

Joey Tomales, Custodian

Communication & Technology

Dave Breit, Media Engineer (P)

Rici Brockinson, Broadcast Producer & Worship
Media Coordinator

Joshua Laird, Communications Coordinator

Alexis Merritt, Worship Technician (P)

Congregational Ministries

Erin Leghorn, Director of Discipleship (P)

Nicole Quaka, Children's Ministry Coordinator (P)

Elizabeth Szuba, Director of Congregational Care (P)

Friendship Preschool

Bethany Barber, Classroom Assistant (P)

Dawn Borres, Classroom Assistant (P)

Jessica Carlson, Assistant Teacher (P)

Susan Fox, Teacher (P)

Nancy Friskhorn, Teacher (P)

Erin Leghorn, Co-Director of FriendShip Preschool (P)

Erica Lyons, Classroom Assistant (P)

Gretchen McAdams, Co-Director of Friendship Preschool (P)

Ashley Raymond, Assistant Teacher (P)

Jill Tyler, Classroom Assistant (P)

Ann Wood, Teacher (P)

(P) = Part-Time

(C) = Contract

Music Ministries

Jett Downey, Choir Singer (P)

Lucy Natale, Choir Singer (P)

Meghan Thomson, Choir Singer (P)

Conor Warshawsky, Choir Singer (P)

Michael Hammer, Music Director

Rosie MacKenzie, Director of Praise Team (P)

Paul Yeater, Choir Conductor (P)

Davie MacKenzie, Worship Guitarist (P)

In Memoriam

William Cummins
Richard Happe
Beverly Harris
Virginia Picard
Susan Reuter
Elizabeth Spalding
Thomas Vanderslice



"Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil, for you are with me"

Psalm 23:4



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God owns everything! Every good and perfect gift comes from Him. He is pleased when we return a portion of the gifts that He has provided.

Giving our gifts to God through Sewickley Presbyterian Church is a spiritual matter. Each of us participates in the mission and vision of our church by our ministry of giving. We are all called to be good stewards, not only of our treasure, but also of our time and talents.

"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." **Matthew 6:33**





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