



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship |

April 26, 2026

11AM

Prelude

Fantasia on Foundation

Paul Yeater, tenor

Introit

This Little Light of Mine

SPC Children's Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

One: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.

Many: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

One: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens.

Many: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

All: Let us worship God.

Psalm 57:9-10

Hymn #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted From Eutaxia, 1855

O Lord, we most humbly confess that we have sinned; our actions, thoughts, and words have displeased you. Yet, merciful God, you are our Redeemer. Perfect the work you have begun in us. We ask you to look not upon the sins we commit, but upon the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Govern us by your Holy Spirit and grant us newness of life to praise and glorify your name. Through 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

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

How Firm a Foundation
Congregational Choir
Alex Irwin, violin

Doxology #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Praise to the Lord Who Reigns Above
Paul Yeater, tenor

Affirmation

The Scots Confession Chapter 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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 #262

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

Hunger Offering We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn. The offering is meant to be sacrificial, above our regular giving. Please come forward as clergy place a basket before the Communion table and place your gift. All proceeds will go to **Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry**.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 6:13-20

When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sermon

Firm and Secure

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Notes

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
Alex Irwin, violin
Congregational Choir
Chamber Choir
Acolyte: Addington Coates
Ushers: Judee Rooney, Ron Charles,
Pam Charles, Wayne Murphy
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Laurie Holding

Credits

Fantasia on Foundation, **arr. Paul Yeater**
Introit: This Little Light of Mine, **arr. Donald P. Moore**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!, **Hymn #263**
Anthem: Praise to the Lord Who Reigns Above,
Glen L. Rudolph
Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus, **Hymn #262**
Gloria Patri, **Gloria Patri**
Offertory: How Firm a Foundation, **arr. Vincent M. Ryan**
Doxology, **#609**
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, **Hymn #260**
Postlude

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory
of
Betty and Jake Thornton**

*by
Liza Thornton*

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).



Looking Ahead

Monday, April 27

Men's Huddle

7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 28

Koinonia

9:15-11:15 AM

Wednesday, April 29

Bible Basics

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Club 345

3:45-5:00 PM

Children's Choir

5:00-5:30 PM

Youth Hangz

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers of Comfort

- For Joan Darby and her family on the death of her sister, Anne Bartholet.

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Brayden Stover

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



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