



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026 | 10AM

Prelude

Still

Praise Team

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Call to Worship

From Psalm 33

One: The Word of the Lord is upright,

Many: And all his work is done in faithfulness.

One: He loves righteousness and justice;

Many: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Music

Praise

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted From Ancient Collects and Other Prayers, 1875

Be present, O Lord, to our prayers, and let not your mercy be far from your people. Heal our wounds. Forgive our sins so that we may not be separated from you by our disobedience. Draw us back to you in faithful repentance, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Bowie Nicole Shook

Daughter of Keith Christopher Shook & Caitlin Ann (Harrison) Shook

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 *Bowie* 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

*Children going into preschool through 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Offering

Gifts of thanksgiving can be made physically or digitally. More info at the back of the bulletin.

Offertory

Dusty Bibles

Praise Team

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

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 Music

Simple Kingdom

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-12

Sermon

Our Shared Calling

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Closing Music

This Is Amazing Grace

Charge and 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: Rosie MacKenzie
Assistant Music Director of Choirs: Paul Yeater
SPC Summer Choir
Praise Team: Davie MacKenzie, Danny Rectenwald,
Dan Burgun, Ellen Hitchins, Erin Leghorn,
Andrew Birnie
Ushers: Janet Lee, Ann Shelton, Sylvia Dallas,
John Oliver
Tech Crew: Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt, Peggy Breit

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

Saturday, August 22

Choir Retreat

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday, August 23

Steelers Ticket Raffle

Starts at 11:30 AM

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory
of CHARLIE**

By

*Cordelia, Laura, Peter, Brian
and the entire Jacobs family.*

Worship Musical Credits

Prelude: Still, **Hillary Scott**
Opening Music: Praise, **Elevation Worship**
Gloria Patri, **Gloria Patri**
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise, **Hymn #486**
Offertory: Dusty Bibles, **Josiah Queen**
Doxology
Simple Kingdom, **Bryan and Katie Torwalt**
This Is Amazing Grace, **Phil Wickham**
Postlude

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Comfort

- For the Shadle Family on the death of Jane and Bill's niece, Sarah Knuth.
- For the friends and family of Molly Stater who passed away on August 7, 2026.

Prayers of Joyful Thanksgiving

- On the birth of Charlotte Lee McGarry
Born August 4
Daughter of Jack & Kelly McGarry
Granddaughter of Laura & Jim MacDougall

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Stew Lawrence
- Jim Morrissey

**Find a full Prayer List with updated & continued prayer needs in the Thursday weekly church email.*



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Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 4 PM

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