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DECEMBER 4, 2022, 10:30 AM  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

arr. Dennis Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



HYMN OF PRAISE *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*

Hymn 107

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

CHORAL INTRODUCTION



CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane and Samantha Weber

Advent is a time to watch.

**We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

During Advent we watch for hope in the midst of despair.

**We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

During Advent we watch for forgiveness in the midst of rebellion.

**We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

During Advent we watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

**We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

During Advent we watch for the presence of God in the midst of a fallen world.

**We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

† *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

† **CANDLE LIGHTING**

† **REFRAIN** *We Wait in Hope* Please see insert

**ADVENT PRAYER**

## **TIME OF CONFESSION**

† **CALL TO CONFESSION** David Weber

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient God, you know just how often  
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.  
You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic,  
fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.  
You know just how often we tuck your words, “Do not be afraid”  
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,  
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.  
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.  
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,  
which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love.  
With hope we pray, amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith, even when we forget God’s words, God does not forget us.  
Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us.  
Even when we fall short or make mistakes,  
God forgives and holds onto us.  
**We are known, forgiven, and loved.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

# THE WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

“God Meets Us In Our Fear”

Rev. Sarah Robbins

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HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Hymn 87

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who knows our fears.  
We believe in a God who says, “Be not afraid.”  
We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes  
and wades into the muck of our lives with us.  
We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels,  
and invites us to dance.  
We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky  
so that we can find our way home,  
and who sends us friends with open doors,  
so we can find our way to love.  
We believe in a God who finds us in our fear  
and does not leave us alone.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.  
Amen.

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please place your offering in the tray at the back of the sanctuary  
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at [www.glenshawchurch.org](http://www.glenshawchurch.org).*

**OFFERTORY**

*Bethlehem Wind*  
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

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**DOXOLOGY**

**Hymn 606**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Hymnal Page 35**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Hymnal Page 35**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Through the Ages*

Please see insert

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

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**SENDING HYMN**

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

**Hymn 92**



## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that  
from generation to generation,  
we have been claimed and loved.

**From generation to generation,  
God has been by our side.**

**From generation to generation,  
we are not alone.**

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow  
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,  
saying, “Go be the person you are called to be,  
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.”  
May it be so. Amen.



## POSTLUDE

*Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*

arr. Mark Sedio

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Please leave your hymn insert in the pew for next Sunday’s service. Thank you.**

### ADVENT PARAMENTS

The Advent paraments employ the vast hues of purple to remind us that the child whose humble birth we await is our Lord and King. Amidst the purple, blue is interjected as a symbol of hope and expectation, pointing us toward heaven. As your eye moves across the chancel, you will notice that the deep purples become increasingly brighter, reminding us of the Advent journey from darkness into light. The cross on the Pastor’s stole is an anchor cross, a traditional symbol of our hope in Christ.

**VISITORS**, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad to have you worship with us!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POINSETTIAS

White Christmas Poinsettias will once again decorate our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Plants will be in a 6” pot at \$7 each. The greenhouse deadline is Sunday, **December 11**. To order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex, include your payment, and place in offering plate or bring to the church office. Be sure to indicate the exact wording you prefer and who is giving the plants.



## CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY SEASON

### **Saturday December 24th, Christmas Eve**

A traditional candle-lit service will be held at 7:30pm.

### **Sunday December 25th, Christmas Day**

There will be no in-person worship service, but we will share a link to an on-line service for folks to worship at home. We will also be sharing other in-person options for worship on the 25th that are nearby, as we get closer to the date.

### **Sunday January 1st, New Year's Day**

There will be a non-traditional and informal worship service at 10:30am.

### **Sunday January 8th, Epiphany**

We will celebrate the beginning of the season of Epiphany with a traditional communion worship service.

## **THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**TODAY**                      **December 4, 2022—SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

9:30 AM    Adult Education in the Parlor  
10:30 AM    Worship Service  
11:30 AM    Fellowship  
11:30 AM    Communications Committee Meeting

**MONDAY**                      **December 5, 2022**

6:30 PM    Personnel Meeting via Zoom  
6:30 PM    PNC Meeting

**TUESDAY**                      **December 6, 2022**

11:00 AM    Shaler Garden Club

**WEDNESDAY**                      **December 7, 2022**

10:00 AM    Advent Devotional Time  
6:00 PM    Bella Voci Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**                      **December 8, 2022**

5:30 PM    The Neighborhood Table  
6:30 PM    Carillon Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY**                      **December 9, 2022**

8:00 PM    Bella Voci Concert

**SUNDAY**                      **December 11, 2022—THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

9:30 AM    Adult Education in the Parlor  
10:30 AM    Worship Service  
11:30 AM    Fellowship

### **GPC OFFICE HOURS :**

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcoming all who seek to know God,  
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church invites  
individuals and families to join in our  
journey of faith as we share the love of  
Jesus Christ with one another, the  
community, and the world.



### **The GPC Session**

Sherry Martin, Clerk of Session

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