



# FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

*There's room for every story*

NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 10:30 AM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Even So, Lord Jesus, Come*

Gaither / arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



HYMN OF PRAISE

*Through the Ages*

Please see insert

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

CHORAL INTRODUCTION



CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Vita

Advent is a time to wait.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for power in weakness.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

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

† CANDLE LIGHTING

Judy Stauffer and Katie Sturges

† REFRAIN

*We Wait in Hope*

Please see insert

ADVENT PRAYER

## TIME OF CONFESSION

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There's room for every story. Amen.**

† SILENT CONFESSION

† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,  
We who feel scattered are held together.  
We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.  
And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told,  
"There's room for you here."  
From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.**  
**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 2:1-5**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      **Matthew 1:1-17**

**SERMON**      “There’s Room for Every Story”      Rev. Sarah Robbins

† **HYMN**      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*      **Hymn 82**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.**

**We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.” 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**

*Advent Echo Carol*  
Chancel Choir  
Don Pearce and Deb Vita, chimes

Mary Kay Beall

† **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**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

† **SENDING HYMN** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **Hymn 93**

† **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** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* arr. Seth Bingham

## 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.



## **GPC BOOK CLUB**

**Dec. 7, 2022**

***Becoming Mrs. Lewis*** by Patti Callahan Henry. 450 pages, (Karen Tabor),  
Hostess – Jane Hackett, 412-849-3037, at J. Hackett's home.

## **DONATE TO THE GPC EARLY LEARNING CENTER THROUGH UNITED WAY**

Dear GPC Members,

Every day dozens of parents for trust us with their children and we feel truly honored to have them in our Center. Last year the United Way added the Early Learning Center as an agency to accept donations. If you contribute to the United Way, you can now designate your contribution to the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center. The code for the ELC is 17905449. Thank you for considering this. All funds received will be used to buy supplies, toys, etc. for the children.

Respectfully,  
Fawn Pignoli  
GPC ELC Director

**PER CAPITA** for 2022 is \$34.79

## **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**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>November 27, 2022—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 28, 2022</b> 6:30 PM PNC Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 30, 2022</b> 10:00 AM Advent Devotional Time with Pastor Sarah 6:30 PM Session Brainstorming Meeting in Parlor
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 1, 2022</b> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 4, 2022—SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 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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