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DECEMBER 18, 2022, 10:30 AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Veni, Emmanuel*

arr. Flor Peter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN OF PRAISE      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      Hymn 88 vv. 1-3

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

CHORAL INTRODUCTION

† CALL TO WORSHIP      Barry, Jane, and Brianna Hackett

Advent is a time to praise.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

During Advent we remember God's past faithfulness.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

During Advent we remember God's present goodness.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

During Advent we remember God's future promises.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

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

† **CANDLE LIGHTING**

† **REFRAIN** *We Wait in Hope* Please see insert and sing verse 4

**ADVENT PRAYER**

## **TIME OF CONFESSION**

† **CALL TO CONFESSION** Beth Nickel

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of today and tomorrow,  
When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.  
Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.  
How often do we have that same opportunity?  
How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?  
How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?  
Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, this is what I know— God delights in us. God throws open the door, just like Elizabeth, and says, “Come on home. There is room for you here!” And in that moment, we are blessed. In that moment, we are forgiven. In that moment, we are seen, healed, and welcomed home. So rest in this good news: you are saved by grace. Let us respond together, using the words from Mary's song:

**“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant,  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.”**

† **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

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**LESSON 1** Mary Luke 1: 39-56

**CAROL** *Ave Maria* arr. Jacob Aracade (16th Cent.)

Chancel Choir

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Hail Mary, blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen

**HOMILY** “We See God in Each Other” Rev. Sarah Robbins

**LESSON 2** Joseph Luke 2: 1-7

**CAROL** *Joseph's Song* from The Voice of Christmas Joseph M. Martin  
Doug Orr, tenor

**LESSON 3** Angels Luke 2: 8-14

**CAROL** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **Hymn 143**

**LESSON 4** Shepherds Luke 2: 15-20

**CAROL** *There's a Star in the East* **Hymn 135**



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.  
We belong to one another in an undeniable way.  
We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.  
We believe that God invites us to live into that truth—  
to love without abandon, to see the good in one another,  
to trust that all belong to God.  
We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,  
which is why we gather in this space, week after week,  
generation after generation, to be reminded:  
We see God in each other. This we believe. 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

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Carillon Choir

arr. Susan E. Geschke



### 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

*Through the Ages*

Please see insert



*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

## † 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

*Joy to the World*  
Carillon Choir

GF Handel  
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

## WORSHIP NOTES

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of **Donald J. Zahniser, III** given by his brother, Keith, and family.

### 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.

**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

## SHALER SHOWCASE CONCERT

**Friday, January 6 at 7:00pm**

Please join us at GPC for a concert to highlight the talent from current students and graduates of Shaler Area High School.! Featuring **Kelsey Marshall** ('20), Junior Musical Theatre Major at Shenandoah University; **Hannah Bedeck** ('23), violin; **Lauren Lorenz** ('23), soprano and **The Shaler Area HS Honors Women's Chorus**, directed by Kristin Tepshich, M.Ed.

Free concert, donations accepted. Reception following the concert.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Candlelight worship service at 7:30pm**

or livestream at [www.glenshawchurch.org](http://www.glenshawchurch.org) or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx0wKbXXrK5SsWfvUoTS-cQ/live>

## CHRISTMAS MORNING LOCAL SERVICES

### GLENSHAW VALLEY PC AT 9:30AM

1520 Butler Plank Rd, Glenshaw, PA 15116  
412-486-5656

Pastor Sarah and her family will be attending worship at 10:30am at

### WEXFORD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10645 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090  
724-935-5650 or livestream at <https://www.wexfordcpc.org/onlineworship>

### ELFINWILD PC AT 10:00AM

3200 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116  
or livestream at <https://www.elfinwildchurch.org>

## SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2023

**In-person worship at GPC at 10:30am**

This will be an informal worship service, with hymns and scripture.

We will be assembling care packages for youth who participate at the Shaler North Hills Library. Come start the New Year off right with worship and caring for our community!

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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>December 18, 2022—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 10:30 AM    Worship Service 11:30 AM    Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 19, 2022</b> 6:30 PM    PNC Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 20, 2022</b> 11:00 AM    Staff Christmas Luncheon 6:30 PM    Session Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 21, 2022</b> 10:00 AM    Advent Devotional Time via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 22, 2022</b> 6:30 PM    Carillon Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 24, 2022—CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 7:30 PM    Traditional Christmas Eve Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 25, 2022—CHRISTMAS DAY</b>

## **EPIPHANY SEASON**

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

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

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**December 26—December 30 and will reopen on Monday, January 2.**

**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

#### **Class of 2023**

Ann Carlson  
Betty Miller  
Bruce Raines  
Deb Vita

#### **Class of 2024**

Alain Richardson  
Brian Helfferich  
April Klein  
Chick Pfeiffer

#### **Class of 2025**

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Mark Held  
Sherry Martin  
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