



# Glenshaw

## Presbyterian Church

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JANUARY 1, 2022, 10:30 AM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

arr. David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Walker

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

**Our hope in Christ shines on.**

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

**The peace of Christ lights our way.**

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

**The joy of Christ brightens our lives.**

We give thanks for the light of love—bright and holy.

**The love of Christ comforts and challenges.**

Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Thank you, God, for your light in this world through Jesus Christ.**

The light shines in the darkness.

**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

†	<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	<b>Hymn 144</b>
†	<b>CALL TO CONFESSION</b>		
†	<b>PRAYER OF CONFESSION</b>		
	<p>We admit that we always find the time to fill our stomachs, God of every moment, but not our souls. We spend hours watching television, but not the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with our friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. We make resolutions to change every aspect of our lives, except for that which pertains to You.</p> <p>Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new. In the moments to come this year, remind us that if there is a time for everything, then we do have those moments for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.</p>		
†	<b>SILENT CONFESSION</b>		
†	<b>DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS</b>		
	<p>It's over - last year is gone. Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past. Today, we begin anew. Today, and every day, God offers us life and hope.</p> <p>Here, now, forever - we are forgiven and healed. This year, let us live as such people. Thanks be to God. Amen.</p>		
†	<b>THE PEACE OF CHRIST</b>		
	<p>The peace of Christ be with you.  <b>And also with you.</b></p>		
†	<b>CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE</b>	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	<b>Hymn 581</b>

# THE WORD

A TIME OF PREPARATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Like Mary, we believe in cherishing good news. Like the angels, we believe in singing God's praise. Like the shepherds, we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about. Like generations before, we believe that God is with us. Like the generations to come, we believe that God is with us. God is here. God is love. We believe. Thanks be to God!

## 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

*What Child Is This*

arr. Mark Hayes



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



*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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## GO IN GOD'S NAME

†      **SENDING HYMN**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*      **Hymn 132**

†      **NEW YEAR'S BENEDICTION**

From generation to generation,  
God keeps drawing near.  
From generation to generation,  
a light has shone in the darkness.  
From generation to generation,  
God's love has moved through the world  
like our connection moved through this room.  
Let us celebrate that.  
May we rest in the joy of this day,  
and may we allow it to change us.  
Happy New Year!  
Go in peace. God is with you every step of the way. Amen.

†      **POSTLUDE**      *In dulci jubilo*      arr. Norman Dello Joio

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GPC BOOK CLUB

Feb. 1, 2023

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, 593 pages, (Laura Davidson),

Hostess – Anne Orr, 412-492-9713

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

### **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.

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

We are now accepting orders for chancel flowers to brighten our sanctuary during our Sunday services. The cost to sponsor both arrangements dedicated to a loved one, to the Glory of God, or any dedication so desired each week is \$55. **To order flowers, please contact Jennifer in the church office** by calling 412-486-8400 ext. 110 or emailing [jennifer@glenshawchurch.org](mailto:jennifer@glenshawchurch.org) by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday

### **CHILDREN'S CHRIST CANDLES**

Parents and grandparents please have your children look for the Christ candle near the activity bags. They can light their own tea candle and place it with the larger one.

### **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

## **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Our members enjoy the cards and/or visits from each one of you. Please place them in your heart and let them know they are being thought of by reaching out to them. Below is an updated homebound member list with current addresses and telephone numbers. Please contact the church office if you know someone to include on the list of people that might like to hear from us.

**Sandy Crynack**

304 S. Magnolia Drive  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
(412) 487-6204  
Birthday: September 5

**Wilbert (Wib) Griffith**

301 Lucille St  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
412-486-8854  
Birthday: December 5

**Marian Harrington**

Rebecca Residence  
3764 Cedar Ridge Rd. #115  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
(724) 444-1810  
Birthday: December 26

**Ann Nicklas**

1490 Highland Ave  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
(724) 321-4530 (cell)  
Birthday: February 19

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

### **TODAY**

**January 1, 2023**

10:30 AM    Worship Service

11:30 AM    Fellowship

### **MONDAY**

**January 2, 2023**

6:30 PM    PNC Meeting

### **TUESDAY**

**January 3, 2023**

7:00 PM    Communications Committee Meeting

### **THURSDAY**

**January 5, 2023**

7:30 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY**

**January 6, 2023**

7:00 PM    Shaler Showcase Concert

### **SUNDAY**

**January 8, 2023**

10:30 AM    Worship Service with Communion

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

#### **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**

Alan Cridge  
Mark Held  
Sherry Martin  
Donna Walker

### **----- CHURCH STAFF -----**

Rev. Sarah Robbins, *Interim Pastor*

Cell phone: 412-715-3207

Corinne Adkins, *Director of Music & Organist*

Lois Cridge, *Business Manager*

Jennifer Zanke, *Administrative Assistant*

Fawn Pignoli, *Director of the GPC Early Learning Center*

Frank Maksin, *Property Manager*

Zachary Wall, *A/V Tech*

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