



JANUARY 8, 2023, 10:30 AM
EPIPHANY

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Christoph Bach

How Lovely Shines the Morningstar

Niels W. Gade

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Danielle Weber

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...
Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...
Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...
Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.
God is here.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Hymn 744



CALL TO CONFESSION

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

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of starlight, we know that faith isn't a vending machine.
Good news can't be bought or manufactured.
It does not arrive with a push of a button.
Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.
We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.
We have to believe that love really can change the world.
We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.
Forgive us for forgetting that.
Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.
We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day.
Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

† **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

FIRST READING **Matthew 2:1-12**

SECOND READING **Matthew 2:13-23**

SERMON "We Keep Seeking" Rev. Sarah Robbins

† **HYMN** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* **Hymn 151**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that faith is active, found on long walks, and in long talks, in future days, and down memory lane. We believe that those who seek will find, although it may not be what they expected. We believe that God finds us first. We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way in the shape of people, invitations, and even starlight. We believe that being a seeker— of God, of justice, of community— is a holy thing. So we strive to live with an open spirit, with soft hearts, and with room to grow. May it be so. 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.*

OFFERTORY

Impression on “*We Three Kings*”

Alfred Fedak

† **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- † **SENDING HYMN** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* **Hymn 159**
- † **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.
- † **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *May the God of Hope Go With Us* **Hymn 765**
- † **POSTLUDE** *As with Gladness Men of Old* arr. Wayne L. Wold

WORSHIP NOTES

THE PARAMENTS FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

The paraments for Christmas Eve and Christmastide include several symbols that are descriptive of Christ and his ministry: the lamb represents Christ's work of redemption; the fish, symbolic not only of our call to be disciples, also evokes an ancient understanding of Jesus Christ, a play on the Greek word for fish - *ixthous*, whose letters, in Greek, create an acronym for *Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior*; the crown symbolizes Christ as King; the shepherd's crook reminds us that Christ is the Good Shepherd; the dove represents not only the Spirit, but also Christ as Prince of Peace; and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega remind us that Christ is the first and the last, the living one.

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

DE-GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

De-greening of the Church at 7:00 p.m.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE REMINDER FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

We will be serving our chicken dinner in Sharpsburg on Thursday, **January 12th**. Servers need to be there by 5:45 p.m. If you have never helped before we would love to have you! Contact Larry Bock or Diana Long.

PER CAPITA for 2022 is \$34.79

GPC BOOK CLUB

Feb. 1, 2023

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

Hostess – Anne Orr, 412-492-9713

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** by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday

FELLOWSHIP, from 11:30 until noon after worship, is happening for another year in the parlor! The new sign-up sheet for January, February, and March is on the kiosk if you can host a couple of Sundays. Goodies could be cookies, brownies, chex mix, crackers and cheese, cut fruit, breads, muffins, veggies or anything you care to share for approximately 20-30 people. Plan to stop in and have a little treat while catching up with each other!

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 8, 2023

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

MONDAY

January 9, 2023

5:00 PM ELC Committee Meeting
6:30 PM PNC Meeting

TUESDAY

January 10, 2023

6:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Properties Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

January 11, 2023

7:00 PM De-greening of the Church

THURSDAY

January 12, 2023

5:30 PM The Neighborhood Table
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom
6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY

January 15, 2023

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

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*

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