



**seeking:**  
*Is this the fast  
that I choose?*

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**FEBRUARY 22, 2023, 7:30 PM**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

arr. Charles Callahan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **HYMN** *Be Still and Know That I Am God* **Hymn 414** (sung 3 times)

**Be still and know that I am God.**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Dave Weber

We gather together at the edge of a new season.

**We stand together on the cusp of something new.**

Will we wade into self-reflection?

**Will we invite honesty to dance?**

Will we listen for God's invitation?

**Will we seek deeper faith?**

What kind of fast do we choose? What kind of faith will we build?

**We gather together at the edge of a new season.**

Listen, God is speaking.

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



**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Inspired by the words of Isaiah 58)

**We believe in a God who chooses freedom, who unties every rope and carries our burdens. We believe in a God who ushers in the poor and the hungry, who has a seat saved for all of us. We believe in a God whose love is like the sun, who says, “I’m here, I’m here!” every time we cry. We believe in a God who walks before us in the parched places, who rescues our bones, who tends to us like a gardener. And because we believe, we strive to choose love. Because we believe, we strive to pursue justice. Because we believe... Amen.**

† **HYMN** *Bless the Lord* **Hymn 544** (sung 2 times)

**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God’s holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.**

† **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.  
**Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.**  
**Seek the good in every person you pass.**  
**Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.**  
As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace.  
Amen.

*All depart in silence*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**WE RECORD OUR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE.** We invite each member of your family in attendance to sign the friendship pad at the end of each pew. We are glad to have you worship with us!

**VISITORS**, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We invite you to stop by the kiosk in the narthex outside the sanctuary doors to receive **a welcome packet**. We are glad to have you worship with us!

### LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus' side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PER CAPITA** for 2023 is \$35.70

### 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

### NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Is it time for your spring cleaning? Do you have any unwanted treasures? The Deacons are planning our second outside flea market set for **July 15th** to raise funds for our ongoing mission work. You will be able to purchase a space to sell your own items, but if you do not care to do that, you may participate by **donating your things** to the Deacon's sale tables. We will start collecting any **household items March 1st** until the sale date. You may bring them to the designated tables in the basement of the church in **the bowling alley**. Please note **we are not** collecting any clothing! Contact Kathy Luft or [Diana Long](#) with any questions and we thank you!!

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

Dear GPC Members,

Every day dozens of parents put trust in 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

## **GPC BOOK CLUB**

All meetings at 7:00 p.m.

### **April 5, 2023**

*The Pioneers* by David McCullough, 352 pages (Ruthann Martin),  
Hostess – Sue Phillips, 412-720-1216, at S.  
Phillips's home.

### **May 3, 2023**

*The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett, 354 pages, (Jane Hackett),  
Hostess – Audrey Clifton, 412-213-0678, GPC Parlor

### **June 7, 2023**

*One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow* by Olivia Hawker, 496 pages, (Sue Phillips), Hostess – Laura Davidson, 412-915-0633

## **PUZZLE LENDING LIBRARY**

Many of us enjoyed making jigsaw puzzles during COVID, particularly in the early days when we were spending more time at home. I thought we could start a puzzle "lending library" at GPC. If you have any puzzles you are willing to share with friends at church, put your name on them and leave them in the library to be displayed on the bookshelves. Take a few home and after you finished them, return them to the library so they can be borrowed by someone else. There are still quite a few long, dreary days ahead weather-wise, so why not pass the time with a good puzzle!

Chris Hack

## **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

### **Margaret Wiegand**

Atria at Cranberry Woods

3020 Fairport Lane Apt. 241

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

(724) 776-2675

Birthday: May 21

## **To Keep a True Lent**

Words by Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

Music by Charles Huddleston Heaton, 1929-2021

Is this a Fast, to keep  
    The larder lean?  
    And clean  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
    Of flesh, yet still  
    To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
    Or ragged to go  
    Or show  
A down-cast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole  
    Thy sheaf of wheat  
    And meat  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife  
    And old debate  
    And hate;  
To circumsise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
    To starve thy sin,  
    Not bin;  
And that's to keep thy Lent.

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 -----**

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