

MARCH 12, 2023, 10:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Nickel

We gather together—

the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.

We gather together—

the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.

We gather together—

those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.

So come to the well, come to the table.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

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† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. 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

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND READING John 4:5-42

SERMON "Will you give me a drink?" Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** As the Deer **Hymn 626** (sung two times)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.

We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

May we be brave enough to give people a drink. 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 When the Storms of Life Are Raging (Stand By Me) Victor C. Johnson Chancel Choir

† 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 Jesus Calls Us Hymn 720

† CHARGE 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.

POSTLUDE Scherzo Alan Ridout

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WORSHIP NOTES

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of god in honor of **Pastor Emily**. Given by the GPC Pastor Nominating Committee.

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.

VISITORS, please **complete** a **visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad to have you worship with us!

WE RECORD OUR SUNDAY 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering tête-à-tête daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, mums, and azaleas to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning. The cost of each flower is designated below and the deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 26**.

Azalea 6" pot - \$8.00 each Mum 6" pot - \$7.00 each Tête-à-tête daffodil, Hyacinth, or Tulip 6" pot - \$6.00 each Tête-à-tête daffodil 3" pot - \$3.00 each

To place an order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex and return it to the church office including payment for the flowers. Please pick up your Easter flower(s) immediately after the service on Easter morning.

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 are now collecting any household items. 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!!

THE PER CAPITA for 2023 is \$35.70.

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.

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

Marian Harrington

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

Margaret Wiegand

Atria at Cranberry Woods 3020 Fairport Lane Apt. 241 Cranberry Township, PA 16066 (724)776-2675 Birthday: May 21

Wilbert (Wib) Griffith

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

Ann Nicklas

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

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY March 12, 2023- Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

MONDAY March 13, 2023

5:00 PM Early Learning Center Board Meeting

6:30 PM Finance/Stewardship Meeting 7:00 PM Music and Worship Meeting

TUESDAY March 14, 2023

7:00 PM Properties Committee Meeting

THURSDAY March 16, 2023

6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY March 19, 2023– Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

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	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Ann Carlson	Alain Richardson	Alan Cridge
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Bruce Raines	April Klein	Sherry Martin
Deb Vita	Chick Pfeiffer	Donna Walker

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