



*Advent at*  
*Glenshaw*  
**Presbyterian Church**

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DECEMBER 3, 2023, 10:30 AM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

*Wachet auf* - Variation I

Edward W. Beals

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CHORAL INTRODUCTION**

† **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Jane & Barry Hackett &  
granddaughter, Brianna Hackett

Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

**Give us ears, O LORD, and help us to hear.**

Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

**Give us ears, O LORD, and help us to hear.**

Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

**Give us ears, O LORD, and help us to hear.**

Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

**Give us ears, O LORD, and help us to hear.**

† **CANDLE LIGHTING**

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



## REFRAIN

# God Is Near

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

### Congregation:



Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;  
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the  
world with\_ hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -  
man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ God is near. \_\_\_\_\_



## ADVENT PRAYER

### TIME OF CONFESSION



#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce Raines



#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.



#### SILENT CONFESSION

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      Gloria Patri      **Hymn 581**

## **THE WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Isaiah 64:1-9

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      Mark 13:24-37

**SERMON**      Hear      Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN**      *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*      **Hymn 96**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Apostles' Creed      **Hymnal Page 35**

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary  
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at [www.glenshawchurch.org](http://www.glenshawchurch.org).*

**OFFERTORY**      *Veni Jesu*      Luigi Cherubini  
Chancel Choir      arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

† **DOXOLOGY**      **Hymn 609**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

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

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

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|---|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| † | SENDING HYMN           | <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i> | Hymn 93         |
| † | CHARGE AND BENEDICTION |  |                 |
| † | POSTLUDE               | <i>Wachet auf</i> - Variation II           | Edward W. Beals |

## WORSHIP NOTES

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of **Sue Hahn's birthday** given by the Hahn family.

**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!

## **THE ADVENT CANDLES**

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's dark season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has adapted that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

## **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. The cross on the Pastor's stole is an anchor cross, a traditional symbol of our hope in Christ.

## **PERSONAL PRIVACY DURING LIVESTREAM OF SUNDAY WORSHIP**

It is important for our members, guests, and visitors to be aware that we livestream our worship service. If you are joining us for in person worship but prefer not to appear on the livestream video, we have 2 specific areas in the sanctuary where you can sit comfortably and not appear on the video. The first area is the left transept on the main floor and the second is the center balcony area. An usher will be happy to help you find these areas.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Sunday, December 3

3:00pm – Holiday Choral Concert

Peace and Love and Hope Abide

Featuring Belle Voci

Tickets are \$25 when purchased through Belle Voci online and at the door.

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

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Pink Christmas poinsettias will be decorating our sanctuary during the Christmas season this year. Plants will be in a 6" pot at \$7.00 each. Greenhouse deadline will be **Sunday, December 10th**. To order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex with your payment and place in offering plate or bring/send to the church office. Be sure to indicate the exact wording you prefer and who is giving the plants.

## THE SEASON OF GIVING

During December the church offers several opportunities to give in ways that are meaningful and will further Christ's work in the world:

- The Christmas JOY Offering is 1 of 4 Special Offerings of the PC(USA); it helps support past, present and future church leaders
- My Christmas Gift to the Church helps support the on-going ministries of our church
- The Giving Catalog provides opportunities to give agricultural gifts, and gifts of livestock and water to those in need.

The Giving Catalog can be found on-line at <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/all/>, and paper copies are available in our church narthex. Envelopes for the Christmas JOY Offering and My Christmas Gift to the Church will be collected next Sunday, **December 3**, or you can donate online via the GPC website.

## TASTE OF CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE December 10

The DEACONS are planning a free will offering HOLIDAY BAKE SALE after worship in the parlor. If you did not know, maintenance of our church medical supplies is a Deacon responsibility. The proceeds of this bake sale will go toward replacing our life saving automated external defibrillator (AED) that will expire/outdate in early spring. We invite you to support this cause in a few ways. You may take home some yummy irresistible Tastes of Christmas goodies and we will even put a bow on your choices if you care to gift them! If you like to bake, you may sign up at the kiosk to donate a baked good and bring those baked goods on Sunday morning to the parlor kitchen or if you want to contribute to the (AED) but can not be in church that Sunday, you may make a free will offering with check made payable to Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Deacons with (AED) on the memo line. Please contact Darlene Hills with any questions: [hillsdl17@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdl17@gmail.com). Thank you very much!

# THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## TODAY

**December 3, 2023**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 3:00 PM Belle Voci Holiday Choral Concert

## TUESDAY

**December 5, 2023**

- 11:00 AM Shaler Garden Club
- 7:00 PM Communications Committee Meeting

## THURSDAY

**December 7, 2023**

- 11:00 AM Bell Polishing in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY

**December 10, 2023**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 9:30 AM Carillon Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacon's Cookie Walk and 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 2024**

Alain Richardson  
Brian Helfferich  
April Klein  
Chick Pfeiffer

#### **Class of 2025**

Alan Cridge  
Mark Held  
Sherry Martin  
Donna Walker

#### **Class of 2026**

Carla Berg  
Ray Hack  
Betty Miller  
Tom Tabor

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

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