



FEBRUARY 18, 2024, 10:30 AM
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Kirchen Aria (Church Song)
Bryan Adkins, horn

Alessandro Stradella
arr. Mason Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Ray Hack

God meets us in the night—

**Before the sun rises, before the wound heals,
before there are answers, before there is closure.**

God meets us in the light—

**Where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious, where flowers bloom
from cracks in the sidewalk, and where people gather around the table.**

God meets us at the threshold—

**At the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness, at the start of
something new, on the edge of faith.**

And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us in between—

Staying with us through the wilderness.

We are not alone. God is all around.

Let us worship the God of the here and now.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **Hymn 286**

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God who meets us where we are— there is nowhere we can go that you are not.
**You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness,
And even in between, you were there, saying aloud, “This is my beloved.”**
We know that you are with us too— In the good, the bad, and everything in
between—But so often we act like we are alone.
**Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others.
Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves
and offer you nothing.**
How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living
like you are nowhere to be found?
**Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath,
in every step, you are there.**
You are the God who meets us where we are.
Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this: God is here. God sees
you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,
and God calls you beloved.
**We are washed by the water.
We are called beloved.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

† **KYRIE** *Lord, Have Mercy* **Hymn 576**

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

Again & Again, God Meets Us

Rev. Emily Cooper

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HYMN

When We Are Tested

Hymn 783

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here, bigger than the sky and in the smallest details, all at once and in every moment. We believe that God meets us where we are— in heartbreak and high hopes, around crowded tables and in quiet homes, in joy and in suffering, in loneliness and in connection, in sanctuaries and in living rooms, in marches and in waiting rooms. We believe that nothing we do or leave undone can distance us from God's love. God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in. Again and again, God meets us where we are and invites us into wholeness. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

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.*

OFFERTORY

A Lenten Walk

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Chancel Choir

Bryan Adkins, horn

Debbie Vita, handchime

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DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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GO IN GOD'S NAME

†	SENDING HYMN	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	Hymn 738
†	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
†	POSTLUDE	<i>Scherzo from Serenade in D, Op. 11</i> Bryan Adkins, horn	Johannes Brahms arr. Mason Jones

WORSHIP NOTES

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of **William Carlson**.

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!

CHILDREN'S CHRIST CANDLES

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

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

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

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date of **Sunday, April 14** to give the gift of blood. This event is being hosted by the Deacons with Myron McGoun leading this important drive. More details will follow soon.

EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering a wide assortment of spring flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning this year! The cost of each flower is designated below and the deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 17**.

Hydrangea 6" pot - \$13.00 each

Daffodil, Hyacinth, or Tulip 6" pot - \$7.00 each

Gerbera Daisy or Cyclamen 4" pot - \$5.00 each

Tête-à-tête Daffodil 4" 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.

LITURGISTS NEEDED

We need to expand our list of liturgist volunteers. Each Sunday we are grateful to everyone who aids in leading worship. One important role is that of liturgist. This person helps to lead the liturgy along with Pastor Emily. Any member is able to participate, as you don't need to be an Elder or Deacon to assist, and the liturgy text will be provided for you. Please consider this worship role!

PER CAPITA for 2024 is \$36.35.

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

Dr. Robert and Karen Ford

High Pointe at Rebecca Residence
1871 High Pointe Lane, Apt. 1306
Allison Park, PA 15101
724-939-3773
412-310-1655 (Bob cell)
412-480-1913 (Karen cell)

Ann Nicklas

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

Grace Rihn

1330 Lindbergh Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15223
412-486-5788
Birthdate: June 1st

Margaret Wiegand

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

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

February 18, 2023

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

MONDAY

February 19, 2023

- ALL DAY Church Office Closed

TUESDAY

February 20, 2023

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

THURSDAY

February 22, 2023

- 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY

February 18, 2023

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- 9:30 AM Carillon Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
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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 -----

Rev. Emily Cooper, *Pastor*

Cell phone: 412-334-2730

Corinne Adkins, *Director of Music & Organist*

Lois Cridge, *Business Manager*

Jennifer Zanke, *Office Manager*

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

Frank Maksin, *Property Manager*

Lia Knight, *A/V Tech*

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