



MARCH 17, 2024, 10:30 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Abide with Me

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri McGee

Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

“Here I am. Use me.”

Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

“Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow.”

Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

“Again and again, make me new.”

We do not come to this place to stay the same.

We come to this place to be changed.

So let us worship holy God, who created yesterday,

will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn of Promise

Hymn 250

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

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, We want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, despite our wonderings, despite our distractions,
Despite wrong turns time and time again, we are known and loved by God.
Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator.
Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator.
Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator.
Today is a new day.
Again and again, we are forgiven; again and again, we are reformed.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

† **KYRIE**

Kyrie

Hymn 576

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12:20-33

SERMON

Again and Again, We Are Reformed

Rev. Emily Cooper

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HYMN

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Hymn 824

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that flowers need the rain. We believe that humans need community. We believe that bodies need rest. We believe that hearts need connection. We believe that mornings need sunrise. We believe that seasons need change. We believe that grief needs space. We believe that change needs time. We believe that love needs security. We believe that pain needs art. We believe that joy needs company. We believe that our spirits need God. Again and again, our spirits need God. Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here. God is at work in our lives. God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

The Cross
Chancel Choir

Lyrics Pam Martin
Music Craig Courtney

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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	<i>Abide with Me</i>	Hymn 836
†	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
†	POSTLUDE	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	arr. Timothy Albrecht

WORSHIP NOTES

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of **Bonnie Giel**. Given by Kathy Poole.

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.

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.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacon sponsored blood drive is **SUNDAY, APRIL 14** FROM 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kings Hall. It is suggested you make an appointment by either going to vitalant.org and searching with Account Code UG0010070 or by zip code or you may call VITALANT directly at 1-877-25VITAL. Myron McGoun will also be happy to assist you or answer any questions. More details can be located in this week's Tuesday Tidings weekly email. The following fact may help you decide the importance of signing up to donate... Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood! **THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

DEACON REQUEST

Beginning APRIL 28 through JULY 7, we will be collecting your unwanted household treasures (excluding clothing) for the upcoming open air flea market scheduled for July 20. Thank you for saving your items for the Deacon's ongoing work!

PER CAPITA for 2024 is \$36.35.

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.

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!

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 **this 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.

CHURCH LIFE MURDER MYSTERY

The Church Life Committee is pleased to announce our next event – a dinner theatre murder mystery (“Café Murder”)* and potluck dinner! All members are invited!

Members of the church will put on an interactive murder mystery show and afterwards, the audience will ask questions of the cast, then vote on ‘who dunnit’!

The event is planned for Saturday, April 27, at 5 pm in Kings Hall. We’ll start with Dinner at 5:30, followed by the Murder Mystery at 6:15, then Dessert provided by the Committee at 7:00.

We ask each member/family to bring a side, salad or main dish to serve 8-10.

Sign ups will begin Palm Sunday, March 24 through April 21. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex.

Please join us for an evening of fun with your church family!

**A Dinner Theater Murder Mystery by Nathan Hartswick, Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado*

DEACON FOOD COLLECTION

PALM SUNDAY, March 24, is the annual FILL A TRUCK drop off collection of unexpired non-perishable groceries for our neighbors at the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna. You will see a couple of deacons at the portico on the Pennsylvania Avenue side waiting to unload and receive your donations Sunday morning from 9:00 until noon. Monetary contributions are also welcomed by the BOLFP and you may write your check payable to Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Deacons with (BOLFP – Fill a truck) in the memo line. If each Deacon and each person/family donates even a small bag of groceries, WE CAN SURELY FILL THE TRUCK!!! Thank you for supporting this important event!

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

March 17, 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

TUESDAY

March 19, 2023

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

THURSDAY

March 21, 2023

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

SATURDAY

March 23, 2023

- 2:00 PM Easter Egg-stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY

March 24, 2023

- 9:00 AM Fill-A-Truck
- 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

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

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