



DECEMBER 1, 2024, 10:30 AM
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Al Roberts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTRO

Christ Be Our Light

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Tabor, & Maya & Grace Daugherty

Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

How long, O Lord, how long?

For those waiting for answered prayer:

Grant your steadfast patience.

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

CANDLE LIGHTING

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



REFRAIN

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day.

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ADVENT PRAYER



HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn 93



Those who are able are invited to stand.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Sandi Salmon

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord asks us, “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” (Isaiah 55:2). We turn away from God’s will to things that can never satisfy us. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

Almighty God, we have turned away from your Word and your will for our lives. We try to satisfy our needs by following the temptations of the devil, the world around us and our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son into the world to be our Savior and, for his sake, forgives our sins. God tells us, “Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2-3). I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus, Bread of heaven, feed us now and forever!



THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25:1-10

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

SERMON

The Main Thing

Rev. Jim Gilchrist



HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 347



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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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

Advent Echo Carol
Chancel Choir

MaryKay Beall

† DOXOLOGY Hymn 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Come Emmanuel
April Klein, soloist

Hymn 91

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **SENDING HYMN** *Christ Is Coming!* **Hymn 360**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Jesus said, "The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Give us this bread always."

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

Amen.

† **POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "Christ Is Coming"* arr. Charles Callahan

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY WE WELCOME DR. JIM GILCHRIST to the pulpit. He is a native of southwestern Pennsylvania and a graduate of Yale, Pitt, and Carnegie Mellon. He has served Presbyterian and United Methodist churches and been a leader of two nonprofit organizations. Now semi-retired, he teaches part-time at CMU and enjoys travelling and spending time with his wife, adult children, and two young grandchildren.

ADVENT BELL RINGERS: Anne Orr and Alain Richardson

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!

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.

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

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 sign up today on the sheet in the narthex!**

PER CAPITA for 2024 is \$36.35 and will increase to \$38.11 in 2025.

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.

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 8th**. 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.

TASTE OF THE HOLIDAYS BAKE SALE

Calling all BAKERS and PARTAKERS! The Deacons request your presence for the TASTE OF THE HOLIDAYS Bake Sale on December 15th, 2024, immediately following the worship service in the Parlor. GPC is blessed to have so many culinary experts who love to share their masterpieces with the congregation! The Deacons will graciously help package any purchases made to give as gifts to others. To coordinate the donation of these sweet treats most efficiently, please email or call Darlene Hills at hillsdl17@gmail.com or 412 486 8076. Please bring your goodies to the parlor BEFORE the church service on the 15th. If unable, just call Darlene for a pick up! THANK YOU! Your support will allow us to do HIS work through this DEACONS sponsored event!

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY	December 1, 2024
	9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
	11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor
MONDAY	December 2, 2024
	ALL DAY Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	December 3, 2024
	11:00 AM Shaler Garden Club
	7:00 PM Communications Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	December 5, 2024
	7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	December 8, 2024
	8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
	11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

**The Church Office is open
Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 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

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