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DECEMBER 24, 2024, 10:30 AM  
CHRISTMAS EVE

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
organ

arr. David Cherwien

*The Bells of Christmas*  
Carillon Choir

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
piano

arr. Jim Hammerly

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*  
Carillon Choir

arr. John Behnke

### WELCOME

### CHORAL INTRO

*Christ Be Our Light*

† Those who are able are invited to stand.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Carlson, Piper Pollock, William Carlson

Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

**May our hearts be willing.**

For all who are willing to receive the gift of the Savior born in Bethlehem:

**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

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### REFRAIN

## Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

## CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

† HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymn 133

† CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Christ our King.

**Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We turn away from your Word and your will for us. We listen to the temptations of the world around us. We choose to follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

God has had mercy on us. Jesus our Lord, whose birth we celebrate tonight, came to be our Savior. He suffered, died and rose up in triumph over death to redeem us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given!**

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## THE WORD

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Jason W. Krug  
Carillon Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 9:6-7

**ANTHEM**

*Unto Us a Son Is Given*  
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:1-20

**ANTHEM**

*Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Mat and Savanna Shaw  
Marykay Vallo, alto and Doug Orr, tenor

**SERMON**

Born in a Manger

Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** *Away in a Manger* **Hymn 115**

† **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**

*A Wondrous Birth*  
Chancel Choir, Doug Orr soloist

Allen Pote

† **DOXOLOGY** *Angels We Have Heard on High* **Hymn 113**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Hymnal Page 35**

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

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN** *Silent Night* **Hymn 122**  
(Sung in German, followed by verses 1-4 in English)

† **SENDING HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **Hymn 132**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

† **POSTLUDE** *Postlude on “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* arr. Norman Dello Joio

## WORSHIP NOTES

**ADVENT BELL RINGERS:** Alain Richardson & Melissa Wiley

### THE PARAMENTS FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

The paraments for Christmas Eve include several symbols that are descriptive of Christ and his ministry: the lamb represents Christ's work of redemption; the fish, symbolic not only of our call to be disciples, also evokes an ancient understanding of Jesus Christ, a play on the Greek word for fish - *ixthous*, whose letters, in Greek, create an acronym for *Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior*; the crown symbolizes Christ as King; the shepherd's crook reminds us that Christ is the Good Shepherd; the dove represents not only the Spirit, but also Christ as Prince of Peace; and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega remind us that Christ is the first and the last, the living one.

# *Christmas Poinsettias*

## **IN MEMORY OF:**

**Lee Scott Stauffer,**  
**we love you and miss you**  
Given by his family

**Grandparents**  
Given by Debbie Vita

**Beloved members of the**  
**Farbacher and Repic Families**  
Given by Donna and Dan Repic

**Our parents:**  
**Dean and Pearl Orr,**  
**Evan Thomas**  
Given by Anne and Doug Orr

**Marjorie Grabowski**  
Given by The Hastings - Scott, Beth, & Scotty

**Elton and Helen McGoun**  
Given by their children, grandchildren,  
and great-grandchildren

**Russ and Grace McGoun,**  
**And Mark Nurnberger**  
Given by the families of Kevin McGoun,  
Myron McGoun, and Alain Richardson

**In loving memory of Jim Richardson**  
Given by Alain Richardson

**Thomas W. Golightly**  
Given by Carolyn Jones

## **IN HONOR OF:**

**My Family**  
Given by Debbie Vita

**Our Children and Grandchildren**  
Given by Jane and Barry Hackett

## **TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

Given by Harry and Sherry Crenner

Given by Chick and Jan Pfeiffer

Given by Tom and Karen Tabor

Given by Sandra Salmon and George Missey

*Please remember to pick up your dedicated poinsettias after today's service.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH

This offering helps support the on-going ministries of Glenshaw Presbyterian Church. Envelopes for *My Christmas Gift to the Church* can be found in your annual offering envelope box.

## 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](mailto: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 sign up today on the sheet in the narthex!**

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

The church office will be closed  
**Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1.**  
Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at GPC!

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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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