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DECEMBER 22, 2024, 10:30 AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Marilyn Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTRO

*Christ Be Our Light*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Raines Family

Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For relationships left in decay and neglect:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

**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



## 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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 88 vv. 1,2,3, & 7



*Those who are able are invited to stand.*



**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Alain Richardson

Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, even though we should shine with Jesus’ light, we often become lost in the shadows of sin. We turn away from your Word and your will to listen to the temptations of the world around us. Instead of seeking to help and serve others, we pay more attention to our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

God loved the world and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus died and rose from death for us, and our sins are washed away in his blood. 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, Light of the World, shine in and through us!**



**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**THE WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 13:21-22

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:14-16

**SERMON**

Light of the World

Rev. Emily Cooper



**HYMN**

*He Came Down*

**Hymn 137 vv. 1-4**



**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](http://www.glenshawchurch.org).*

### OFFERTORY

*The King Is Coming Soon*  
Chancel Choir

Jon Paige

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### DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Hymnal Page 35

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

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### SENDING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

Hymn 134

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### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

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.**

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### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Joy to the World"*

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

**ADVENT BELL RINGERS:** Melissa Wiley & Betty Miller

**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!

### **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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE BAKERS AND THE PARTAKERS**

for the "Taste of the Holidays" bake sale! What a wonderful representation of wonderful culinary treats! Thank you, also, for coming out on such a cold and rainy day!!!! Thanks to your generosity, the Deacons raised over \$550.00! These funds will be put to good use within the GPC greater community!!! Thank you for allowing us to do HIS service through you!

### **THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER IS LOOKING FOR BEFORE & AFTER CARE HELP**

The Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center is looking for Before & After Care help from 7a.m. - 9a.m. and 3p.m. -5:30 p.m. This would be a paid, part-time position and would require all clearances to work with children. For more information please contact our director, **Fawn Pignoli** at [fawn@glenshawchurch.org](mailto:fawn@glenshawchurch.org) or Pastor Emily.

### **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.

### **ATTENTION GPC VOLUNTEERS!**

When was the last time you updated your clearances? With all of the new and exciting events we are planning at GPC, it is very important that we have active clearances on file for all members wishing to volunteer. If you think that it has been longer three years, or you have never had clearances to volunteer with the church, please reach out to us and we will help you get them free of charge!

### **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.

# **THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **TODAY**

**December 22, 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

## **TUESDAY**

**December 24, 2024**

7:50 PM Christmas Eve Prelude  
8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

## **SUNDAY**

**December 29, 2024**

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service  
11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

The church office will be closed

**Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1.**

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

**GPC OFFICE HOURS:**

**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**

Sherry Martin, Clerk of Session

#### **Class of 2025**

Alan Cridge  
Mark Held  
Sherry Martin  
Donna Walker

#### **Class of 2026**

Carla Berg  
Ray Hack  
Betty Miller  
Tom Tabor

#### **Class of 2027**

Larry Bock  
April Klein  
Chick Pfeiffer  
Alain Richardson

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