



DECEMBER 29, 2024, 10:30 AM
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Christmas Joy

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Vita

Jesus is our Lord Emmanuel, God With Us. He laid aside his heavenly glory and humbled himself to be born among us.

O come, let us adore him!

Jesus, the Son of God, humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. He humbled himself to die as the sacrifice for our sins.

O come, let us adore him!

God raised his Son from the dead and exalted him in glory. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.

O come, let us adore him!



HYMN OF PRAISE

The First Nowell

Hymn 147

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior, yet we turn away from your love and seek to follow our own sinful desires. You have given us your Word, but instead we listen to the tempting voices of the world around us. We do not love others as we should, and we keep the Good News of salvation to ourselves. Have mercy on us, and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to save us. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross, and for his sake, God forgives our sins. 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, we worship you and adore your holy name, the name above all names.

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **Hymn 119**

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 97:1-12

GOSPEL READING John 1:14-18

SERMON Crowned with Glory Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* **Hymn 143**

† **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.*

OFFERTORY

Greensleeves with Coventry Carol

arr. Joel Raney



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



SENDING HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn 136



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.



POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

arr. David Cherwien

WORSHIP NOTES

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!

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.

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.

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

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

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!**

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 by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday.

DONATE TO THE GPC EARLY LEARNING CENTER THROUGH UNITED WAY

Dear GPC Members,

Every day dozens of parents for trust us with their children and we feel truly honored to have them in our Center. Last year the United Way added the Early Learning Center as an agency to accept donations. If you contribute to the United Way, you can now designate your contribution to the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center. The code for the ELC is 17905449. Thank you for considering this. All funds received will be used to buy supplies, toys, etc. for the children.

Respectfully,
Fawn Pignoli
GPC ELC Director

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

December 29, 2024

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

SUNDAY

January 5, 2025

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

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

----- 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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