



DECEMBER 8, 2024, 10:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd / arr. Shirley Brendlinger
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Alyssa Pysola, flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTRO

Christ Be Our Light

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane & Barry Hackett &
granddaughter, Brianna Hackett

The Light shines in the darkness,

but the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

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

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

Hymn 107



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ray Hack

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

Lord God, we are called by our Savior to have salt in ourselves, to reflect his love and compassion, yet we often turn away from his will for us. Instead of sharing Jesus' love we seek to follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world. We should act with compassion toward others but instead we seek to satisfy our own needs. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son, born in Bethlehem, to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. For his sake we are forgiven. 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, teach us to speak and act with compassion and love. Teach us to have salt in ourselves!



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

Leviticus 2:12-13

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 4:5-6

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:50

SERMON

Salt of the Earth

Rev. Emily Cooper



HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

Hymn 87



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

Veni Jesu

Cherubini / arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Chancel Choir Alyssa Pysola, flute

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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

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GO IN GOD'S NAME

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SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn 82

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

**Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may
know how you ought to answer each person.**

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

Vieux Noël (Ancient Carol)

César Franck

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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!

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

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 or Pastor Emily.

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!

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 is **TODAY, 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 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

MONDAY

December 9, 2024

5:00 PM Early Learning Center Board Meeting

TUESDAY

December 10, 2024

6:30 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY

December 12, 2024

7:30 PM The Neighborhood Table

SUNDAY

December 15, 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 Deacons Bake Sale

**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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Sherry Martin
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