

JANUARY 5, 2025, 10:30 AM EPIPHANY

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE We Three Kings arr. Heather Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP Bruce Raines

Arise, shine for your light has come! The glory of God has risen upon us.

Tell the good news throughout the earth; the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Come and adore the Savior of the nations. We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

† HYMN OF PRAISE Once in Royal David's City Hymn 140

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON What is Epiphany? Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** We Three Kings of Orient Are **Hymn 151**

† 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

Arise and Shine! Your Light Has Come!

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

† Doxology

Hymn 609

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† SENDING HYMN Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Hymn 146

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Once in Royal David's City arr. Carlos Staszeski

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 2025 is \$38.11.

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.

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

Ann Nicklas

1490 Highland Ave Glenshaw, PA 15116 (724) 321-4530 (cell) Birthday: February 19

Margaret Wiegand

Atria at Cranberry Woods 3020 Fairport Lane Apt. 241 Cranberry Township, PA 16066 (724)776-2675 Birthday: May 21

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)

Grace Rihn

1330 Lindbergh Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15223 412-486-5788 Birthdate: June 1st

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY January 5, 2025

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

TUESDAY January 7, 2025

7:00 PM Communications Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY January 8, 2025

7:00 PM Music and Worship Meeting

THURSDAY January 9, 2025

5:30 PM The Neighborhood Table6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY January 12, 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 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

Sherry Martin, Clerk of Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Alan Cridge	Carla Berg	Larry Bock
Mark Held	Ray Hack	April Klein
Sherry Martin	Betty Miller	Chick Pfeiffer
Donna Walker	Tom Tabor	Alain Richardson

----- CHURCH STAFF ------

Rev. Emily Cooper, *Pastor*Cell phone: 412-334-2730
Corinne Adkins, *Director of Music & Organist*Lois Cridge, *Business Manager*Jennifer Zankey, *Office Manager*Fawn Pignoli, *Director of the GPC Early Learning Center*Frank Maksin, *Property Manager*Lia Knight, *A/V Tech*

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