



Glenshaw

Presbyterian Church

MARCH 16, 2025, 10:30 AM
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Bibles and our **Glory to God Hymnals** are located in the rack under the pew.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

† **This symbol** designates when to rise in body or in spirit.

The **Call to Worship** is the beginning of our worship service. It encourages the congregation to set aside worldly distractions and focus on entering God's presence.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bruce Raines

The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of who shall I be afraid?

Beloved of God, let us join our hearts in worship this day.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Hymn 53

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Confession is a hallmark of the Reformed tradition. We believe that it is important to begin worship by confessing the ways we've fallen short of God's intention for us.

Each confession is concluded by the **Assurance of Pardon**. A liturgical reminder that no sin is so powerful as to keep us from the love of God.

During the **Passing of the Peace** you're invited to greet one another by saying "The peace of Christ be with you."

The **Prayer of Illumination** is a prayer asking God to shed light on the meaning of scripture, essentially requesting the Holy Spirit to open one's mind and heart to understand the deeper truths within the Bible.

† UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.
Thanks be to God!

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* Hymn 288

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON God Moves Past All Obstacles Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **Hymn 343**

† **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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Chancel Choir

† **DOXOLOGY** **Hymn 606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER** **Hymnal Page 35**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **SENDING HYMN** *Lead On, O King Eternal!* **Hymn 269**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE** *All Creatures of Our God and King* David Schack

The **Sermon** is a reflection of the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for your faith and life.

During the time of **Offering**, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available on the GPC website at www.glenshawchurch.org. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary.

Please write your **Joys and Concerns** to be shared with the congregation on the prayer cards found in the narthex outside of the sanctuary.

The **Charge and Benediction** is a short prayer or blessing that expresses good wishes and asks for divine guidance.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God in loving remembrance of **Bonnie Giel's birthday**. Given by her family.

TODAY WE WELCOME LARRY ALLEN AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST

Larry is Director of Music and Organist Emeritus of Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and his Masters in Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in New York City where he was a student of Alec Wyton. He did further study in Paris with Marie-Claire Alain and received the Premier Prix in organ performance from the Conservatoire de Rueil-Malmaison.

LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

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!

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 2025 is \$38.11.

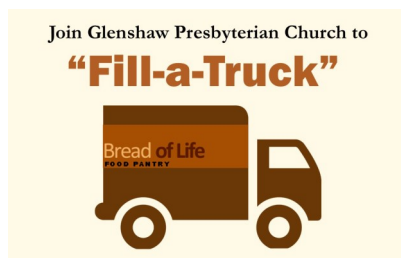
LENTEN PASSPORTS

This year, we will be looking at how God moves throughout Lent. Scripture is clear that Jesus didn't stay in one place for a long time. His brief earthly ministry was full of moving from place to place and experiencing every part of what it means to be human. When we journey with Jesus, we are changed. To help mark our journey we will have Lenten Passports to signify our stops along the way. Starting **Sunday, March 9**, the Lenten Passports will be available in the narthex. Each week, there will be a stamp (or sticker) to mark our stop that particular week. If you join us remotely for worship, just send us an email and we'll be happy to mail your stickers to you.

THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER IS LOOKING FOR SUMMER PROGRAM HELP

The Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center is looking for help for this year's upcoming Summer Program. The program starts June 9th and ends August 22nd. 4 days a week 7-5. Experience in childcare is a must. For more information please contact our director, **Fawn Pignoli** at fawn@glenshawchurch.org or Pastor Emily.

FILL-A-TRUCK



It's almost time for the Deacons sponsored Fill a truck event! On **Sunday, April 13th**, the community as well as GPC will be invited to donate non Perishable items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Monetary donations will also be accepted through the church as well as on this day. Thank you for helping in doing HIS work for the greater community!

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.

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

March 16, 2025

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:00 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

TUESDAY

March 18, 2025

6:30 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

March 19, 2025

7:00 PM Lenten Study

THURSDAY

March 20, 2025

6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY

March 23, 2025

9:30 AM Carillon Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:50 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:00 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

**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

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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