



Glenshaw

Presbyterian Church

APRIL 27, 2025, 10:30 AM
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Wayne L. Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Beth Nickel

God has been our strength and protection.
God has answered us and has become our salvation.
Praise God with drum and dance!
Praise God with strings and pipe!
Let us praise God, for God is good.
God's faithful love endures forever!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* **Hymn 35**

† **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**

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands, and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **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 Psalm 150

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 5: 27-32

SERMON A Surprising Turnaround Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* **Hymn 254**

† **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

Christ Arose

arr. Robert Lowry

† 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

Now the Green Blade Rises

Hymn 247

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. Mark Sedio

WORSHIP NOTES

EASTER PARAMENTS

The Easter paraments depict a rising sun - one of many symbols for resurrection. The deep darkness of death is overcome by the new life promised on Easter day. The rising sun also evokes the story of that first Easter when, early in the morning, on the first day of the week (Sunday), disciples came to the empty tomb and a new day dawned!

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 **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.

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 2024-25 Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, May 18, after worship. Please send your annual reports about your committees activities over the past year to **Jennifer** at jennifer@glenshawchurch.org by **Sunday, May 5** so that it can be shared with our members at the meeting.

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING HORS D'OUVRES HOP!

Please join the Adult Fellowship Committee's Spring Hors d'ouvres Hop on Saturday, May 31st! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When you add your name to the list kindly also include what appetizer/ figure food you will be bringing so we can make sure there is a variety at each of the two homes you will be stopping at before returning to the Church Parlor for dessert. Please meet at the church at 4:45 and the teams will hit the road shortly after. Any questions, feel free to contact Alain, 412.492.9876 or richardsonaj@comcast.net.

THANK YOU!

The Deacons were so blessed by all of your generosity for the Fill a Truck event that GPC hosted on Palm Sunday. Easter blessings continue for the Bread of Life Food pantry recipients as the updated monetary contributions now total \$725.00 for this event! Thank you for allowing us to do HIS work through you.

PER CAPITA for 2025 is \$38.11.

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!**

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.

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.

2025-2026 PLEDGES

Pledge cards for 2025-26 have been sent! You may place your filled out card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you for your generous support of Glenshaw Presbyterian Church.

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	April 27, 2025	
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship in the Parlor
MONDAY	April 28, 2025	
	6:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom
TUESDAY	April 29, 2025	
	11:30 AM	Church Office Closing
THURSDAY	May 1, 2019	
	6:30 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	May 4, 2025	
	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.**

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, **May 18**.
We will worship as one congregation at 10:30 a.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

April Klein, Clerk pro tem

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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