

APRIL 6, 2025, 10:30 AM 5TH 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

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Bryan Adkins

As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

HYMN OF PRAISE Brethren, We Have Met to Worship Hymn 396

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.

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† Unison Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give to us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In 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 Spirit of the Living God Hymn 288

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 126

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:1-8

SERMON

At the Table

Rev. Dr.. Jim Gilchrist

† HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn 735

† 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

Pie Jesu

Marcy Pyrtle

Chancel Choir

arr. Jay Althouse

April Klein & Susan Phillips, soloists

† Doxology

Hymn 606

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

During the time of **Offering**, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission.

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 Lord's **Supper** is also known as Communion. This sacrament invites those who love Jesus Christ to gather at his table and share in a meal of bread and wine, remembering his last meal with his disciples before his death. Communion unites us with all Christians throughout the world who worship Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† SENDING HYMN I Come with Joy Hymn 515

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† **POSTLUDE** Voluntary in F William Hine

II. Allegro moderato

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY WE WELCOME REV. DR. JIM GILCHRIST TO THE PULPIT.

Jim is a native of southwestern Pennsylvania and a graduate of Yale, Pitt, and Carnegie Mellon. He has served Presbyterian and United Methodist churches and been a leader of two nonprofit organizations. Now semi-retired, he teaches part-time at CMU and enjoys travelling and spending time with his wife, adult children, and two young grandchildren.

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

LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

We are offering a wide assortment of spring flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning this year! The cost of each flower is designated below and the deadline for ordering is today, April 6.

Hydrangea 6" pot - \$13.00 each Gerbera Daisy, Cyclamen, Hyacinth, Tulip 6" pot - \$7.00 each Tête-à-tête Daffodil 4" pot - \$3.00 each

To place an order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex and return it to the church office including payment for the flowers. Please pick up your Easter flower(s) immediately after the service on Easter morning.

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!**

STILL SEEKING A FEW HOSTS FOR THE SPRING HORS D'OUVRE HOP!

Hope you have marked your calendar for the Adult Fellowship Spring Hors d'ouvre Hop on Saturday, May 31st, BUT we still need a couple more host homes for this event. Please let Alain Richardson know by April 9th if you are interested (richardsonaj@comcast.net or 412.492.9876).

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!

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.

EASTER MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Come join us on Easter morning prior to the service for a time of fellowship to celebrate the resurrection of our lord. There will be coffee, tea, and light refreshments. We will be in the parlor from 9:30 to just before the services. Should you have any questions, you can reach out to Debbie.vita56@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there.

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.

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY	April 6, 2025 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Sunday Worship Service Fellowship in the Parlor	
TUESDAY	April 8, 2025		
	1:00 PM	Properties Committee Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	April 9, 2025		
	7:00 PM	Lenten Study	
THURSDAY	April 10, 2025		
	5:30 PM	The Neighborhood Table	
	6:30 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal	
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
SUNDAY	April 13, 2025	5	
	8:00 AM	GPC Fill-a-Truck	
	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School	
	9:30 AM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	
	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	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 ------

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