



Glenshaw

Presbyterian Church

MAY 18, 2025, 10:30 AM

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. Kathleen Wissinger
Carillon Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Donna Walker

Alleluia, Christ is alive;
Let all the people praise him.
Let all creation sing with joy.
Alleluia!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* **Hymn 33**

† **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 mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.
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 Psalm 148

SPECIAL MUSIC *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Jason W. Krug
Carillon Choir

SECOND READING Acts 11:1-18

SERMON An Unexpected Change of Menu Rev. Emily Cooper

† **HYMN** *Come Down, O Love Divine* **Hymn 282**

† **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 *Look at the World* John Rutter
Chancel Choir

† **DOXOLOGY** **Hymn 606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **SENDING HYMN** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* **Hymn 250**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(There will be no postlude due to today's congregational meeting.)

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

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!

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.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Elder Class of July 2028

Donna Walker, Kip Fowler, Beth Hastings

Deacon Class of July 2028

Kathy Powell, Karen Tabor

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONGREGATION AT-LARGE (1 YEAR TERM)

We will be asking for nominations from the floor for 2 members to serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Shaler Township 125th Anniversary Community

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, June 8
3:00 to 5:00 PM

**Registration required
by May 30th**

www.glenshawchurch.org



The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, it says "A First-Class Township" at the top, "TOWNSHIP OF SHALER" in the middle, and "125TH ANNIVERSARY" at the bottom. The years "1900" and "2025" are on the left and right sides respectively. In the center is a small illustration of a building.

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

May 18, 2025

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation

TUESDAY

May 20, 2025

6:30 PM Session Meeting

SUNDAY

May 25, 2025

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

**The Church Office is open
Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, June 2 though Friday, June 7
and will reopen on Monday, June 9 with the summer hours of
Monday through Wednesday 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

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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