



Glendale Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2023 | 10 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | He is Born, Traditional French Carol | Carol Schmidt

Introit | The Manger Bed, by Virginia Pavelko, Acc. by Ed Jurey | Children's Choir

*Call to Worship | Advent Wreath Lighting

*Hymn | Response to Advent Wreath Lighting | "Anthem" by Leonard Cohen

Ring the bells that still can ring

Forget your perfect offering

There is a crack, a crack in everything

That's how the light gets in, That's how the light gets in

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

Lessons of Hope

Scripture | Isaiah 9:2-7 | Liturgist

Reading | Come, God-With-Us, by Thom M. Shuman | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

*Hymn | GTG #100 | "Canticle of the Turning"

Lessons of Peace

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

**We watch for packages to arrive and Christmas cards to be delivered,
but we do not keep our eyes open for your coming, Approaching God.**

**We expect our Christmas wish list to be filled,
and for the pile under the tree to grow and grow,
but we hope you do not expect to transform our lives.**

**We notice where to find the best bargains,
and what decorations our neighbors have put on their houses,
but we do not notice the little, the least, the lost, the last
walking down our streets.**

Forgive us, Saving God, for our misplaced priorities.

**May we watch for your coming, may we reach out to those in need,
may we wait for hope to come, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
arrives to live in our hearts.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The good news is made known to all people:
Christ Jesus was born to save us from our sins.

**All: Glory and praise to the only wise God,
who fills us with healing and hope. Amen.**

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

+Time for Wonder | All is Bright, by Clay Anderson & Natalie Merheb |
Read by Rev. Kathleen Henrion with Scoring by Carol Schmidt

Hymn | GTG #122, verses 1 and 3 | "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Lessons of Joy

Scripture | Luke 2:1-14 | Liturgist

Reading | Based on Luke 1:39-53, by Janet Morley | Liturgist

Anthem | Mary, Mary, by Mary Donnelly, Arr. by George Strid | Children's Choir

Lessons of Love

Scripture | Luke 2:15-20 | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Reading | Night's Lodging, by Luci Shaw | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Anthem | Behold the Child of Promise, Michael Richardson | Chancel Choir

Following the Light of Christ

*Affirmation of Faith | Based on Isaiah 9:2-7

One: We have heard the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love, and so we affirm together what we know to be true:

All: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

*Hymn | GTG #110 | "Love Has Come"

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

*Doxology | GTG #133, v. 1 | "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn | GTG #134 | "Joy to the World"

*Blessing and Benediction | New Zealand Prayer Book | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | GTG #119 | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | Carol Schmidt

Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Passing of the Peace from Lisa's Liturgies, Greeting of Peace

Advent Prayer for Illumination by Rev. Andy James,

First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone, New York.

+ At this time children are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude. Feel free to sing along.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ra -
 dian - tiant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

- 1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

KOREAN

- 1 *고요한밤 거룩한밤*
어둠에 묻힌밤
주의부모 앉아서
감사기도 드릴때
아기잘도 잔다
아기잘도 잔다

SPANISH

- 1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*
Todo duerme en derredor,
entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
brilla la estrella de paz,
brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)

F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.



Poinsettias



Contributions made by:

Elaine & Bob Bidstrup in memory of loved ones

Carol Cook in honor of the GPC Family, and in memory of Makala Fritz and Beverly Fritz

Beth Ford in memory of parents, Clyde and Nettie Ford

Chuck & Susan Niesen for the blessings of family

Deb Rose in memory of Bill & Maggie Bauer, Jessica, and in honor of friends and family

Leslen Sanders to the Glory of God

Randy and Hae Jeong Schroeder with prayers for Randy's brother Buddy

Vicki Sorrells to the Glory of God

Prayer Requests

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jay Kanerva, recovering from a heart ablation procedure.

Prayers for Julie Tighe who lost her friend, Mike, to cancer.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

Thank you to all who contributed gifts to serve the families of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries for Christmas.

Memorial Service for Gerry Virgil

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 11:00 am
in Graham Chapel at Washington University

Vacation Next Week for Pastor Kathleen

Pastor Kathleen will be gone next week, returning to the office on Tuesday, January 2nd. Rev. Carol DeVaughan will be leading worship for GPC on December 31st.

Session Reminder

Saturday, January 6, 3-6 pm
Officer training for the 2024 Session

Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. During the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or pastorhenrion@gmail.com for further information.

Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at pastorhenrion@gmail.com

Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com and we'd love to connect you.

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 10am

Liturgist | Paige Stroud
Song Leader | Paige Stroud
Usher | Jaime Krob
Greeter | Debbie Rose
Online Host | Katie Niesen Cook
Counters | Peggy Mayfield
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 5pm

Liturgist | Katie Niesen Cook
Song Leader | Katie Niesen Cook
Usher | Jan Nolen, Kathy Foresman
Greeter | Caroline Chamberlin
Online Host | Matt Krob
Counter | Peggy Mayfield
Communion | Katie Niesen Cook
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Liturgist | Peggy Mayfield
Song Leader | Peggy Mayfield
Usher | Debbie Rose
Greeter | Jan Nolen
Online Host | Katie Niesen Cook
Fellowship | Clarice Fleming
Counter | Peggy Mayfield
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Guest Pastor | Rev. Carol DeVaughan



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Glendale Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (glpby.org), the Synod of Mid America (synodma.org), and the Presbyterian Church (USA) (pcusa.org). We are members of the Covenant Network, which is working toward a fully inclusive church.