

Glenn Church Welcomes You

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church is committed to loving God and loving neighbor with our whole selves - heart, mind, soul, and strength. As Jesus loved those around him, we believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, education, politics, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

New Year's Holiday Playgroup Tuesday, January 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bring your little ones for fun with the cars, scooters, and tumbling mats in the Ward Hall with Rev. Susan. Feel free to bring snacks, a picnic lunch, or plan to walk down to Emory Village for lunch with friends.

Epiphany Party Wednesday, January 4, 6:30 p.m., Ward Hall (with dinner at 5:30 p.m.). Don your royal attire as young and old re-enact the Magi's (wise men's) journey to bring gifts to the Christ Child. Please bring donations of baby supplies for Grady Hospital. All ages are welcome. Nursery provided.

5th Annual Glenn Next Community's Post Jingle Mingle Saturday, January 7, 6:00 p.m. Join the young adults for the always fun and festive Post Jingle Mingle at the home of Edward and Anne Michael Sustman. Bring an appetizer, drink, or dessert to share. Kids are welcome! RSVP with Anne Michael at annemichaelj@yahoo.com.

Weekly Worship at The Gathering begins After a season of gathering only once a month, our evening service will begin offering worship each Sunday night. Join The Gathering on January 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ward Hall. Contact Rev. Brent Huckaby at bhuckaby@glennumc.org.

Week of Service January 14, 16, 21 & 22. The Service Teams at Glenn are starting something new in 2017: Monthly Days of Service. They will kick off this new initiative with a whole week of service surrounding MLK weekend and the Presidential Inauguration. All are welcome to join for one or all four events: we will partner with the MLK service project in Oakhurst to do repair work on homes of the elderly; fellowship with our friends at Branan Towers Senior Living in East Atlanta; participate in the March for Social Justice and Women's Equality; host a luncheon to learn more about what local organizations are doing to care for refugees in our city. Visit glennumc.org/upcoming-events for more information.

Dr. Dwight Andrews to guest preach Sunday, January 15, 11:00 a.m. Dr. Dwight Andrews, Associate Professor of Music Theory and African American Music at Emory University, will join us in worship and deliver the sermon. We are excited to welcome him over the MLK holiday weekend.

Annual Women's Retreat January 27 - 29, Callaway Gardens. Treat yourself to a renewing weekend away with Glenn women of all ages. Prices are \$320 for single occupancy and \$200 for double occupancy. RSVP with Rev. Blair Setnor at bsetnor@glennumc.org.

To read about all of our Upcoming Events, please visit glennumc.org/upcoming-events.

Connect with us

Glenn E-News | Our church-wide e-newsletter published Mondays and Fridays.

Kids @ Glenn and Youth @ Glenn | Our weekly e-newsletters pertaining to children and teenagers.

Glenn Notes | Our monthly electronic and paper newsletter.

Hands and Feet | Our Service Team's quarterly e-newsletter.

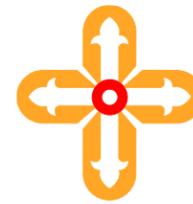
We also maintain a **church-wide calendar** and are active on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**.

If you are interested in subscribing to these communications and more, visit glennumc.org/publications.

To inform Glenn of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion; please contact Rev. Susan Pinson at spinson@glennumc.org.



1660 North Decatur Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.634.3936 | glennumc.org
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon- Fri.



GLENN
MEMORIAL
CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Children's bulletins and worship kits, large print Bibles and hymnals, individual listening devices, and pew cushions are available from an usher.

If your child needs care during the service, a comfort room is located downstairs at the back of the sanctuary. Childcare is available in the Church School Building for ages 6-weeks through 6-years-old.

Sanctuary flowers for 2017

The beautiful flower arrangements on the altar are often donated in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion.

To give flowers for a week in the new year, contact Alice Pugh at adpugh@hotmail.com or Judy Musick at judyusick@bellsouth.net.

The Worship of God

Epiphany Sunday
January 1, 2017
11:00 a.m.

We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY | *Christmas Selections from Little Organ Book* J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born!

Like the first worshipers who came from fields tending to their work and traveled from afar with wonder, we follow the Star again!

**For too long we have gone the wrong way;
we have followed the wrong stars.**

We have followed the wrong stars of greed, lust, and power.

Star of Wonder...

We have followed the wrong stars of assurance, safety, and comfort.

Star of Light...

We have followed the wrong stars of our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

Star with Royal Beauty Bright...

Lord, this year, help us to follow the Star of Bethlehem – Your Light.

The Star of Hope.

The Star of Peace.

The Star of Joy.

The Star of Love.

The Star that is You.

Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (234)

ADESTE FIDELES

WORDS OF WELCOME

God Speaks

THE FIRST LESSON | Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

May God bless the reading of the Word.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL | *Coventry Carol*

Traditional English, arr. Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir

*THE GOSPEL LESSON | Matthew 2:1-12

May God bless the reading of the Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | "Wise Ones Still Seek Him"

We Respond

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

As another year draws to a close and a new one begins, we come together before God and with one another **confessing the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires that we have neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Justice; in our focus on making the season perfect, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of Healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.** O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray, **cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.**

Hear the good news of Christmas.

Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY | *Three Kings*

Cornelius/Nicolai

Steven Darsey, Soloist

Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born infant King may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them!

The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place.

Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (15)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN | *Sing We Now of Christmas* (237)

FRENCH CAROL

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE | *Noel X*

Louis-Claude Daquin

Worship Leaders Today

PREACHER | *Rev. Susan Pinson, Minister for Children and Older Adults*

LITURGIST | *Rev. Brent Huckaby, Minister for Worship and Missions*

CELEBRANT | *Rev. John Pinson, District Superintendent of the Northwest District*

LAY READERS | *George Shepherd, Claire Asbury Lennox*

MUSICIANS | *Dr. Steven Darsey, Director of Music and Soloist; Dr. Timothy Albrecht, Organist*

USHERS | *Susan Peterson, Aubrey and Carol Bush, Alan, Easton, and Eloise Miller, Jane St. Clair, Barbara Haworth, Edward and Anne Michael Sustman*

COMMUNION SERVERS | *Rev. Brent Huckaby and family, Rev. John Pinson, Rev. Susan Pinson, Ann Rushing, Steve Rushing*

ACOLYTES | *Ted and Sophie Shepherd*

Communion All are welcome at Christ's table. We invite you to receive the elements by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. It is our United Methodist custom to use grape juice instead of wine. If you wish to receive communion where you are seated, please notify an usher. Gluten free elements are available from the servers at the center aisle of the sanctuary.

Communion hymns:

We Three Kings (254)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (240)

The First Noel (245)

There's a Song in the Air (249)

Next Sunday:

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers, preaching

5:00 p.m. - The Gathering

Rev. Brent Huckaby, preaching

An appointment with any of our pastoral staff can be made by calling the church office at 404.634.3936.

Interested in learning more about Glenn, becoming a member, or baptisms?

We would love to hear from you. Please call our church office at 404.634.3936 and a pastor will contact you.

Join us in welcoming our newest members:

Margaret King
1438 Church Street, Apt. 611
Decatur, GA 30030
404.314.3338

Jennie Mulligan and Josh Skeen
1911 Hallman Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30317
jenniemulligan@gmail.com;
josh@joshskeen.com

Please consider a gift to our **Good Samaritan Fund** which allows us to assist those who reach out to Glenn in need of basic necessities such as food, transportation, and utility assistance.

