## GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





## ■ The Worship of God

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | 11:00 A.M. COMMITMENT SUNDAY



#### 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. Glenn Memorial UMC has been a proud affiliate of Reconciling Ministries Network since 2014, and welcomes and affirms all LGBTQ+ persons.



#### LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

Register your attendance online, using the QR code, or in the attendance pad at the end of the pew. We will use contact information in case of the need for contact tracing for COVID-19. Thank you for continuing to support public health protocols of masking and distancing.

Childcare on the Playground is available throughout the service. Masks required for all (age 2 & older).

Parent/guardians, please escort your children and sign in with our Childcare Staff.

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children's Worship Kits are available from an usher.



Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn.

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The flowers are given to glorify God and to remember and honor all veterans who have served our country in conflict and peace.



## ■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY Intrade in C (2017)

|an |anca (b. 1933)

Jan Janca is a Polish-German organist and composer. He studied with composers Johann Nepomuk David and Marcel Dupré, and for many years he was a professor of music in Tübingen, Germany. His "Intrade" is slow and stately with many interesting harmonies.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Westmoreland

One: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

ALL: In this place we are invited to heal.

One: As the spirit of the Lord caused breath to enter into the bones and brought life from what was once dead.

ALL: In this place, we are invited to begin anew,

One: And just as the disciples were called to go into the world and spread the Gospel,

ALL: In this place, we are invited to turn the world upside down.

One: Like those who have gone before us and formed us in the faith,

ALL: In this place, we are invited to the table of love and forgiveness.

One: We rejoice that God invites all of us, no matter who we are, to find our place in this community.

ALL In this place, we are invited to be joyful in praising God. Let us worship!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

CHILDREN'S TIME The Rev. Susan Pinson

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Sonia Tyler

## ■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11** Jane St. Clair

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. "For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

-Text by Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

The Rev. Connor Bell

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let

your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Westmoreland

Invited to Joy

## ■ We Respond

ANTHEM

Make Me A Light Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

Make me a light to lighten the world, make me a star to lighten the darkness, make me so bright with your living word, that I may shine with your love. I hold a candle in my hands, light which I hold and which I hold true, light of the world shine out in the dark, may it always remind me of You. I hold a mirror in my hands, there what I am and what I may do, shines back to me in your glorious light, make me a worthy reflection of You. I hold a seed within my hands, lend me your help to make it grow into the sweetest scented flower, that it may lovelier flowers sow.

-Text by Philip Wilby

Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Huckaby

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

-Psalm 100

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Doxology UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

## ■ We Go Forth

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CLOSING HYMN UMH #89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO OY

BENEDICTION Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dir ist Freude ("In you is joy"), BWV 615

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

This jubilant chorale prelude, often performed on New Year's Day, features a dancing ostinato in the pedals underneath cheerful fast notes in the fingers.



## Announcements & Special Events

#### COMMITMENT SUNDAY LUNCH

#### Today | 12pm

Please join us outside after the 11am worship service for lunch provided by The Variety and Zoë's Kitchen (vegetarian) and a bounce house for the kids!

#### Support Foster Families through Wellroot Family Services

#### November 28 | All day & December 6 | 1-4pm

Order a meal at City Barbeque - Decatur on November 28th and use code FundA to support our Glenn fundraiser for Wellroot Family Services. Donations of Christmas gifts for foster children/teens are now being collected and volunteers invited to help sort donations on Monday, December 6.

#### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

#### Sunday, November 28 | 4-5pm | Amphitheater

Make plans to drive-thru to pick up and take your kit home or, weather permitting, stay in the amphitheater and assemble together with Glenn friends.

#### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

#### December 12 | 9:30am

An informal (but delightful!) Children's Nativity program will be offered at 9:30am!

#### IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

#### Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm | Chapel

Many of us have struggles in our lives that make being jolly and merry the farthest things from our hearts and minds, especially in 2021. Whether you are grieving, stressed, or lonely, join us on winter's longest night to find comfort and hope in the midst of this season.

#### JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WALK-THRU NATIVITY

#### Thursday, December 23 | 4-5:30pm | Around Glenn's Campus

Make your journey to Bethlehem this year! Park at Emory's Fishburne Deck for a 30 minute walk that brings the story of the first Christmas to life. Volunteers are needed for cast and crew!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND SMALL GROUPS

#### There are many opportunities to engage in smaller groups throughout the Advent season:

- The New Class (Sunday @ 9:30am on Zoom)
- Ventures in Faith (Sunday @ 9:45am in person starting December 5)
- Adult Sunday School Class: (Sunday @ 10am in person)
- · Glenn Young Adult Fellowship (Tuesdays @ 7pm in person)
- Advent Book Study (Wednesdays @ 11:30am starting November 30 on Zoom)
- Advent Bible Study (Thursdays @ 11:30am on Zoom)



To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit glennumc.org/upcoming-events or contact any of our staff.

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## Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 11.14 | Commitment Sunday

8:30am Service (Little Chapel) Service (Sanctuary) 11am

The Gathering (Fellowship Hall) 5pm

#### Sunday 11.21 | Thanksgiving Sunday

Service (Little Chapel) 8:30am Service (Sanctuary) 11am

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday 11.28 | Advent I

Service (Little Chapel) 8:30am Service (Sanctuary) 11am

The Gathering (Fellowship Hall) 5pm

#### Sunday 12.5 | Advent II

8:30am Service (Little Chapel) Service (Sanctuary) 11am

The Gathering (Fellowship Hall) 5pm

#### Sunday 12.12 | Advent III

Lessons & Carols (Little Chapel) 8:30am Lessons & Carols with Glenn Choir 11am

(Sanctuary)

Lessons & Carols @ The Gathering 5pm

(Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday 12.19 | Advent IV

8:30am Service (Little Chapel) Service (Sanctuary) 11am

Youth & Youth Alumni Service 5pm

#### Friday 12.24 | Christmas Eve

Candlelight Festival Worship with Brass 5pm

(Sanctuary)

Communion Service in Candlelight 11pm

(Sanctuary)