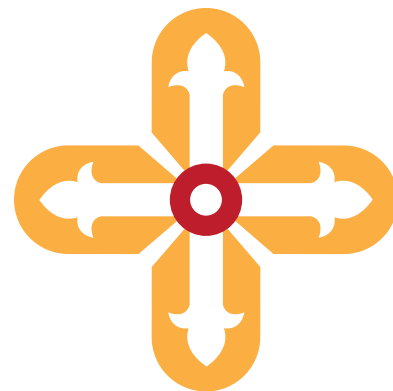


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



INVITED TO JOY

■ The Worship of God

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | 8:30 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.



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■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Intrade in C (2017)

Jan Janca (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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

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; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

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. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹Keep 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
Invited to Joy

Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Respond

HYMN UMH #57, vs. 1-3, 5, 7

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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.

OFFERTORY

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drown'd in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

-Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

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 JOY

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 glennmc.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)
11am Service (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 11.21 | **Thanksgiving Sunday**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)
11am Service (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 11.28 | **Advent I**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)
11am Service (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 12.5 | **Advent II**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)
11am Service (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 12.12 | **Advent III**

8:30am Lessons & Carols (Little Chapel)
11am Lessons & Carols with Glenn Choir
(Sanctuary)
5pm Lessons & Carols @ The Gathering
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 12.19 | **Advent IV**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)
11am Service (Sanctuary)
5pm Youth & Youth Alumni Service

Friday 12.24 | **Christmas Eve**

5pm Candlelight Festival Worship with Brass
(Sanctuary)
11pm Communion Service in Candlelight
(Sanctuary)