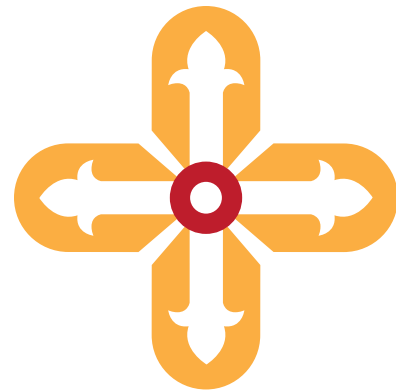


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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.**

Scan the QR code or visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) to donate securely online.

The flowers on the altar are given by Adrielle Gray in memory of Jill Crim and Audrey Grizzle Tumlin.



## ■ We Gather

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*This well-known and beloved chorale prelude on the Advent hymn, “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” is a transcription from the fourth movement of Bach’s Cantata 140 (of the same name). The right hand plays the part originally scored for strings, while the the left hand proclaims the chorale in the tenor range.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Westmoreland

One: The time is surely coming when our love for one another and all of God’s children will increase.

**ALL: We would live into that time with hope and joy.**

One: The day is surely coming when God will strengthen our hearts with humility and holiness.

**ALL: We would anticipate that day as we reach out to serve all of those in need.**

One: The days are surely coming when we will walk the paths of faithfulness and steadfast love.

**ALL: We begin this journey, knowing that all of God’s promises will be fulfilled.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH # 211 vs. 1, 2, 4-6

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

### CHILDREN’S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

### ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Read by Members of the Altar Guild

I've got the hope of God in me, — I've got the hope of God in me, — I've got the  
Spi-rit of the Son of God, — I've got the hope of God in me.

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## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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# ■ We Hear God's Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

#### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Mary Lindsey Lewis

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

#### **A tender shoot**

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing; Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

*-Text by William Bartholomew*

### THE SECOND LESSON

#### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

The Rev. Connor Bell

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

#### **In Our End Is Our Beginning**

Rev. Westmoreland

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# ■ We Respond

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*


HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

DENNIS



1. Re - store\_ in us, O God, the splen - dor of\_ your love; re -  
2. O Spir - it, wake\_ in us the won - der of\_ your pow'r; from  
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of\_ your joy; bap -  
4. Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of\_ your grace, that



new\_ your im - age in\_ our hearts, and all\_ our sins\_ re - move.  
fruit - less fear\_ un - furl\_ our lives\_ like spring-time bud\_ and flow'r.  
tize\_ us in\_ the ris - en life\_ that death can - not\_ de - stroy.  
we, when all\_ our search - ing ends, may see\_ you face\_ to face.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (WRITTEN BY STEPHEN M. FEARING)

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

**All:** We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness. We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”

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.

OFFERTORY

O Come, Divine Messiah

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth, dispel the night and show your face and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold. Come break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold.

—Text by Abbé Simon J. Pellegrin

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## DOXOLOGY

### Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

VENI, EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above ye heav'nly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.) Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

## ■ We Go Forth

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## CLOSING HYMN UMH #203

### Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

### Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*This setting of the Advent hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" is jubilant and its constant motion may represent the coming of Christ by means of the Holy Spirit. Bach "seems intent on a mood of solemn joy in the coming of the Savior" (Stainton de B. Taylor).*



# ■ Announcements & Special Events

## SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES THROUGH WELLROOT FAMILY SERVICES

**Today, 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

**Today / 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.

## YOUTH PLAY AUDITIONS: THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

**This Week / November 29 & December 1 / 6:30-8:30pm / Church School Building**

Interested in auditioning for the annual youth play? Auditions are quickly approaching! Parents and participants must attend one of these audition sessions for a part in the 2022 production. Email Rev. Bell for the link to sign-up.

## 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!

## A IS FOR ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the gift of Christmas. Join us as we collect food for those who need. All non-perishable foods accepted- use the alphabet game to be creative. (H is for hope: Honey Nut Cheerios, Hormel chili, etc.) You can drop off your donations at the church anytime or directly at Intown Collaborative Ministries.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & SNACK IN A BACKPACK

Weekly volunteers needed for our Snack in a Backpack supplemental food program for local school children (Thursdays) and our 29th Habitat build for a new home for a local Atlanta family (Saturdays).

## 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 beginning 12/2 on Zoom)



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennmc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennmc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**



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## ■ Upcoming Services

### 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)  
9:30am Children's Nativity Pageant  
11am Lessons & Carols with Glenn Choir  
(Sanctuary)  
4pm Outdoor Caroling at Wesley Woods  
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 (Sanctuary)

### Thursday 12.23 | *Journey to Bethlehem*

4-5:30pm Walk-thru Nativity (around Glenn's  
campus)

### Friday 12.24 | *Christmas Eve*

5pm Festival Worship with Brass and  
Candlelighting (Sanctuary)  
11pm Communion Service with Candlelighting  
(Sanctuary)