

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The photo on the cover of today's bulletin was taken by our communications director.



### 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.

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

**A new sound system for the Sanctuary is currently in the works!** In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.

### CHILDCARE

Childcare is available throughout the service in the Nursery (room 200, Church School Building), Two's & Three's Room (room 206), and on the Playground (entrance next to room 206), or Pre-K/Kinder Room (room 310).

Parents/guardians, please escort your children & sign in with our Childcare Staff.

A Comfort Room & restroom are available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms are available downstairs at the front of the Sanctuary.

### 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 CHURCH & RECONCILING MINISTRIES

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



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## ■ Welcoming All

*\*You are invited to rise in either body or spirit.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam** (“**Christ our Lord came to the Jordan**”), BWV 685 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

This music comes from the collection of chorale preludes known as the Clavier-Übung Part III (Part I comprises the keyboard partitas, Part II contains the Italian concerto and French Overture, and Part IV is better known as the Goldberg Variations). In this collection, Bach sets each chorale in both a larger version with manuals and pedals and a smaller version for the keyboards alone. This setting of *Christ unser Herr* is the latter: while its larger counterpart depicts the bubbling water of the Jordan River in which Jesus was baptized, this chorale prelude is a more subdued three-part fughetta, based on the first notes of the chorale tune.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Westmoreland

One: Exciting God, Glorious God,

**ALL: Baptize us with wonder.**

One: Wise God, Righteous God,

**ALL: Baptize us with justice.**

One: Holy God, Covenant God,

**ALL: Baptize us with love. Let us worship!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #539

**O Spirit of the Living God**

FOREST GREEN

*All children are invited to come up to the chancel area during the last verse.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## We Hear God's Word

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

John Wiley

**Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

**Take Me to the Water**

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Emily Redden, soloist

Take me to the water to be baptized. None but the righteous shall see God.

I love Jesus. Oh yes, I do. He's my Savior. Oh, yes, he is.

*-African-American spiritual*

SERMON

Rev. Westmoreland

**The Water of Life**

# ■ We Respond

\*HYMN UMH #604

**Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God**

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\*REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

One: Remember your baptism and be glad!

**ALL: The waters of God's mercy have renewed our spirits.**

One: Remember the waters that God gathered together and called seas, the mothers of rivers, lakes, and springs that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.

**ALL: We drink of the water of God's creation and praise God's name for life.**

One: Remember the waters of the Red Sea and God's salvation.

**ALL: With the people of old, we have been freed and brought to a new land.**

One: Remember the well where our Samaritan sister found Jesus and received her blessing.

**ALL: We know that sacred place, for Jesus has also encountered us there, speaking truth to us and loving us.**

One: Remember Jesus at the River Jordan.

**ALL: The One who was without sin took our sin upon himself.**

One: We are redeemed by Jesus, called to live his righteousness.

**ALL: May God be our help.**

One: Remember your baptism and be glad!

**ALL: We remember and rejoice!**

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Brent 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

**Come, Holy Ghost**

William Ferris (1937-2000)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav'nly gift of God most high; Thou fount of Life, and fire of Love, and sweet anointing from above. O Holy Ghost through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son; be this our firm unchanging creed, That thou dost from them both proceed. Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one; and may the Son on us bestow, all gifts that from the spirit flow. Amen. Alleluia.

-Edward Caswall (1814-78)

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise  
God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A - men.  
(Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.)

## ■ We Go Forth

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #723

**Shall We Gather at the River**

HANSON PLACE

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:* Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (*Refrain*)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (*Refrain*)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (*Refrain*)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, P. 61**

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Immensely talented even beyond his famous Canon in D, Johann Pachelbel was one of the preeminent German organists and composers of the Baroque era. Born in Nuremberg, he was Lutheran but was exposed to Catholic church music traditions whilst studying in Vienna. Many of Pachelbel's organ works are chorale preludes, wherein the cantus firmus (chorale melody) is treated with imitation phrase by phrase. In this setting of the same chorale heard in our prelude, you will hear the chorale melody in the strong pedal part, underneath figuration in the manuals.



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE NEW YEAR!

**Sundays, 9:45am | Church School Building**

Ventures in Faith (Room 211) | The New Class (Room 208) | Coffee & Conversation (Parlor)

For more information on Adult Sunday School class schedules, visit [www.glennumc.org/adults](http://www.glennumc.org/adults)

Children's Sunday School meets at 10:00am, following Children's Choirs at 9:30am. Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45am in the Youth & Activities Building. Plus, the Chancel Choir welcomes singers to join us at 10am in the Sanctuary.

SNACK IN A BACKPACK

**Thursdays with shifts ranging from 3:30-5:30pm, Youth and Activities Building**

Snack in a Backpack provides food to children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. The program currently serves approximately 400 children, including 40 children in refugee families. All ages welcomed. Contact Deborah Marlowe for more information ([dmarlowe@emory.edu](mailto:dmarlowe@emory.edu)) or sign up at [www.bit.ly/snack-backpack2024](http://www.bit.ly/snack-backpack2024).

MLK DAY CLEANUP - THE JUSTICE TEAM JOINS WEST ATLANTA WATERSHED ALLIANCE

**Monday, January 15, 9:00am - 11:45am**

Glenn's Justice Team is excited to be joining the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) for their annual MLK Day Watershed Cleanup on Jan.15, 2024. The West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life within the West Atlanta Watershed by protecting, preserving, and restoring the community's natural resources. Sign up at: [bit.ly/mlk-day-2024](http://bit.ly/mlk-day-2024)

MLK DAY AT BRANAN TOWERS

**Monday, January 15, 2pm-4pm | 1200 Glenwood Ave SE, Atlanta**

Come join Branan Tower residents for games, snacks, crafts, and a joint reading of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech from youth and residents. All are invited to join in the day's celebrations. Contact Rev. Huckaby for more information.

GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Sunday, February 4, 6:00pm dinner, 6:30pm program | Ward Fellowship Hall**

Join us for this annual update from Senator Elena Parent and Representatives Mary Margaret Oliver and Becky Evans. Learn what legislation is currently being discussed and discover ways to help make positive changes in our community and state in 2024 and beyond. Come early for The Gathering worship at 5pm and dinner of Moe's Southwest Grill burritos at 6pm! RSVP for dinner (suggested donation \$10/person) at: [bit.ly/legislative-update-2024](http://bit.ly/legislative-update-2024)



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

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## ■ Giving

### Generosity Pledge Campaign Update

We are so grateful for all those who have submitted their pledge for 2024. To date, we have received 201 pledges totaling \$1,432,295. If you have yet to make your pledge, please prayerfully consider your contribution and pledge online at **www.glennumc.org/pledge** or reach out to the church office for a pledge card.

### Financial Report as of December 31, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income through December 31: \$1,882,336

**To give a gift, visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) or scan the QR code below.**



## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 1.21 | Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30am	Worship - Little Chapel
11am	Worship - Sanctuary
5pm	The Gathering - Ward Fellowship Hall

## ■ Stay Updated

### Want to stay updated on the Glenn Community?

Visit **www.glennumc.org** and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates.