

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

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CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

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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.



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.

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 304).

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

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children’s Worship Kits are available from an usher. We hope to make improvements to the sound system in the Sanctuary. In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.



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 to the Table

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

PRELUDE

Romance in A Major

Valborg Aulin
Robert Cushing, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

ALL: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

ALL: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

ALL: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁸a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ^{8a}a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

SERMON

Rev. Pinson

INVITATION

One: As we begin a new year in the shelter of God's love, let us be truthful about our lives, about our living, and about our limits. Let us offer to God and each other that truth as we pray, first in silence, and then together.

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Hansen

ALL: Holy God, Author of Life and Source of all Hope, hear our prayer. We know that the blank slate of a new year seems so promising – we haven't done anything too awful, not yet. And we know that the blank slate of a new year is also an illusion; time continues, and our lives flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next. In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves. We invite you on our journeys, O God. We seek your presence with us in the darkness and the light, in our remarkable moments and our awful ones. We seek your presence, and bask in your love, through Christ. Amen.

One: Friends: hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven.
You are free to go and live in the light of love.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE PASSING THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Hansen

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol/The First Noël

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY UMH 219 v. 3

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Don Saliers

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #245

The First Noël

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our lives have bought! [Refrain]

 **We Go Forth**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Pinson

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Robert Cushing, piano

■ Announcements & Special Events

SUPPORT GROUPS & PASTORAL CARE

Glenn Church provides Congregational Care Ministry to those facing life's spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. For more info about our Caregivers of Aging Loved Ones Support Group, Single Moms Support Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, & pastoral care provided by our clergy and Lay Ministers, contact Rev. Susan Pinson (contact info on the back cover).

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

For questions on Glenn Youth, contact Ben Ladner. For questions on Glenn Youth Choir, contact Käthe Wright Kaufman. Subscribe to the Youth @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn
For more info on Young Adult Fellowship contact Brent Huckaby (contact info on the back cover).

CHILDREN

Childrens Choirs & Sunday School meet on Sundays mornings beginning at 9:30am. For more info, contact Rev. Susan Pinson. Subscribe to the Kids @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn

GLENN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023 "BE DEEPLY LOVED"

Register Now | January 20-22, 2023 | \$100 deposit needed

Join us for the Women's Retreat, where we will take time to enjoy quiet, rest, and fellowship in the North Georgia mountains. Along the way, we'll explore some practices to help us slow down, deepen our connection with God, and hear God speak the truth of who we are. We'll explore the history and use of beads in prayer. There will be plenty of time to relax, play, laugh, hike, get creative, and eat yummy food. Our leader will be Kristen E. Vincent, an award-winning author, spiritual director, and retreat leader whose passion is spiritual formation, including the use of prayer beads.

RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson spinson@glennumc.org.

ST. JOHN PASSION | JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Friday, March 24, 7pm, Sanctuary

Join the Glenn Memorial Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra in a presentation of one of J.S. Bach's most well known and loved masterworks. This gripping setting tells both the story of Christ's trial, condemnation, and death as found in the Gospel of John, as well as comments on these events from a poetic perspective through beautiful solos, choruses, and chorales (hymns). We hope you can join us to hear this historically important and deeply meaningful piece of music!



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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■ Giving

Pledge Report as of December 18

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through December 18: \$1,226,088

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Sunday 1.8 |

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

■ You are Invited

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