

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

JOY IN THE WAITING | ADVENT 3 | LESSONS & CAROLS

*The new Advent wreath and oil candles in the Little Chapel are given by the Altar Guild in honor of Carole Adams.  
The photo was taken by our Communications Director, Erica.*

## 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.



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

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# ■ We Gather

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

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

This beautiful setting of the chorale, “Savior of the Nations, Come,” paints an auditory picture of the mystical expectation felt in this season of Advent. The walking bass line (possibly imagined for a violone continuo player) perhaps reflects the journey taken by the shepherds, Three Kings, and us, as we journey ever closer to Christ’s birth.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

## BIDDING PRAYER

One: Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Love, Emmanuel, we welcome you. We celebrate your coming to abide with us, and we remember the ways you have claimed and called us since the beginning. It was you who wove all life together. Your glory is painted across all your creation. Throughout history, again and again, you have revealed yourself in the ordinary and extraordinary, in the vulnerability of infants, in the fierce proclamations of prophets, in the hope-filled endurance of those who persevere under evil’s assaults. Where there is grief, where there is hurt, where there is holy rage, where there is fear, and where sacred imagination have stirred human souls, you have been present across the ages. Bless our time together now, as we remember again the still-unfolding story of your love, a love that comes to dwell among us, a love that surprises and disrupts, a love that shows the way of liberation and reconciliation. Come to us. Abide with us. **Amen.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**God Almighty, We are Waiting**

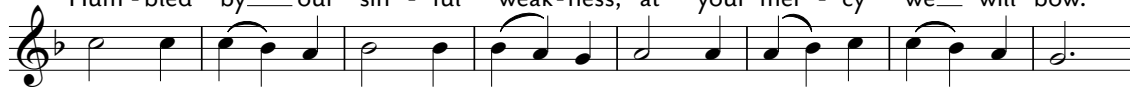
HYFRYDOL



1. God Al - migh - ty, we are wait - ing for a sa - vior to ap - pear.  
2. God In - car - nate, we are wait - ing for the feast day of\_ your birth.  
3. God, the Spi - rit, we are wait - ing for your pre - sence here\_ and now.



Meet us in\_ our de - sert jour - ney; give a sign that you\_ are near:  
Look - ing back\_ and look - ing for - ward to the Christ's re - turn\_ to earth.  
Hum - bled by\_ our sin - ful weak - ness, at your mer - cy we\_ will bow.



burn - ing bush - es, par - ted wa - ters, food a - plen - ty in the wild.  
Help us to\_ pro - claim the gos - pel, 'til the world is re - con - ciled.  
Search our hearts and make us rea - dy, speak in lan - guage strong and mild,



As we look\_ for signs and won - ders, help us see\_ you in a child.  
Let us set\_ your ho - ly ta - ble for each wo - man, man, and child.  
help each one\_ of us, your peo - ple, to re - ceive you like a child.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Mary Lindsey Lewis, Katie Woolf,  
Käthe Wright Kaufman, and Michael Dauterman;  
Glenn Memorial UMC Music Directors



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

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CAROL

#### Antiphonal for Advent

words and music by Joel Raney (b. 1956)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, good news and joyful tidings tell. All heaven and nature sing. Let earth receive her King. Rejoice! Let the bells ring out, let the whole world shout, "O come, Emmanuel, come!" Come and fill the earth with light. Come and reign in our hearts forever. Chase away the gloom of night. Come, Emmanuel, Rejoice! Make war and strife and quarrels cease, fill all the world with heavenly peace. All heaven and nature sing. Let earth receive her King! Rejoice! Let the bells ring out, let the whole world shout, "O come, Emmanuel!"

## ■ We Hear God's Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

#### Genesis 1:1-5

Madison Ragland

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

#### John 1:1-5, 14

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## CAROL

### Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.  
Alleluia, Yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Amen.

—Amos 5: 8; Psalm 139

## THE SECOND LESSON

### Isaiah 61:1-3

Joseph Waller

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; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 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.

### Luke 4:16-21

Lacey Shaffer

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## CAROL

### Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come. While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come. Hope of all heaven and earth, come, Jesus, come. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone, by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

—Charles Wesley (1707-88)

## THE THIRD LESSON

### Isaiah 40:1-11

Richard Belcher

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Matthew 3:1-7, 11**

Jordan Grassi

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

CAROL

**He Shall Feed His Flock**

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Emily Redding and Cory Klose, soloists

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him, all ye that labor, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

-Isaiah 40:11 & Matthew 11: 28-29

\*HYMN

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

GENEVAN 42

1."Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2.For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3.Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,  
 Tell them that their sins I co - ver, and their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in gree - ting.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## THE FOURTH LESSON

### Isaiah 9:1-2, 6

Evelyn Burke

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### Matthew 4:12-17

Cheryl Griffin

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

## CAROL

### For Unto Us a Child is Born

G.F. Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

-Isaiah 9:6

## THE FIFTH LESSON

### Isaiah 7:10-14

Gabe Clements

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

[Just when Joseph had decided to dismiss Mary quietly,] an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

## CAROL

**Gabriel’s Message**

arr. Jim Clements (b. 1983)  
Carrie Anne Wilson, soloist

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame. “All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady.” Gloria! “For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee. Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold. Most highly favored lady.” Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said. “My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.” Most highly favored lady. Gloria! Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn. And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, “Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!  
*–Traditional Basque, trans. Sabine Baring-Gould*

## THE SIXTH LESSON

**Isaiah 42:5-9**

CJ McKlin

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Luke 2:25-32**

Chase McKoon

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”



## CAROL

### **Nunc Dimittis**

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

—*Luke 2:29-32*

### \*HYMN UMH #206

#### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

HOUSTON

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

### **Isaiah 35:1-6, 8a, 10**

Edie Twomey

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20**

Hank Harris

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ... It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## We Respond

### OFFERTORY CAROL

#### **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.

—*Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, trans. Mary Frances Lescher*

\*DOXOLOGY

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

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here — be - low. Praise  
God, a - bove ye heav - n'ly hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re -  
(Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.)  
joyce! Re - joyce! E - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## ■ We Go Forth

THE ADVENT BLESSING

The Rev. Susan Pinson

One: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #718

**Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

HELMSLEY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Toccata on 'Conditor alme siderum'**

Adrian Foster (b. 1988)

This toccata is an example of musical minimalism, where music evolves through minute changes to a repetitive pattern. In this case, for the majority of the piece, the hands play patterns of notes that interact with each other in interesting ways and seemingly bend our notion of time and meter. Underneath this excitement, the pedals loudly play the 7th-century Latin hymn "Creator of the Stars of Night." Adrian Foster is a talented organist and composer originally from suburban Atlanta, now based in Montreal.

# ■ Announcements & Special Events

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC & SING ALONG

**December 11 & 18, 3:30-4:30pm, Little Chapel**

Join Wes Griffin and friends for a program of Advent and Christmas music in Glenn's beautiful Little Chapel. There will be special musical offerings, as well as group hymn and carol sings. Come and be uplifted by the music of the season!

## SMALL GROUP STUDIES: INCARNATION

**Thursdays, 11:30am, Zoom**

Explore with Pastor Mark the depths of the Christmas message, using Rev. Adam Hamilton's study, Incarnation. RSVP (or request a copy of the book) with Kat Griffith.

## THE SEASON OF WAITING...AND WAITING...AND WAITING: WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

**Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm**

Join with Rev. Susan on our hostess Cheryl Griffin's fireplace porch as we use bestselling author Dr. Kate Bowler's new Advent devotional to reconnect with God and one another.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING & CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

**Sunday, December 18, 9:30am & 10:00am, Ward Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome to join us for a sing-along of favorite carols hosted by The New Class at 9:30am and led by beloved pianist Jim Gibson and Covenant Choir Director, Katie Woolf. At 10:00am the Cherub Choir will present the Nativity pageant, directed by Mary Lindsey Lewis. Perhaps the most delightful 15 minutes of the season, with much laughter and levity, Glenn's four-and-five-year-olds bring the story of the first Christmas to life! Join us for 11am Worship in the Sanctuary and visit our Nativity animals petting zoo in the amphitheater on your way home! For more info and to RSVP, visit: [bit.ly/glenn-nativity-facebook-event](http://bit.ly/glenn-nativity-facebook-event)

## COMMUNITY EVENT: COFFEE WITH A CAMEL!

**Sunday, December 18, 10:30am – 1:30pm**

All are invited to stop by between 10:30am – 1:30pm for coffee provided by Ira Lane Coffee! At 12pm, our favorite stable animals, including Obadiah the Camel, will bring the magic of the Christmas story to life for the Nativity Petting Zoo!

*\*All proceeds will support our Alternative Giving Catalogue.*

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SAVE-THE-DATES

Dec 18 - Caroling, Children's Nativity Pageant, & Live Nativity Petting Zoo

Dec 21, 6:30pm - In the Bleak Midwinter: Service of Grief and Hope

Dec 24, 4pm, 7pm, 11pm - Christmas Eve Worship

Dec 25, 11am - Christmas Day Worship

Jan 1, 11am - New Year's Day Worship



**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

### Pledge Report as of November 30

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through November 30: \$1,169,127

Needed: \$179,095

Needed: 13.28%

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## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 12.18 | Advent IV

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am Christmas Caroling (Ward Hall)
- 10:00am Cherub Nativity Pageant (Ward Hall)
- 10:30am Coffee truck until 1:30pm
- 11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Live Nativity Petting Zoo
- 3:30pm Christmas Caroling (Little Chapel)
- 5pm The Gathering (Ward Hall)

## ■ You are Invited

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

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Contact the church offices or sign up at:

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