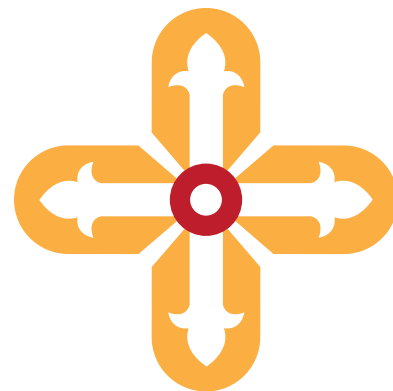


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 12, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



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.



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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

Rorate Caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

One of the most talented organists of her time and a student of Marcel Dupré, Jeanne Demessieux was known for her impeccable technique and artistic flair. Also a skilled composer, she wrote hugely difficult études as well as simpler, reverent chorale preludes like this one, based on the Advent chant Rorate Caeli (“Drop down ye heavens from above...”).

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

BIDDING PRAYER

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

One: Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by God’s holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God’s whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for God’s Church in our country and in this City of Atlanta.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God’s name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

One: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Almighty, We Are Waiting

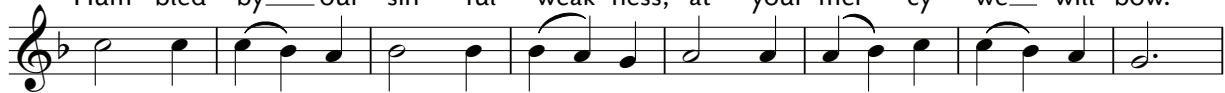
HYFRYDOL



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 CANDLELIGHTING

Read by the Glenn UMC Music Staff

ALL: Loving God, all of creation rejoices for you; for it was you who hung the stars, and you who made our beating hearts. Thus, as we anticipate the birth of your son, fill our hearts not only with hope and peace, which we so desperately need, but also with joy. For when the nights feel too long, and the darkness too strong, you light the way for us. In Your holy name we so gratefully pray, Amen.



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.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ Advent Lessons & Carols

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

The Rev. Susan Pinson

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

CAROL

O Come, Emmanuel

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear. O come thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here, and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee o Israel. O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind; bid envy strife and quarrels cease, and fill the world with heaven's peace.

-ca. 12th century; Ancient Antiphons

THE SECOND LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9

John Wiley

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.'

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

CAROL

Creator of the Stars of Night

Helena Paish (b. 2002)

World Premiere - Commissioned for Glenn Memorial UMC Advent Lessons & Carols 2021

O Oriens splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis. [O Dayspring, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.] Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, O Jesu, Saviour of us all, Regard thy servants when they call. Thou, grieving at the bitter cry Of all creation, doomed to die, Didst come to save a ruined race With healing gifts of heavenly grace. All praise, eternal son, to thee, Whose Advent set thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore, And Spirit blest for evermore.

-ca. late tenth-century manuscript from the abbey of St. Gall

THE THIRD LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Tom Phillips Miller

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

FOREST GREEN



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and rai - ses up new
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the oath once sworn to
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord, you will pre - pare the way to tell God's peo - ple



hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So have the proph - ets
A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all, that we might wor - ship
they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then shall God's mer - cy



long de - clared that with a migh - ty arm God would turn back our
with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and
from on high shine forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the



en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Erica Bitting

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 for ever. 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.

CAROL

Keep Your Lamps

Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh. Christian, journey soon be over, for the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

-Text based on Matthew 25:1-13

THE FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Hank Harris

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

The Lamb

John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream
and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly bright; gave thee such a tender voice,
making all the vales rejoice: Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb I'll tell
thee: He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb: He is meek and he is mild, He became a little child: I a
child and thou a lamb, we are called by his name: Little Lamb God bless thee.

–Text by William Blake (1789)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

Jordan Grassi

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who
is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she
who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and
feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for
now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

HYMN UMH #250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Käthe Wright Kaufman

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man
whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings,
favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting
this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will
conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the
Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for
ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel
said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the
child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be
with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Of one that is so fair and bright, *Velut maris stella* [as is the star of the sea], Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella* [mother and maiden]: I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, *Tam pia* [so tender], That I may come to thee. Maria! All this world was forlorn, *Eva peccatrice* [Eve having been a sinner], Till our Lord was y-born, *De te genetrice* [of you, his mother]. With ave [hail] it went away, Darkest night, and comes the day *Salutis* [of salvation]; The well springeth out of thee, *Virtutis* [of virtue]. Lady, flower of everything, *Rosa sine spina* [thornless rose], Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *Gratia divina* [by divine grace]: Of all thou bearest the prize, Lady, queen of paradise, *Electa* [chosen], Maid mild, mother *es Effecta, Effecta* [you are fulfilled.]

—Anonymous, 14th century

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

John 1:1-5, 10-14

Rev. Westmoreland

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. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY CAROL

A Babe is Born

William Mathias (1934-1992)

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni creator Spiritus.* At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was; And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas.* There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free, With gold and myrrh and frank incense, *A solis ortus cardine.* A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine.* A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni creator Spiritus, O lux beata Trinitas, A solis ortus cardine, Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!*

—Anonymous, 15th century

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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. Connor Bell

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 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

British composer Andrew Carter composed this fiery toccata shortly after returning from a trip to Paris, where he had enjoyed Jean Guillou's playing on the magnificent organ at Saint-Eustache. He was inspired to combine the idiom of French Toccata with the expectant hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."



■ Announcements & Special Events

INVITED: GIVING & STEWARDSHIP 2021 - 2022

Thank you for your generous 2021 support of our ministry budget and to all who have pledged your 2022 gifts. For info. about end-of-year giving, contact Pam Gwinner (pgwinner@glennumc.org) in the Finance Office.

YOUTH & ALUMNI ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, December 19 | 5pm | Sanctuary

All church attendees welcome, as the youth and youth alumni lead the service through music, word, & Holy Communion. As we all start to gather again, this is an opportunity to reconnect with Glenn youth alumni, celebrate the season of Advent, and enjoy fellowship with one another..

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm | Little 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!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 24 | 5pm & 11pm | Sanctuary

We have been waiting all year! Celebrate Christmas with the traditions of festive carols, beloved Scriptures, Christmas message, and candlelighting! The 11pm service includes Holy Communion.

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 (P is for Peace: pasta, Parmalat milk, peas, etc.) You can drop off your donations at the church anytime or directly at Intown Collaborative Ministries.



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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■ Upcoming Services

Sunday 12.12 | *Advent III*

- 9:30am Children's Nativity Pageant
- 11am Lessons & Carols with Glenn Choir
(Sanctuary)
- 4pm Outdoor Caroling at Wesley Woods
- 5pm Lessons & Carols @ The Gathering (Little Chapel)

Sunday 12.19 | *Advent IV*

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

Tuesday 12.21 | *In the Bleak Midwinter*

- 7pm Service (Little Chapel)

Thursday 12.23 | *Journey to Bethlehem*

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

Friday 12.24 | *Christmas Eve*

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

Sunday 12.26 | *Christmas I*

- 11am Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday 1.2 | *Christmas II*

- 11am Service (Sanctuary)