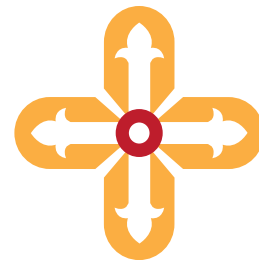


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 24, 2021 | 11:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE



## 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.



**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.



## ■ We Gather

PRELUDE

**Music of the season from the Organ**

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

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

OPENING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Van Atta Family

In the season of Advent we have worshipped and waited, remembering God's promise to be with us. On this Christmas Eve, we will light the final candle in this living wreath --the Christ candle --as a symbol of the light that God's presence brings into the world. As the flame burns bright, we recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed:

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. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*)

As we light the final candle, we celebrate the coming of Christ!

CAROL

**Still, Still, Still**

Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping.  
Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, Close your eyes, let  
sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you  
sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

*-Traditional Austrian Christmas Lullaby*

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Connor Bell

OFFERTORY

**Midwinter**

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Käthe Kaufman & Cory Klose, soloists

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen,  
snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to  
reign: In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay; Enough for  
Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, If I were a wise man I would do my  
part, Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

*-Text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

---

# ■ A Service of Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

One: Lord, open our minds and hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear and rejoice in the gospel of our Savior's birth, told in story and song this night.

**ALL: Amen.**

## THE WORD OF PROMISE

**Luke 2:1-7**

Rev. Huckaby

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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

## HYMN 230

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

## THE WORD OF ANNOUNCEMENT

**Luke 2:8-14**

The Rev. Susan Pinson

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

## CAROL

**Bethlehem Down**

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)/ed. David Hill

“When He is King we will give Him a King’s gifts, myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, beautiful robes”, said the young girl to Joseph, fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight, winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary, sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

*—Text by Bruce Blunt*

## THE WORD OF ADORATION

**Luke 2:15-20**

Rev. Bell

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

HYMN 238

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

**See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Westmoreland

CAROL

**O Holy Night**

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Carrie Anne Wilson, soloist

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace; chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease, sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy name! Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we! His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!

*-Text by Placide Cappeau (1843)*

---



# ■ A Service of Holy Communion

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: And so...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

HYMN 219 vv. 1 & 3

**What Child is This**

GREENSLEEVES

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

HYMN 217 vv. 1 & 3

**Away in a Manger**

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

HYMN 242 vv. 1 & 3

**Love Came Down at Christmas**

GARTAN

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

---

## ■ A Service of Light

HYMN 239

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Westmoreland

One: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of God's holiness.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: May God, who sent God's angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favor.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

---

## ■ We Go Forth

CLOSING HYMN 246

**Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**In dulci jubilo, BWV 729**

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



THE REV. MARK WESTMORELAND  
Senior Pastor  
mwestmoreland@glennumc.org

THE REV. SUSAN PINSON  
Senior Associate Pastor for Children,  
Older Adults, and Congregational Care  
spinson@glennumc.org

THE REV. BRENT HUCKABY  
Associate Pastor for The Gathering & Spiritual Formation  
bhuckaby@glennumc.org

THE REV. CONNOR BELL  
Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions  
cbell@glennumc.org

MICHAEL DAUTERMAN  
Director of Music and Worship Arts  
mdauterman@glennumc.org

KÄTHE WRIGHT KAUFMAN  
Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts  
kkaufman@glennumc.org

ERICA BITTING  
Communications Director  
ebitting@glennumc.org

**GLENN  
MEMORIAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1660 North Decatur Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
on the campus of Emory University  
404-634-3936 | glennumc.org

    @glennUMC

## ■ Upcoming Services

### Sunday 12.26 | *Christmas I*

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

### Sunday 1.2 | *Christmas II*

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

### Sunday 1.9 | *Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord*

8:30am    Worship (Little Chapel)

9:30am    The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir  
(Church School Building)

9:45am    Sunday School classes for all ages- including  
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School  
Building & Youth and Activities Building)

10am      Epiphany Party (Fellowship Hall)

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm        The Gathering (Little Chapel)

### Sunday 1.16 | *Epiphany II*

8:30am    Worship (Little Chapel)

9:30am    The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir  
(Church School Building)

9:45am    Sunday School classes for all ages-including  
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School  
Building & Youth and Activities Building)

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm        Worship (Little Chapel)

### Sunday 1.23 | *Epiphany III*

8:30am    Worship (Little Chapel)

9:30am    The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir  
(Church School Building)

9:45am    Sunday School classes for all ages-including  
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School  
Building & Youth and Activities Building)

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm        Worship (Little Chapel)