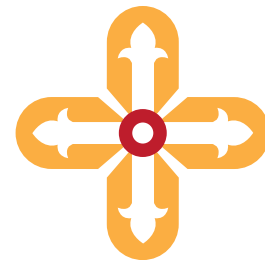


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 24, 2021 | 5:00 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.



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■ We Gather

PRELUDE

Music of the season from the Brass Ensemble and Organ

Alexander Freund, Victor Atanzio Pires, Trumpet; Jaclyn Rainey, French Horn; William Paul Mann, trombone
Corey Sherman, tuba; Todd Mueller, percussion

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this most holy of nights, we gather to celebrate God's light breaking into our broken world.

ALL: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

One: On this most holy of nights, we journey to the stable in Bethlehem to see the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

ALL: O come, let us adore him!

One: On this most holy of nights, we are reminded that God is with us—not just in a story that happened long ago, but in the face of every person we meet.

ALL: O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!

One: On this most holy of nights, we long to be part of God's story of love, peace, and goodwill to all.

ALL: We rejoice in the light, as we echo the song of the angels:

(Sung) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234 vv. 1-3, 5-6

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

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;

Refrain: 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; (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

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? (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

CAROL

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter (b.1945)

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day, that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who, with his sunshine and His showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome Him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart. Which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do Him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling. What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

—Text by John Rutter

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Connor Bell

OFFERTORY

Midwinter

Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, 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 manger full of hay; enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air - but only His mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the Beloved with a kiss. 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

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. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

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.

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

Ding, Dong Merrily on High

16th-century French melody, harm. Charles Wood

Ding-dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing. Ding-dong! Verily the sky is riven with angels singing: Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! E'en so, here below, below, let steeple bells be swung; and i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sung! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, you ringers; may you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, you singers: Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

—Text by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

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 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Westmoreland

CAROL

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloist; Lelia Tolbert, Dancer

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 Light

HYMN 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT
Jordan Grassi, guitar

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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■ 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)