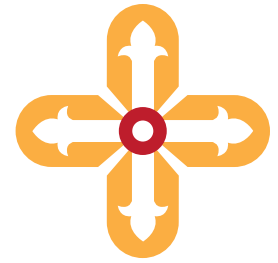


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 24, 2022 | 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The artwork on the cover is *Nativity Triptych* by John August Swanson.

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

Music of the season from the Choir and Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*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 remember that God is with us, not just in a story from 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!

*OPENING HYMN UMH #234, vv. 1-3, 5-6

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with Angel singing.

Refrain: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, and "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen.

(Refrain)

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

(Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Susan Pinson

OFFERTORY

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad?
When from our sin he set us free, All for to gain our liberty? When sin deperts before his grace, Then life and health
come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, All for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have
light, Which made the angels sing this night: 'Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen.'

-English Traditional Carol

■ A Service of Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

ALL: 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.

Luke 2:1-7

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.

CAROL UMH #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!

Luke 2:8-14

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

The First Noel

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
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.
Noel, Noel ... Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood our lives have bought.
Noel, Noel ...

THE WORD OF ADORATION

Rev. Huckaby

Luke 2:15-20

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.

*CAROL UMH #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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloist

■ A Service of Light

*CAROL UMH #239

Silent Night, Holy Night

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, heavenly 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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*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. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #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.

 **We Go Forth**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Final from Symphonie no. 1

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

■ 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

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11PM

Saturday, December 24 | 11pm | Sanctuary

Hymns, a Christmas homily, candlelight, and Holy Communion as we worship together until the gift of Christmas once again arrives at midnight!

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, 11am, Sanctuary

Join us for one service on Christmas morning, celebrating together the birth of the Christ child! A blessing of the toys will be offered for children - pajamas welcome!

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

January 1, 11am, Sanctuary

Join us as we begin the new year at 11am with music, prayer, a short message, and Holy Communion celebrating Christmas and Epiphany.

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 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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End of the Year Giving

For your gift to be credited to 2022 giving, online gifts must be made by 12/31 and checks must be received by 12/30, before the office closes at noon.

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Make a donation in honor of a friend or family member that will support a variety of causes, both local and global: www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog

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