

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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.

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children's Worship Kits are available from an usher.

**A new sound system for the Sanctuary is currently in the works!** In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.

### CHILDCARE

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.

A Comfort Room & restroom is available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms available downstairs at the front of the Sanctuary.

### 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 CHURCH & RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Glenn Memorial UMC has been a proud affiliate of Reconciling Ministries Network since 2014, and welcomes and affirms all LGBTQ+ persons.



### YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT GLENN

**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.



## ■ Welcoming All

*\*You are invited to rise in either body or spirit.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Communion, Op. 8**

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

This beautiful, early work of Vierne's was published in the anthology *Album d'auteurs modernes* (Album of Modern Authors) by Abbot Henri Haze, published in 1894, before Vierne took up the reins as organist at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris. This music is ethereal and could have served as music during the distribution of communion in a French mass.

\*OPENING PRAYER

**All: Almighty God, we long for peace in our world and in our lives. In this season of Advent, prepare us to receive anew your Son, our Savior, and grant us the blessing of peaceful spirits, that we might serve your peace in our days. For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #211, vv. 1,2,4,6,7

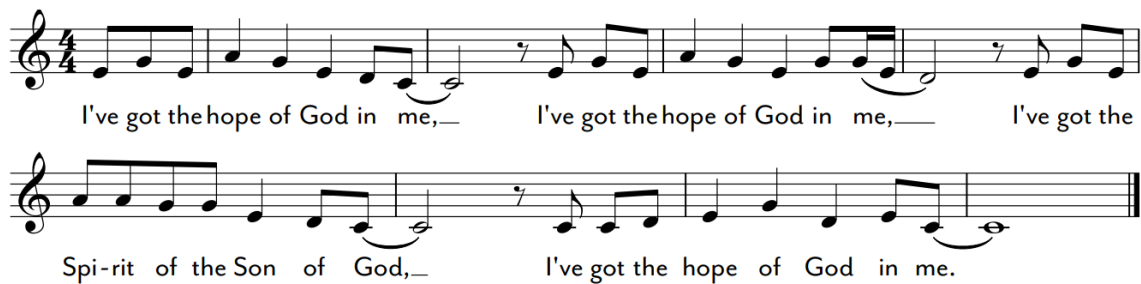
**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

One: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

**ALL: We wait as people surprised again and again by God, who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.**

One: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.



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

## ■ We Hear God's Word

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

#### Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> 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!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> 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.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

### Comfort Ye My People

Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

James Turner, Soloist

Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them. Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over. The herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, bidding all repentance since now the kingdom is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away! Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting. Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rough places plain. Let your hearts be comforted as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth's shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

*-Johannes Olearius, trans. Catherine Winkworth*

## SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Susan Pinson

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**ALL: God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace. When we lose our way, and forget the reason and purpose of this season, carry us back to you. Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

One: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. You have served your term. Your penalty is paid. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## ■ We Respond

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Hansen

OFFERTORY

**They That Wait Upon the Lord**

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not be faint. Amen.

-Isaiah 40:31

\*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.)  
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland & ALL

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

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#### **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for Food to the faithful. Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

*-Text from the Liturgy of St. James*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & SENDING FORTH OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

**ALL: Emmanuel, God With Us, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world bearing holy gifts, including these gifts of the bread and the cup, to our brothers and sisters, so that all may share in your communion. We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ■ We Go Forth

### \*CLOSING HYMN UMH #203

#### **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

ELLACOMBE

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

#### **Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161**

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

A passacaglia is a musical form in a triple meter that features a repeating pedal ostinato. In Buxtehude's Passacaglia, there are four sections, exploring a total of three keys. The first section is in D minor (the tonic), the second in F major (the relative major), the third in A minor (the dominant), and the fourth returns to D minor. The sections are connected by short modulatory passages, and each section contains seven variations on the seven-note ostinato. Buxtehude was based in the city of Lübeck in Northern Germany, to where a young J.S. Bach famously traveled (250 miles) to study with the great master. Bach later wrote his own staggering Passacaglia. This piece grows and transforms with each repetition of the pedal ostinato, not unlike how we in the church are transformed during our journey through the dark expectation of Advent into the light of Christmas.



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

YOUTH ADVENT SERVICE & CHILI POTLUCK - *TODAY!*

**Today, Sunday, December 3, 5pm, Ward Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a special Youth Advent service. Support the Glenn youth as they plan, preach, sing, and share their gifts this holiday season! All are invited for a chili pot-luck in the Ward Fellowship Hall after worship. Before the service, Wes Griffin's **Little Chapel Advent and Christmas Music & Sing** will take place from **3:30-4:30pm**. There will be special musical offerings, as well as group hymn and carol sings. Come and be uplifted by special music of the season!

WOMEN'S NIGHT IN: ADVENT EDITION

**Monday, Dec 4, 7pm at home of Edie Twomey (Briarlake)**

**Monday, Dec 11, 7pm at home of Cheryl Griffin (Druid Hills)**

Join with Glenn women of all ages & stages for conversations around Kate Bowler's *Bless the Advent We Actually Have* (though reading the devotional is not required). Come as you are - straight from work, the gym, or the carpool shuffle! Light refreshments will be served. For more info, directions, and to RSVP, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: VOLUNTEER WITH WELLROOT FAMILY SERVICES

**Wednesday, December 6, 1-3pm, Wellroot Tucker office**

Join with our FriendShip Group older adult ministries as they sort Christmas Gifts for foster families! RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson to complete the volunteer registration and let us any transportation requests. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off before Dec. 5 in the church offices. View Christmas Wish Lists at [www.wellroot.org/christmas](http://www.wellroot.org/christmas)

ADVENT BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK - *WITH BISHOP WILL WILLIMON!*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5th, 7pm | Room 208, Church School Building or Zoom option (meets every Tuesday until December 19)**

In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Bishop Will Willimon introduces you to the God who is bringing heaven to earth. In Advent, we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way. **Bishop Willimon will join us on Zoom!** RSVP now and let us know if you'd like to buy the book yourself or be a part of the church order: [bit.ly/advent-study-2023](https://bit.ly/advent-study-2023)

ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG

The 2023 Alternative Giving Catalog is created by the Glenn Justice Team to highlight organizations that work to feed the hungry, assist the unhoused, welcome the refugee, advocate for social justice, support global education, and be stewards of the environment. If you're looking for ways to give meaningful gifts to loved ones without being a part of the consumerist frenzy, consider something from Glenn's Alternative Giving Catalog this year. To view the catalog, visit [www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog](http://www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog)



## A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

### **Next Sunday, December 10, 11am, Sanctuary (no 8:30am service)**

Join us as we remember through scripture, reading, and song, the prophets who have told of a Messiah that will come to be the Savior of us all! The Covenant, Youth, and Chancel Choirs of Glenn Memorial UMC will lead our congregation in song. This year, we will also be joined by a brass ensemble who, with the Chancel Choir, will present John Rutter's *Gloria* throughout the service.

## THE GATHERING AT WALLER'S COFFEE SHOP

### **Next Sunday, December 10, 6pm, Waller's Coffee Shop, 240 Dekalb Industrial Way, Decatur, GA 30033**

Join us for another musical evening at Waller's Coffee – Advent edition! Our contemporary service, The Gathering, will be at 6pm at Waller's Coffee Shop, with music led by The Gathering band.

## GIVE POINSETTIAS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

### **\$13 each | Order Now | Limited Quantity**

A Glenn Memorial tradition, the beautiful, red-leafed plants adorn our Sanctuary during the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. The plants are \$13 each (purchased from a local, independent nursery). Order now, quantities are limited.

#### **Two steps:**

1. Fill out this form (we need to know what dedication to put in the bulletin): [bit.ly/poinsettias-glenn-2023](https://bit.ly/poinsettias-glenn-2023)
2. Pay online here: [bit.ly/order-poinsettias-2023](https://bit.ly/order-poinsettias-2023)

If you need assistance, you may call the church office or email Kat Griffith to place your order. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a poinsettia to our congregation's homebound members, please contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

## A IS FOR ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for Christmas. Join our food drive to share with neighbors in need this season. All non-perishable foods accepted! Drop off at the church or directly at Intown Cares. Use the 'alphabet game' below to get creative!

Advent 1 – Dec 3 – H is for Hope (Hamburger Helper, Hazelnut Spread, Honey Nut Cheerios...)

Advent 2 – Dec 10 – P is for Peace (Parmalat milk, pasta, peas, peanut butter...)

Advent 3 – Dec 17 – J is for Joy (Juice, jelly, jerky, jambalaya rice...)

Advent 4 – Dec 24 – L is for Love (Lima beans, linguine, lasagna, Life cereal...)

Christ is Born! – Dec 31 – C is for Christ Child (Cereal, corn, chili, corn beef, crackers...)



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**



# Upcoming Advent Season

## Glenn Kids

Contact Rev. Susan Pinson  
spinson@glennumc.org  
Visit: [www.glennumc.org/children](http://www.glennumc.org/children)

## Glenn Youth

Contact Ben Ladner [bladner@glennumc.org](mailto:bladner@glennumc.org)

## Young Adults

Contact Rev. Brent Huckaby  
[bhuckaby@glennumc.org](mailto:bhuckaby@glennumc.org)

## Older Adult Ministry

Contact Rev. Susan Pinson  
spinson@glennumc.org

## Music Ministry

To join our chancel choir or for more information about youth choir, contact Michael Grassi Dauterman at [mdauterman@glennumc.org](mailto:mdauterman@glennumc.org)

## Glenn E-newsletter

We send out a weekly Friday email with everything you need to know! Subscribe on the homepage of our website: [glennumc.org](http://glennumc.org) (or email [ebitting@glennumc.org](mailto:ebitting@glennumc.org) for help!)

## We're Social!

Instagram: [@glennumc](https://www.instagram.com/glennumc)  
Facebook: Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church  
Website: [glennumc.org](http://glennumc.org)

Visit: [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](http://glennumc.org/upcoming-events)

## Save-the-dates!



**Give Poinsettias in Honor or Memory of a Loved One.**  
\$13 each. Limited quantity. Order at: [bit.ly/poinsettias-glenn-2023](https://bit.ly/poinsettias-glenn-2023)



**Dec 3** The Gathering at 5pm is a special Youth Advent Service, *A is for Advent* Food Drive begins, Little Chapel Advent and Christmas Music & Sing with Wes Griffin

**Dec 5** Advent Book Study with Pastor Mark with author Bishop Will Willimon

**Dec 6** FriendShip Group: Volunteer with Wellroot Family Services

**Dec 10** Lessons & Carols for 11am worship,\* The Gathering at 5pm is at Waller's Coffee House



**Dec 11** Women's Night In: Advent Edition - 7pm, at the home of Cheryl Griffin (Druid Hills)

**Dec 12** Glenn Young Adult Ministry Party

**Now until Dec 15** Praise House outside of Glenn is open to the public on Saturdays & Sundays from 12-5pm



**Dec 17** Christmas Caroling for all ages, Children's Nativity Pageant, Nativity Petting Zoo, Glenn Youth Party, The Gathering with have special music service with Wes Griffin

**Dec 20** In the Bleak Midwinter: A Service of Grief and Hope

**Dec 23** Kinnara Concert at Glenn



**Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worship

- 11am Traditional worship\* - carols, readings, and Christmas message
- 4pm Christmas pageant and candlelight service\*
- 11pm Traditional worship with carols, readings, Christmas message and Holy Communion

**Dec 31** New Years' Eve Worship  
11am Traditional worship\*

**Jan 7** 8:30am Worship in the Little Chapel & The Gathering at 5pm Worship in the Little Chapel resume\*



**Jan 26-28** Glenn Women's Retreat

\* = childcare available



# Growing Together at Glenn

## Sunday Schedule:

8:30am Worship Little Chapel  
 9:30am Children's Choirs CSB\*  
 9:45am Youth Sunday school YAAB\*  
 9:45am Adult Sunday School  
 10:00am Children's Sunday School CSB\*  
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary  
 11:00am Worship Sanctuary  
 5pm The Gathering Worship Ward Fellowship Hall  
 5:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal CSB\*  
 6:30pm Youth Dinner YAAB\*  
 7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship YAAB\*

## Weekly Events:

**Snack in a Backpack** Food Security Ministry  
 Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm, YAAB\*  
 Contact Deborah Marlowe (dmarlowe@emory.edu) for questions. Sign up here: [bit.ly/snack-backpack-2023](http://bit.ly/snack-backpack-2023)

**Young Adult Fellowship**  
 Tuesdays. For more info contact Brent Huckaby (bhuckaby@glennumc.org).

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals**  
 Wednesdays, 7-9pm & Sundays, 10am, Sanctuary.  
 For more info contact Michael Dauterman (mdauterman@glennumc.org).

## Support Groups:

- **Single Moms' Support Group** 1st Tuesdays of the month, 8pm, Zoom
- **Caregivers' Support Group** 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 4:30pm, YAAB\*
- **Club 1012: No Parents Allowed!** For 10, 11, & 12-year-olds to come share thoughts, worries, goals, or frustrations away from parents & teachers. RSVP here: [bit.ly/kids-club-glenn](http://bit.ly/kids-club-glenn)
- **Learn more about our support groups at [www.glennumc.org/care](http://www.glennumc.org/care)**

\*YAAB = Youth & Activities Building  
 \*CSB = Church School Building

## Study Opportunities:

*Dive deeper. Explore your faith in supportive small groups.*

### Advent Study with Pastor Mark



Tuesdays, 7pm, Room 208 or Zoom, 11/28 - 12/19  
 In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Bishop Will Willimon introduces you to the God who is bringing heaven to earth. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way. Bishop Willimon will join us on Zoom for week 2!  
**Register: [bit.ly/advent-study-glenn-2023](http://bit.ly/advent-study-glenn-2023)**

### Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45am, Church School Building  
 Learn more at [glennumc.org/adults](http://glennumc.org/adults)  
 Adult Sunday School classes:



- **Ventures in Faith** (Room 211) We will begin our season with a series on the unlikely call of the first disciples. Contact Gordon Boice for questions ([g.boice@emory.edu](mailto:g.boice@emory.edu)). **Advent Book Study:** *Waiting Here For You* by Louie Giglio.
- **Coffee & Conversation** (Parlor) Join with Pastor Mark, Glenn intern Britt Dush, and David O'Brien as we gather each week for fellowship and faith in our daily lives.
- **The New Class** (Room 208) For the zoom link and the full class schedule, visit: [www.glennumc.org/adults](http://www.glennumc.org/adults).

### #ParentingIsHard Meetups

Parents of all ages meet to share the joys and challenges of parenting & share in our faith journeys. We will study Bunmi Laditan's *Help Me God, I'm a Parent* book of 'honest prayers for hectic days and endless nights.' **Two options - join us for one or both:**

- **Wednesdays, 11am, Amphitheater.** Meet in amphitheater for a walk & talk around the Emory quad. Contact Alison LaGree for more info ([alisonlagree@gmail.com](mailto:alisonlagree@gmail.com)).
- **Sundays, 9:45am, CSB\* Room 401.** While children attend Sunday School or nursery care, bring a cup of coffee and join us in Room 401. Contact Joanna Boyles ([joannarhull@gmail.com](mailto:joannarhull@gmail.com)) for more info.

## Service Opportunities:

**Interested in advocacy, social justice, and opportunities to get involved?**  
 Contact [justice@glennumc.org](mailto:justice@glennumc.org)  
 Visit [www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn](http://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn)

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## ■ Giving

### Generosity Pledge Campaign Update

We are so grateful for all those who have submitted their pledge for 2024. We still have a way to go to be able to fund the ministries Glenn offers. If you have yet to make your pledge, please prayerfully consider your contribution and pledge online at **www.glennumc.org/pledge** or reach out to the church office for a pledge card.

### Financial Report as of October 31, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income through Oct 31: \$1,479,035

Needed: \$335,496

Needed % : 18%

**To give a gift, visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) or scan the QR code below.**



## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 12.10 | Second Sunday of Advent

11am Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary

6pm The Gathering - Waller's Coffee Shop - 240

Dekalb Industrial Way, Decatur, GA 30033

## ■ Stay Updated

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

Visit **www.glennumc.org** and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates.