GLENN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





The Worship of God

December 4, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. Joy in the Waiting | Advent 2 The new Advent wreath and oil candles in the Little Chapel are given by the Altar Guild in honor of Carole Adams. The photo was taken by our Communications Director, Erica.

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Nun komm der Heiden Heiland ("Savior of the Nations, Come")

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck was an incredibly important Dutch organist and composer, whose music spans the end of the Renaissance and beginning of the Baroque periods. Sweelinck's musical writing was advanced and refined; he was the first to write a fugue for the organ, and this undoubtedly made a profound impact on J. S. Bach, who went on to perfect this genre. Known also as a talented improviser, Sweelinck was known as "the Orpheus of Amsterdam." This tripartite piece sets the chorale, "Savior of the Nations, Come", which can be found at UMH #214.

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

- One: This day is a day of preparation.
- ALL: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.
- One: Repentance, changing our attitudes, and changing our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.
- ALL: Lord, give us courage and confidence.
- One: God will fill us with peace and joy as we become witnesses to God's love.
- ALL: Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. Amen.

*Processional Hymn UMH #202

People, Look East

Advent Candle Lighting

Chase McKoon, Olivia Starks, Madelyn Sibley, Candler School of Theology Interns



J. P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Besançon

Personal Transformation

The Scripture Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² 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. ³ 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; ⁴ 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. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ 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. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Michael Dauterman, soloist

Rev. Westmoreland

The Rev. Susan Pinson

Rev. Pinson & ALL

A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; Through God's great love and might The Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night. -14th-century German hymn tr. Catherine Winkworth

SERMON Joy in the Waiting: New Life

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

ALL: When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

One: Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us. Repent! Turn your lives to God. God's love is being poured out for you, always.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Passing Of The Peace

Transforming the World

Morning Prayer

Olivia Starks, Candler School of Theology Intern

Invitation to the Offering & Announcements

OFFERTORY **The Dream Isaiah Saw**

Glenn L. Rudolph (b. 1951)

Rev. Westmoreland

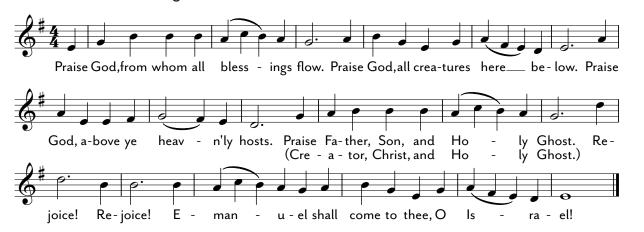
Veni Emmanuel

Lions and oxen will feed in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will darken the Earth that God made. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Life redeemed from fang and claw. Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart of systems gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain. Little Child whose bed is straw, ... Justice purifying law. Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord. Little child whose bed is straw, ... Knowledge, wisdom, worship awe.

-Thomas H. Troeger

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



The Great Thanksgiving

- 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 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: ...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

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 #729 O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

*Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY People, Look East

Kristina Langlois (b. 1959)

Rev. Westmoreland

A resident of the Twin Cities, MN, Dr. Krisitina Langlois is a talented composer, organist, and educator. Her arrangement of "People, Look East" (our Processional hymn today) exhibits the joy of anticipation through mixed meters, rhythmic figures, and a strong proclamation of the tune shared between both hands, featuring a strong trumpet sound.

Announcements & Special Events

Youth Advent Service & Chili Potluck

Tonight, 5:00pm, Ward Fellowship Hall

All church attendees welcome, as the youth lead the service through music, word, & Holy Communion.

Small Group Studies: Incarnation

Thursdays, 11:30am, Zoom

Explore with Pastor Mark the depths of the Christmas message, using the Rev. Adam Hamilton's study, Incarnation. RSVP (or request a copy of the book) with Kat Griffith, kgriffith@glennumc.org

The New Class Presents: A Bluegrass Christmas

December 11, 9:30am, Ward Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special morning of bluegrass music! Featuring Kendall Soulen, Ed Phillips, and Tom Elliot.

Advent and Christmas Music & Sing Along

December 11 & 18, 3:30-4:30pm, Little Chapel

Join Wes Griffin and friends for a program of Advent and Christmas music in Glenn's beautiful Little Chapel. There will be special musical offerings, as well as group hymn and carol sings. Come and be uplifted by the music of the season!

THE SEASON OF WAITING...AND WAITING...AND WAITING: WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm

Join with Rev. Susan on our hostess Cheryl Griffin's fireplace porch as we use bestselling author Dr. Kate Bowler's new Advent devotional to reconnect with God and one another.

Christmas Caroling, Nativity Pageant, & Nativity Petting Zoo!

December 18, beginning at 9:30am

For more info and to RSVP, visit: bit.ly/glenn-nativity-facebook-event

Advent & Christmas Save-the-Dates

Dec 4, 5pm - Youth & Alumni Advent Service Dec 11 - Lessons & Carols, 11am Worship in the Sanctuary Dec 18 - Caroling, Children's Nativity Pageant, & Live Nativity Petting Zoo Dec 21, 6:30pm - In the Bleak Midwinter Service Dec 24, 4pm, 7pm, 11pm - Christmas Eve Worship Dec 25, 11am - Christmas Day Worship Jan 1, 11am - New Year's Day Worship



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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Pledge Report as of October 31

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222 Pledge collection through October 31: \$1,019,569 Needed: \$328,652 Needed: 24.37%

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Next Sunday

Sunday 12.11 | Lessons & Carols Sunday,

Advent III

11am	Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm	The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

You are Invited

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