GLENN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 5, 2021 | 11:00 A.M. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

Childcare on the Playground is available throughout the service. Masks required for all (age 2 & older).

Parent/guardians, please escort your children and sign in with our Childcare Staff.

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



Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn.

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■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rosace from Esquisses Byzantines

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

The Esquisses Byzantines ("Byzantine Sketches") were composed by french organist Henri Mulet between 1914-1919. Each movement of the ten sketches was inspired by or dedicated to a specific part of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica in Paris, or to a liturgical function for which the church is used. The third sketch, "Rosace," is inspired by the rose window in Sacré-Coeur.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Call to Worship Rev. Pinson

One: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

ALL: And be light for our darkness.

One: Be comfort in our grief,

ALL: Be a friend for our loneliness,
One: An oasis for our searching.

ALL: O come, O come, Emmanuel, restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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CHILDREN'S TIME Rev Pinson

■ We Hear God's Word

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Read by Candler School of Theology Interns Chase McKoon, Madelyn Sibley, and Emily Elizabeth Castelloe

ALL: Peace-bringing God, forgive us when we have hurt and destroyed instead of seeking peace. We ask that you bring peace into our thoughts, into our words, and into our hearts and actions. Help us to pursue Advent Peace each and every day. Amen.



GRADUAL

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

Josh Garrels Ameya Gangal, soloist

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May the swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

-Words by Carl Daw Jr.

SERMON

Where do we start?

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

We Respond

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

ALL: Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

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THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Invitation to the Offering and Announcements

Rev. Westmoreland

OFFERTORY

O Thou, the Central Orb

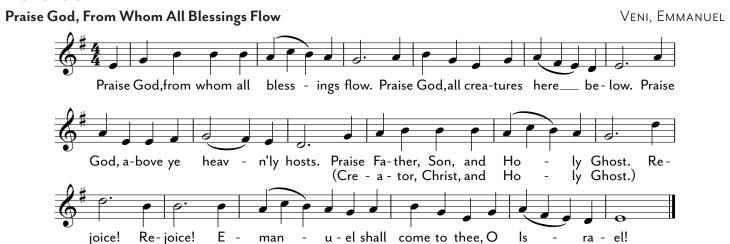
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

-Text by Henry Ramsden Bramley

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Doxology



■ 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Benedict Sheehan (b. 1980)

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 Liturgy of St. James (c. 275 A.D.)

■ We Go Forth

Prayer & Sending Forth of Homebound Communion Servers

ALL: Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have revealed yourself to us. Send us out into the world to see and bear witness to your revelation in all things, and invite all to come, taste and see your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN UMH #202

People, Look East Besançon

BENEDICTION Rev. Westmoreland

This setting of "Sleepers, Wake..." by the German Romantic composer and organist is sure to awaken even the most drowsy in preparation for the coming of Christ in a few weeks' time. Listen for the entire chorale tune in the pedals.



Announcements & Special Events

INVITED: GIVING & STEWARDSHIP 2021 - 2022

Thank you for your generous 2021 support of our ministry budget and to all who have pledged your 2022 gifts. For info. about end-of-year giving, contact Pam Gwinner (pgwinner@glennumc.org) in the Finance Office.

LAST CALL FOR POINSETTIAS

Reserve by December 7

Sponsor poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones for \$12 each. Take flowers home on or before December 19 or donate for homebound church members. (Volunteers needed to deliver!)

YOUTH & ALUMNI ADVENT SERVICE

December 19 | 5pm | Sanctuary

All church attendees welcome, as the youth andyouth alumni lead the service through music, word,& Holy Communion. As we all start to gather again, this is an opportunity to reconnect with Glennyouth alumni, celebrate the season of Advent, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm | Little Chapel

Many of us have struggles in our lives that make being jolly and merry the farthest things from our hearts and minds, especially in 2021. Whether you are grieving, stressed, or lonely, join us on winter's longest night to find comfort and hope in the midst of this season.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WALK-THRU NATIVITY

Thursday, December 23 | 4–5:30pm | Around Glenn's Campus

Make your journey to Bethlehem this year! Park at Emory's Fishburne Deck for a 30 minute walk that brings the story of the first Christmas to life. Volunteers are needed for cast and crew!

A IS FOR ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the gift of Christmas. Join us as we collect food for those who need. All non-perishable foods accepted- use the alphabet game to be creative (P is for Peace: pasta, Parmalat milk, peas, etc.) You can drop off your donations at the church anytime or directly at Intown Collaborative Ministries.



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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Upcoming Services

Sunday 12.5 | Advent II

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

11am Service (Sanctuary)

5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

Sunday 12.12 | Advent III

9:30am Children's Nativity Pageant

11am Lessons & Carols with Glenn Choir

(Sanctuary)

4pm Outdoor Caroling at Wesley Woods

5pm Lessons & Carols @ The Gathering (Little

Chapel)

Sunday 12.19 | Advent IV

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

11am Service (Sanctuary)

5pm Youth & Youth Alumni Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday 12.21 | In the Bleak Midwinter

7pm Service (Little Chapel)

Thursday 12.23 | Journey to Bethlehem

4-5:30pm Walk-thru Nativity (Glenn campus)

Friday 12.24 | Christmas Eve

5pm Festival Worship with Brass and

Candlelighting (Sanctuary)

11pm Communion Service with Candlelighting

(Sanctuary)