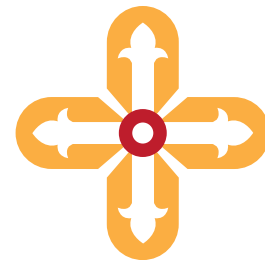


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 2, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



## 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.**

Scan the QR code or visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) to donate securely online.

*The flowers on the altar are given to glorify God and to honor Irene Nelly on her birthday today.*



## ■ We Gather

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Barcarolle in E Flat Major, Op. 71**

Mélanie "Mel" Bonis (1858-1937)  
Robert Cushing, Piano

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise! Shine!

**ALL: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

One: Arise! Shine!

**ALL: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Arise! Shine!

**ALL: God's light breaks through the darkness that covers the world.**

One: Arise! Shine!

**ALL: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245

**The First Noel**

THE FIRST NOEL

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, 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, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence, their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood our life hath bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

# ■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

The Rev. Connor Bell

**Isaiah 60: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 254

**We Three Kings**

KINGS OF ORIENT

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Pinson

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Pinson

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# ■ We Respond

## INVITATION

Rev. Bell

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray.

**ALL: 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.**

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Bell

## OFFERTORY

### Love Came Down at Christmas

Robert Cushing (b.1997)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*—Text by Christina Rossetti*

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## DOXOLOGY

### What Child is This (UMH #219 v. 3)

GREENSLEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

# ■ 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

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION & INVITATION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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# ■ We Go Forth

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

CLOSING HYMN 173

**Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

RATISBON

BENEDICTION

Rev. Pinson



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Sunday, January 9 | 9:45am (YAAB)**

7th Graders and Friends in Faith volunteers begin the journey of confirmation - learning, exploring, and growing together to confirm our faith and become professing members of the Church.

### RENEW

**Sunday, January 9th | 9:45am (YAAB)**

This class will follow the confirmation themes the youth are studying as a way for adults to learn/relearn some of the basics of our faith in a safe, discussion-oriented environment. All are welcome.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES

**Sunday, January 9 | 9:30 AM**

Pre-K & Kindergarten Children will resume Cherub Choir with Ms. Mary Lindsey Lewis and 1st-5th Graders will resume Covenant Choir with Dr. Katie Woolf, as we sing and prepare to lead Children's Sabbath on February 6th.

\*\*TBA: covid precautions of outdoors or virtual option.

### EPIPHANY PARTY

**Sunday, January 9 | 10:00 AM**

All ages children and grown-ups alike don our royal attire (dress up clothes) to re-enact the wise people bringing gifts to Jesus. Bring donations of diapers & baby supplies for Wellroot Family Services foster families.

\*\*TBA: covid precautions of outdoors or virtual option.

### 2022 WOMEN'S RETREAT

**January 28 - 30, 2022 | Forrest Hills Mountain Resort and Conference Center**

Last call to register to attend the annual Women's Retreat. Connect with the phenomenal women of the Glenn congregation in our own private space of the Treetopper Lodge and enjoy plenty of time to rest, renew, or explore outdoors with Amicolola Falls and/or the quaint town of Dahlenega a short drive away.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursdays January 27th-February 24th | 5:00-6:30pm (Parlor)**

Join us as in this four week long support group to remember that we are not alone. Access to the Church School Building will be by the amphitheater with the Snack in a Backpack ministry (feel free to come early to volunteer!). The group will be led by Cindy Song of CHRIS180 Counseling Services.



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



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## ■ Upcoming Services

### Sunday 1.9 | Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
- 9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages- including Confirmation/ReNew (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
- 10am Epiphany Party
- 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
- 9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including Confirmation/ReNew (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
- 11am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

### Sunday 1.23 | Epiphany III

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
- 9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including Confirmation/ReNew (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
- 11am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)