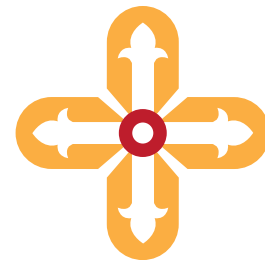


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 8, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Bulletin artwork: "Baptism of Christ" painted by Dave Zelenka.

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.



YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT GLENN

Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn. Scan the QR code or visit **www.glennumc.org/give** to donate securely online.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Randy, Loik, and Jason Tyler, representing the love and prayers surrounding the Tyler family from our congregation and community.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

PRELUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam (“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”) BuxWV 180

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Exciting God, Glorious God,

ALL: baptize us with wonder.

One: Wise God, Righteous God,

ALL: baptize us with justice.

One: Holy God, Covenant God,

ALL: baptize us with love. Let us worship!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #605

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

CHILDREN’S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*THE PASSING THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

GRADUAL

Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. Will Todd (b.1970)
Will Scruggs, Saxophone

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

-Bianco of Siena, 15th cent.

SERMON

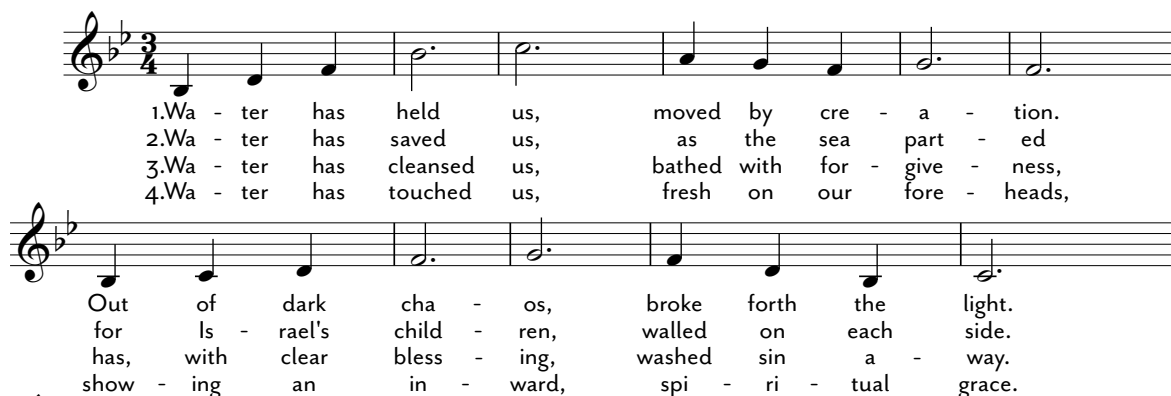
Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Respond

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Water Has Held Us

BUNESSAN



1. Wa - ter has held us, moved by cre - a - tion.
2. Wa - ter has saved us, as the sea part - ed
3. Wa - ter has cleansed us, bathed with for - give - ness,
4. Wa - ter has touched us, fresh on our fore - heads,

Out of dark cha - os, broke forth the light.
for Is - rael's child - ren, walled on each side.
has, with clear bless - ing, washed sin a - way.
show - ing an in - ward, spi - ri - tual grace.

Up from the de - luge, show - ing God's pro - mise,
 This love has led us, helped us in trou - ble,
 Jor - dan's strong cur - rents God's Son an - nounc - ing,
 In - to God's fam' - ly we have been wel - comed,
 has come a rain - bow, glad - den - ing sight.
 on far hor - i - zon, God's cloud our guide.
 made a beg - in - ning, bap - tis - mal day.
 as sons and daugh - ters, we take our place.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

One: Remember your baptism and be glad!

ALL: The waters of God's mercy have renewed our spirits.

One: Remember the waters that God gathered together and called seas, the mothers of rivers, lakes, and springs that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.

ALL: We drink of the water of God's creation and praise God's name for life.

One: Remember the waters of the Red Sea and God's salvation.

ALL: With the people of old, we have been freed and brought to a new land.

One: Remember the well where our Samaritan sister found Jesus and received her blessing.

ALL: We know that sacred place, for Jesus has also encountered us there, speaking truth to us and loving us.

One: Remember Jesus at the River Jordan.

ALL: The One who was without sin took our sin upon himself.

One: We are redeemed by Jesus, called to live his righteousness.

ALL: May God be our help.

One: Remember your baptism and be glad!

ALL: We remember and rejoice!

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

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.

OFFERTORY

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Maker, and I love you with a perfect love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

ALL: Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound that saved a__ wretch like me!__
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my_ fears re- lieved;__
3. Through man - y__ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;__
4. The Lord has_ pro - mised good to me, his word my_ hope se - cures;__
5. Yea, when this_ flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal_ life shall cease,__
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing_ as the sun,__



— I once__ was lost, but now__ am_ found; was blind, but_ now I see.
— how pre - cious did that grace_ ap - pear the hour I__ first be - lieved.
— 'tis grace_ hath brought me safe__ thus far, and grace will lead me home.
— he will__ my_ shield_ and por - tion be, as long as__ life en - dures.
— I shall__ pos - sess, with - in__ the_ veil, a life of_ joy and peace.
— we've no__ less_ days to sing__ God'praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

■ Announcements & Special Events

NEW YEAR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Learn about the four areas of ministry at Glenn (*Sunday Worship, Personal Transformation, The Welcoming Table, Transformation of the World*) and how to get involved at www.glennumc.org/community-at-glenn

VOLUNTEER WITH SNACK IN A BACKPACK

Thursdays, various times

Join with our weekly ministry helping local school children facing food insecurity. Tasks range from unloading boxes, organizing and inventorying supplies, to packing, loading, and delivering bags of food. For more info, visit www.glennumc.org/service-and-justice-at-glenn or contact Deborah Marlowe (dmarlowe@emory.edu).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP OLDER ADULT MINISTRY:

URBAN SHEPHERDING WITH EWE CAN DO IT NATURALLY

Thursday, January 26, 11:00am, Youth and Activities Building

Join with us for lunch and hearing from John Wierwille about his flock of sheep (and now famous herding dog, Caspar) that travel through urban Atlanta to clear invasive plant growth. \$5/per person lunch. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson.

LAST CALL FOR THE GLENN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023 "BE DEEPLY LOVED"

Register Now | January 20-22, 2023 | \$100 deposit needed

Join us for the Women's Retreat, where we will take time to enjoy quiet, rest, and fellowship in the North Georgia mountains. Along the way, we'll explore some practices to help us slow down, deepen our connection with God, and hear God speak the truth of who we are. We'll explore the history and use of beads in prayer. There will be plenty of time to relax, play, laugh, hike, get creative, and eat yummy food. Our leader will be Kristen E. Vincent, an award-winning author, spiritual director, and retreat leader whose passion is spiritual formation, including the use of prayer beads.

RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson spinson@glennumc.org.

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!

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).



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 December 18

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through December 18: \$1,226,088

To give to Glenn visit:

<https://www.glennumc.org/give>,
or scan the QR code:



Sunday 1.15 |

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
11am Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

■ You are Invited

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 from Rev. Mark.