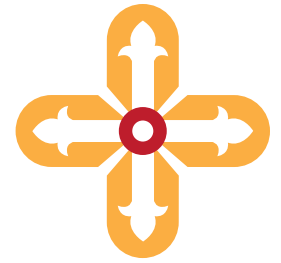


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The bulletin cover is “Lenten Labyrinth,” by Mike Moyers.

Throughout Lent, with a focus on hunger and homelessness, some of our scriptures will be read by representatives of Glenn’s Justice Ministry partnerships. Today, Rev. Dr. Nancy Long, Chaplain at Branan Towers and Asbury Harris Epworth Towers, ministries of Wesley Woods Senior Living, is our guest. Glenn has had a long relationship with Branan Towers, which provides independent living to seniors in Atlanta. Interested in knowing more?

Contact Diane Bryant (dianebrain@gmail.com).

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/Kindergarten 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 are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Präludium

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

ALL: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

One: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

ALL: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

One: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

ALL: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

During the final verse, all children are invited to come up to the chancel area.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Dr. Nancy Long, *Chaplain,*
Branan Towers and Asbury Harris Epworth Towers,
Wesley Woods Senior Living

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Beati quorum via

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

– Psalm 119:1

SERMON

Alone At One, At One Alone

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

*HYMN UMH #377

It Is Well With My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Huckaby

One: Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

ALL: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us, to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

ALL: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

ALL: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:

ALL: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

ALL: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

Silent prayer and confession

One: Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name.

ALL: Amen.

One: As the Apostle Paul wrote: "...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) These words contain the good news: that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Stanley Thurston (b. 1958)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him. Oh, he had to walk it by himself. I must go and stand my trial. I've got to stand it by myself. Oh, nobody else can stand it for me. Oh, I've got to stand it by myself.

-American Folk Hymn

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Gracious God, with thanksgiving, we offer these gifts, a portion of the blessings we have received, a sign of our gratitude and faith, a moment of communion with you. Now bless and multiply what we have given, that your kingdom might come and your will be done in this world you love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #267

O Love, How Deep

DEO GRACIAS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro from *Concerto del Signor Meck*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1648-1748)



■ Announcements & Special Events

RESERVE LILIES IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Lilies are symbols of the resurrection; we use them to decorate our sacred spaces during Easter. The lily donations will be listed in the Easter bulletin. If you would like to reserve a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact Kat Griffith (kgriffith@glennumc.org or 404.634.3936).

LENT-EN ACTION CHALLENGE

Meet new people, try new activities, and engage in life at Glenn during Lent by playing “Lent-en Action”! See how many boxes you can check off to win a prize for yourself and donuts for the congregation. Download the handout at www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn or scan the QR code.



GLENN IS HOSTING EMORY’S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY LUNCH!

Friday, March 3rd, 11am – 12:30pm, Brooks Commons at Cannon Chapel

Glenn will host Emory’s weekly International Community Lunch on Friday, March 3 in the Brooks Commons of Cannon Chapel. We expect 100 international students and scholars. Join us in extending hospitality as we serve a buffet lunch and engage students in conversation during the meal! To volunteer or request information, contact Deborah Marlowe (dmarlowe@emory.edu).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 6, 12pm – 4pm, Youth & Activities Building

Give blood, save lives! Sign up to donate at: tinyurl.com/GlennBloodDrive

THE GLENN YOUTH PRESENT: GODSPELL JR.

Youth Musical, March 10-12

Get tickets at www.glennumc.org/youth or scan the QR code to the right.

Showtimes:

- Friday, March 10, 7:30pm
- Saturday, March 11, 2:00pm & 7:30pm
- Sunday, March 12, 2:00pm



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. We hope you can join us to hear this historically important and deeply meaningful piece of music!



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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To make an immediate gift, visit: bit.ly/immediate-gift-glenn-2023 or scan the QR code below.



Sunday 3.5 | Second Sunday in Lent

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.