

## 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.

**Youth Bite Nite & Senior Banquet** Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20. Saturday night Scavenger hunt and lock-in for all High School youth around Decatur and Atlanta! Then join us on Sunday evening to celebrate our graduating senior class. Please bring a side dish to share (no nuts, please). Contact Rev. Blair Setnor at [bsetnor@glennumc.org](mailto:bsetnor@glennumc.org).

**Celebration & Love Offering for Steve Darsey** After 31 years of devoted service as Director of Music, bringing music of the highest caliber to the worship of God, Dr. Steven Darsey will be leaving Glenn at the end of August. With gratitude for his calling to Glenn and God's blessings on his ministry here, Steve plans to continue his vocation through other endeavors, including composition and directing the nonprofit Meridian Herald. His final Sunday directing the 8:30 and 11:00 service choirs will be May 20, as he will be on sabbatical for the summer. There will be an opportunity to celebrate his many contributions to Glenn, and for Steve to express his profound gratitude for the people of Glenn, at a reception following the 11:00 a.m. service on May 20. You may contribute to a love offering for Steve with cash, check, or securely online.

*To read about all of our Upcoming Events, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events/](http://glennumc.org/upcoming-events/).*

## Connect with us

**Glenn E-News** | Our church-wide e-newsletter published Mondays and Fridays.

**Kids @ Glenn and Youth @ Glenn** | Our weekly e-newsletters pertaining to children and teenagers.

**Glenn Notes** | Our monthly electronic and paper newsletter.

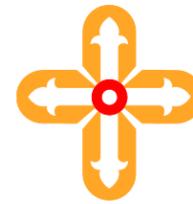
We also maintain a **church-wide calendar** and are active on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**.

*If you are interested in subscribing to these communications and more, visit [glennumc.org/publications](http://glennumc.org/publications).*

To inform Glenn of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion; please contact Rev. Susan Pinson at [spinson@glennumc.org](mailto:spinson@glennumc.org).



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9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.



## GLENN MEMORIAL CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Children's bulletins and worship kits, large print Bibles and hymnals, individual listening devices, and pew cushions are available from an usher.

If your child needs care during the service, a comfort room is located downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available in the Church School Building for ages 6-weeks through 6-years-old.

*All children* are invited to come forward as we sing.

*In Recognition of the Youngest and Oldest Members of our Glenn Family* Today we honor babies born or adopted in our Glenn Church family over the past year and all of our seniors who are celebrating 90th birthdays and beyond! See inside of bulletin for a listing of names.

*The Paschal and baby candles* are lit in celebration of the births of Porter McCabe Gannon, son of Samantha and Matt Gannon, on Wednesday, May 2 and Zachary Christopher Bugg, son of Melanie and Chris Bugg, on Sunday, May 6.

## The Worship of God

Ascension Sunday & Festival of the Christian Home

May 13, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY | *Art of Fugue Selections*

J.S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to praise God,  
the source of our life and our love.

**We come to celebrate and support families  
who practice love in their homes and communities.**

We come to surround those who do not feel supported  
and pray that they would find comfort in God's wide embrace.

**Let us worship together now,  
leaning into the love that God extends to all of us!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *A Charge to Keep I Have* (413)

BOYLSTON

CHILDREN'S TIME

RECOGNITION OF OLDER ADULTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECOGNITION OF NEW BABIES

WORDS OF WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (895)

## God Speaks

THE FIRST LESSON | Ephesians 1:15-23

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL | *Caithness*

Melody in Scottish Psalter, 1635

Chancel Choir

*The flowers on the altar* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted Runyon on the first anniversary of his death by Cindy Runyon and family.

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON | Luke 24:44-53  
May God bless the reading of the Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | “Today is a Special Day”

## We Respond

\*LITANY FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Mothering God, we honor the image of you as one who nurtures, who gathers, who protects. Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**We pray for all those who have nurtured us – near and far from us today and those no longer with us.**

We pray for all those around the world who are working long days and nights to nurture and care for children right now.

**We pray for mothers and caregivers around the world.**

We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations and those who have been separated from their children.

**We pray for all those living in uncertainty and facing the unknown.**

We pray for those who grieve – for hopes unfulfilled, for the tragedies of infertility, pregnancy loss, and the death of a child.

**We pray for comfort and for peace that surpasses understanding.**

We rejoice with the hope and promise that new babies bring while acknowledging the heartache, fear, and exhaustion mothering brings.

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WESLEY WOODS’ AWARD PRESENTATION Terry Barcroft,  
President and CEO of Wesley Woods Senior Living

OFFERTORY | *The Gate of Heaven* Steven Darsey

Chancel Choir

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Genesis 28:17-18

\*DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of the ages: we give you thanks for our families of all shapes and sizes and origins.**

**We give you thanks for the legacy and wisdom of our older adults and for the ways they have made our houses into homes.**

**We give you thanks for the promise of the next generation and pray that these children will grow to know your love as our heavenly parent and our love as a church family.**

**God of the ages: we offer all that we are to be consecrated by you. Amen.**

Litany adapted from a piece written by Peggy Emerson.

### Wesley Woods’ Mother’s Day

**Offering** Each year this offering generates vital funds to assist residents in need. As older adults live longer, many struggle to afford simple necessities. Mother’s Day gifts from caring donors enable these individuals to continue aging with grace, dignity, and purpose. Thank you for giving generously. Add your gift to the enclosed envelope, or give online at [glennumc.org/give-to-glenn/](http://glennumc.org/give-to-glenn/).

### Today’s vocal music

is offered to the glory of God and in honor of Wes Griffin, in gratitude for his 30+ years of prophetic service as Associate Director of Music and Director of Youth Music. For his final Sunday, Steven Darsey composed the offertory anthem, “The Gate of Heaven,” in dedication to Wes, beloved colleague and friend, on a text of his choosing. Asked why he chose Genesis 28:16-17, Wes replied, “there have been so many times in our worship that I have felt the presence of God moving and working in and among us. While that presence is ever near, I sense it most strongly in church.”

## We Go Forth

\*CLOSING HYMN | *Happy the Home When God Is There* (445) ST. AGNES

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE | *Dorian Toccata* J.S. Bach

## Worship Leaders Today

PREACHER | *Rev. Susan Pinson, Minister for Children and Older Adults*

LITURGISTS | *Rev. Brent Huckaby, Minister for Worship and Missions;*  
*Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers, Senior Pastor*

LAY READERS | *Deb McFarland, Mary Lindsey Lewis*

MUSICIANS | *Dr. Timothy Albrecht, Organist; Dr. Steven Darsey, Music Director*

USHERS | *Matt, Tara, Jay, Banks, and Camille Bartelt, Darius Denton and Jeff Ivey, Allen Garrison, Lisa Hoff, Ryan MacPherson, Deb McFarland, Cathy Vandenburg, Emily, Jackson, and Jess Washburn*

ACOLYTES | *Jay Bartelt, Patrick Morris*

BABIES:

Finley Madison Beezhold  
Thomas Faulkner Bracewell  
Frederick Floyd Brennen  
Savannah Louise Christensen  
Huck Edison Hunter  
Malcolm Naglee Johnson  
Simon Ardelle Kitchen  
James Joseph Luczynski  
Landen Henry Maxwell  
Evelyn Layne McNally  
Veda Kate Morris  
Grant Samuel Olson  
Brennan Lukas Pan  
Henry Cole Pinson  
Joanna Quinn Spangler  
Cecilia Swan Stewart  
Andrew Jordan Sustman  
James David Sysko

NONAGENARIANS:

Dot Adams  
Betty Asbury  
Ellen & Don Bracewell  
Christine Camp  
Rebecca Campbell  
Mary Cook  
Melda & Lewis Davis  
Ferry Futch  
Julia Ann Griffith  
Louette Hardegree  
Evelyn Hull  
Jane & Bob Kibler  
Thelma & Stuart Kingma  
Berta & Jim Laney  
Vi Patrick  
Frances Richter  
Doris Robinson  
Dorothy Rozier  
Mildred Sims

Frances Smith  
Wesley Stephens  
Carole Thibadeau  
Freddie Trembath  
Burton Trimble  
Ted Weber  
Mary Wood  
Julia Wynne

CENTENARIANS:

Betty Robinson  
Virginia Watson

**Tonight:**

The Gathering at 5:00 p.m.  
Rev. Susan Pinson, preaching

**Next Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers, preaching

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**Interested in learning more about Glenn, becoming a member, or baptisms?**

We would love to hear from you. Please call our church office at 404.634.3936 and a pastor will contact you.