

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

MARCH 5, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The bulletin cover is “Christ and Nicodemus” by James Tissot (1836-1902).

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, Katie Farmer, Director of Development at Intown Collaborative Ministries, is our guest. Located at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church on Ponce de Leon Avenue, Intown Collaborative Ministries works to prevent and reverse homelessness and hunger in intown Atlanta.

Interested in knowing more? Contact Jennifer Scott-Ward, [jscottward@churchs.com](mailto:jscottward@churchs.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/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](http://www.glennumc.org/give) to donate securely online.

The altar flowers are given by Susan Bell Morris in memory of Larry Bell and Oliver Woodward.  
The Paschal Candle and baby candle are lit in honor of Xiomara Rebecca Smith-Vargas,  
child of Riley Smith and Adriana Vargas, born on February 18<sup>th</sup>.



## ■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Attende Domine (“Hear us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us”)**

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-68)

One of the most talented organists of her time and a student of Marcel Dupré, Jeanne Demessieux was known for her impeccable technique and artistic flair. A skilled composer, she wrote hugely difficult études that pushed organists to the absolute brink of their technique. She also wrote a collection of Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, from which Attende Domine is taken. The piece is based on what is known as the Lent Prose, a 10th century Mozarabic hymn. Demessieux places the melody of the plainchant in the soprano voice and accompanies it with solemn chord progressions.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross,

**ALL: We remember it was betrayal and fear that led Jesus to the cross, but also his trust in God and love for humanity.**

One: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we admit that betrayal and fear are parts of life,

**ALL: and we seek to trust God more fully and love all people.**

One: So may we make our journey. Let us worship God.

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #339

**Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast**

HURSLEY

### YOUTH MUSICAL PRESENTATION

“Day by Day” from *Godspell*  
Stephen Schwartz

# ■ We Hear God's Word

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Katie Farmer, Director of Development  
Intown Collaborative Ministries

## John 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

**Alone in the Dark**

# ■ We Respond

INVITATION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Huckaby

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

One: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OFFERTORY

**I Will Lift Mine Eyes**

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, He is the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

– Psalm 121

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD 100TH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#### **O Salutaris Hostia**

Eriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)  
Sylvia Ware & Julia Lega, Soloists

*O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give strength, bring aid.  
To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for life without end he gives us in his Kingdom. Amen.*

*-Text from the hymn "Verbum supernum prodiens," composed by St. Thomas Aquinas*

### PRAYER & SENDING FORTH OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION SERVERS

**ALL: 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 bearing holy gifts, including these gifts of the bread and the cup, to our brothers and sisters, so that all may share in your communion. We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ■ We Go Forth

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #64

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

NICAEA

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Prelude in C Minor, Op. 37 No. 2/1**

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Felix Mendelssohn receives much of the credit for helping to bring J. S. Bach's music back into the limelight, after it had lain largely forgotten for 70 years, with a performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion in 1829. The Prelude in C minor by Mendelssohn is fiery and dramatic, and it shows how the composer emulated Bach's traditional forms and contrapuntal framework. However, the stylistic language and harmonic vocabulary departs from that of the Baroque era and fits comfortably in the context of Mendelssohn's early Romantic era.



## ■ 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](http://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn) or scan the QR code.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

Give blood, save lives! Sign up to donate at: [tinyurl.com/GlennBloodDrive](http://tinyurl.com/GlennBloodDrive)

### THE GLENN YOUTH PRESENT: GODSPELL JR.

**Youth Musical, March 10-12**

Get tickets at [www.glennumc.org/youth](http://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](http://glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**

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## ■ Giving

### **Pledge Report as of Feb 26, 2023**

Pledge Budget: \$1,389,626

Pledge Collection Thru Feb 26: \$276,697

Needed: \$1,112,929

Needed % : 80%

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



### **Sunday 3.12 | Third 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](https://www.glennumc.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates from Rev. Mark.