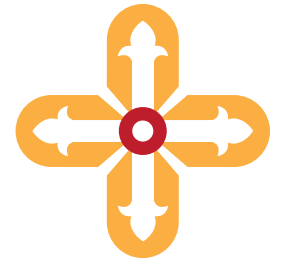


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 25, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Bulletin artwork: Neopolitan Baroque Crèche, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

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.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

PRELUDE

Die Hirten an der Krippe

Franz Liszt (1811-86)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*THE PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING CAROL UMH #224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

During the final verse, all children are invited to come to the middle of the chancel.

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING OF THE TOYS

The Rev. Susan Pinson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,* the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

REFLECTION

Rev. Westmoreland

*CAROL UMH #218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

REFLECTION

Jordan Grassi

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

REFLECTION

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

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY UMH 219 v. 3

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

 **We Go Forth**

*CLOSING CAROL UMH #251

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Flourish on 'Adeste Fideles'

Zanaida Stewart Robles (b. 1979)

■ Announcements & Special Events

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).

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

For questions on Glenn Youth, contact Ben Ladner. For questions on Glenn Youth Choir, contact Käthe Wright Kaufman. Subscribe to the Youth @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn
For more info on Young Adult Fellowship contact Brent Huckaby (contact info on the back cover).

CHILDREN

Childrens Choirs & Sunday School meet on Sundays mornings beginning at 9:30am. For more info, contact Rev. Susan Pinson. Subscribe to the Kids @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

January 1, 11am, Sanctuary

Join us as we begin the new year at 11am with music, prayer, a short message, and Holy Communion celebrating Christmas and Epiphany.

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!



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

Needed: \$122,134

Needed: 9.06%

To give to Glenn visit:

<https://www.glennumc.org/give>,

or scan the QR code:



End of the Year Giving

For your gift to be credited to 2022 giving, online gifts must be made by 12/31 and checks must be received by 12/30, before the office closes at noon.

Alternative Giving Catalog

Make a donation in honor of a friend or family member that will support a variety of causes, both local and global: www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog

■ You are Invited

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