

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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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.



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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

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■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

PRELUDE

Music of the season from the Organ

Käthe Wright Kaufman,
Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #234, vv. 1-3, 5-6

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Rogers Family

CAROL

Still, Still, Still

Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep
surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly
slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

-Traditional Austrian Christmas Lullaby

OFFERTORY

There is a Flower

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sylvia Ware, soloist

There is a flow'r sprung of a tree, the root thereof is called Jesse, a flow'r of price; There is none such in paradise. This flow'r is fair and fresh of hue, it fadeth never, but ever is new; The blessed branch this flow'r on grew was Mary mild that bare Jesus; A flow'r of grace: Against all sorrow it is solace. The seed hereof was Goddes sand, that God himself sowed with his hand, In Nazareth that holy land, Amidst her arbor a maiden found; This blessed flow'r sprang never but in Mary's bower. When Gabriel this maid did meet, with 'Ave Maria' he did her greet; between them two this flow'r was set and safe was kept, no man should wit, Till on a day In Bethlem it could spread and spray. When that fair flow'r began to spread And his sweet blossom began to bed, then rich and poor of ev'ry land they marvelled how this flow'r might spread. Till kinges three that blessed flower came to see. Alleluia. Angels there came from heaven's tower To look upon this freshele flow'r, how fair he was in his color and how sweet in his savor; And to behold How such a flow'r might spring in gold.

-John Audelay (15th cent.)

■ A Service of Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

ALL: Lord, open our minds and hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear and rejoice in the gospel of our Savior's birth, told in story and song this night. Amen.

THE WORD OF PROMISE

Rev. Huckaby

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*CAROL UMH #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering
love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ
enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

THE WORD OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Pinson

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 Savior, 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!

CAROL

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.
Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance;
Sing O my love ... In a manger laid and wrapp'd I was,
So very poor, this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love ...

-English Traditional carol

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*CAROL UMH #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
(*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing,
come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(*Refrain*)

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise,
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Westmoreland

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloist

■ A Service of Holy Communion

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...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

■ Hymns during Communion

CAROL UMH #219 vv. 1 & 3

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

(Refrain)

CAROL UMH #217 vv. 1 & 3

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CAROL UMH #242 vv. 1 & 3

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

■ A Service of Light

*CAROL UMH #239

Silent Night, Holy Night

Ben Ladner, guitar

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

■ We Go Forth

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Westmoreland

One: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of God's holiness.

ALL: Amen.

One: May God, who sent God's angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

ALL: Amen.

One: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favor.

ALL: Amen.

One: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

■ 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

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, 11am, Sanctuary

Join us for one service on Christmas morning, celebrating together the birth of the Christ child! A blessing of the toys will be offered for children - pajamas welcome!

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.

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 glennmc.org/upcoming-events or contact any of our staff.

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■ Giving

Pledge Report as of November 30

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through November 30: \$1,169,127

Needed: \$179,095

Needed: 13.28%

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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.

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