

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.

Summer Lecture Series 2019. Lift Every Voice: Racial Healing & Justice. NEXT Sunday, 9:45 a.m., Ward Fellowship Hall with Dr. Allison Greene on *Histories of Race and Southern Churches in the 20th Century*. Come early for a cup of coffee and feel free to sign up to bring treats to Holy Grounds Café at tinyurl.com/holygrounds. More info at glennumc.org/summer-lecture-series.

Playground Dedication, & Back to School SPLASH! TODAY, 3:00 p.m. - . Join us on the new playground for our dedication, treats, & water play! WEAR SWIMWEAR, SUNSCREEN, AND WATER SHOES! FREE - bring a canned good to donate to the Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry.

28th Habitat for Humanity Build. Saturdays, through October 5. Glenn Memorial is partnering with Cascade UMC, St. Mark UMC, and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to build a Habitat Home. Join us in building our 28th safe, decent, and affordable home for a deserving family! Sing-up now at bit.ly/GlennHabitat. For more information, contact: Jennifer Scott Ward, jscottward@churchs.com.

Club 1012—No Parents Allowed! NEXT Sunday, August 18, 4:00 p.m. Room 211. For 'tweens ages 10, 11, & 12-years-old to come share thoughts, worries, goals, or frustrations away from our parents & teachers! Confidential support led by Ann Marie Lehrer with the Care & Counseling Center of Georgia and Kevin Lazarus, Family Ministries Intern. Snacks & drinks provided. \$10/session. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson, spinson@glennumc.org.

Please note the upcoming changes to Glenn Memorial UMC. This will impact Youth Group, Children's choirs, and Wednesday Night Supper.

UMYF & Youth Choir

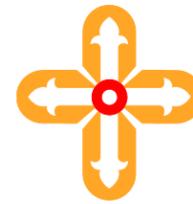
Youth Choir will now be from **5-6 p.m. on Sunday evenings**, except the first Sunday of the month when the choir will join the worship band at The Gathering. Our youth fellowship of middle and high schoolers will then meet for fellowship, devotion, and dinner from **6-8 p.m.**

Children's Choir

After more than a decade of service to Glenn, Kristen Gwaltney and Alexis Lundy are stepping away from their positions as Directors of the Carol and Covenant Choirs. Mary Lindsey Lewis will continue to lead the Cherub Choir, and Suzanne Aloisio will continue leading Joyful Noise Music for Toddlers at the new Children's Choir time of **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** Sunday School will follow from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Monthly Community Dinner

Our weekly Wednesday Night Supper is becoming a MONTHLY Community Dinner, with each gathering centered around a special event. Our first Monthly Community Dinner will be **Wednesday, September 4**, with the Druid Hills Billys providing fun and music. We will also take the time that evening to express our love and appreciation for Kristen Gwaltney and Alexis Lundy. Dinner will be available for purchase from food trucks beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the music will begin around 6:30 p.m.



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.

Gender neutral and accessible restrooms are available in the sanctuary. Our ushers will be glad to direct you to them.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing was written by Charles Wesley on May 21, 1739, the first anniversary of his conversion. Very overwhelmed by his experience of faith, Wesley wrote 18 stanzas in the original hymn. Over the years it has been sung to a number of tunes but the tune we are singing it to day, AZMON by the German composer Carl G. Gläser, is the most commonly used tune.

All children are invited to come forward as we sing.

As a sign of reconciliation with God and each other, you are invited to greet those near you with the words

"Peace be with you"
and the response
"And also with you."

The Worship of God

Sermon Series - *Colossians: The Spectacularly Cosmic, Splendidly Beautiful, World-Changing Power of Grace*

August 11, 2019
11:00 a.m.

* Please stand as you are able

We Gather

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We join together as students
of the God of grace and God of glory.
Today we will pause to pray for another.
May we never cease in our prayers for one another.
God, fill us with knowledge,
so we may lead lives pleasing to you.
And with thankful hearts to the one who enables us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemers praise!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (#57) vs. 1-5, 7

CHILDREN'S TIME

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Congregational Prayer: **Gracious God, we lift before you these students as they begin a new school year. Open their eyes to the riches of your world. Open their minds to truth and knowledge. Open their hearts always to your grace. Bless them as they commit themselves to study and learning. Bless them in the questions they ask and the answers they find. Bless them in their friendships, old and new. Let your grace travel with these backpacks from home to school and back again. May the crosses upon the packs remind our students of the church that prays for them. And may these students know at home, at school, always and everywhere, your love that never ends. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is our way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Connect with us

Glenn E-News | Our church-wide e-newsletter published on Fridays.

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

Glenn Notes | Our monthly electronic and paper newsletter. **Pick up our August edition from one of our ushers TODAY!** We also maintain a **church-wide calendar** and are active on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.**

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God Speaks

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | *The Spectacularly Cosmic, Splendiferously Beautiful, World-Changing Power of Grace*

We Respond

*HYMN | *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#400)

NETTLETON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881)

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

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 that 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 | *I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves In My Heart*

Moses Hogan

The *sanctuary flowers* are given to the glory of God *in honor* of *Claire McCoy Reilly* by her loving family.

Originally a barber's apprentice, Robert Robinson turned away from his apprentice and towards becoming a British Baptist preacher after hearing George Whitefield preach. Written three years after his conversion to faith, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings* reveals portions of Robinson's life leading up to faith that resonates with many people.

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*DOXOLOGY | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* (#95)

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works: the gift of music, the time for worship, the diversity of your family, the ability to pray. May these gifts from our labor help us learn to serve you with gladness until the day when all things and all people are made new. Amen.

We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN | *God of Grace and God of Glory* (#577)

*PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

God of all truths, we give thanks for the influence of our school administrators, teachers, and support staff. Their days can be long, their work challenging, but in their faithfulness, they bless our children and build community. Breathe upon them your comforting, empowering Spirit. Fill their hearts with your abiding peace, even in chaotic moments. Bless their words with wisdom and their actions with love. In their teaching, grant them anew the joy of learning. As they give themselves to others, bless them richly through those with whom they share. Unite our homes, our schools, and our church in a holy covenant of care and support. Let our prayers for one another unite us in your grace as we serve together generation to generation, neighbor to neighbor. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY | *Prelude in E Minor*

JS Bach

Worship Leaders Today

PREACHER | *Rev. Mark Westmoreland, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST | *Elyse Cooke, Candler School of Theology Intern*

LAY READER | *Jana Ladner*

USHERS | *Vic Allums, Jon Golden, John Hogshead, Aaron Hurst, Thomas Hurst, Charlotte Hurst, Tom Lawley, Leslie Lawley, Tommy Lawley, Maggie Lawley, Albert Sheffer, Kathy Sheffer, Jennifer Scott-Ward*

MUSICIANS | *Timothy Albrecht, Organist; Michael Dauterman, Director of Music and Worship Arts; Chancel Choir*

Written for the dedication of Riverside Church in New York City in 1930, *God of Grace and God of Glory* is the work of Baptist preacher Harry Emerson Fosdick. This hymn, in the form of a petition, reflects its time during the Great Depression and in between the wars, particularly in the text of verse three. It was originally sung to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory," but the Methodists changed it in 1935 to CWM RHONDDA.

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.

Tonight:

The Gathering at 5:00 p.m.
Ward Fellowship Hall
Rev. Brent Huckaby, preaching

Next Sunday:

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Mark Westmoreland,
preaching

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