

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.

Have you made your pledge for 2019? We need your help to reach our giving goal! Please contact the church office at 404.634.3936 or visit our website at glennumc.org/pledge/ to give.

Cookies with Santa! Today, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Take photos with Santa, decorate cookies, & make holiday crafts. Tickets are \$12/child or \$30 max rate per family. Walk-ins welcome!

Wednesday Night Supper and Cherub Choir Nativity Pageant. This Wednesday, December 12, 5:30 p.m. Ward Fellowship Hall. Join us for the last Wednesday Night Supper of 2018: tacos catered by Saba! (\$8/adults; \$5/children) Then, at 6:30 p.m., the Cherub Choir, directed by Mary Lindsey Lewis, presents a Nativity Pageant. Arguably the most delightful night of the season, with much laughter and levity, Glenn's four and five-year-olds bring the story of the first Christmas to life! Nursery provided.

Guest Preacher—Bishop Kenneth H. Carter. Next Sunday, December 16. During Sunday School, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in Ward Hall, the New Class invites all to join them to hear Bishop Ken Carter, President of the Council of Bishops and Resident Bishop of the Florida Episcopal Area speak about the Commission on the Way Forward and special called session of General Conference of The United Methodist Church set for February 2019. Bishop Carter will then deliver the sermon at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary.

To read about all of our Upcoming Events, please visit glennumc.org/upcoming-events/.

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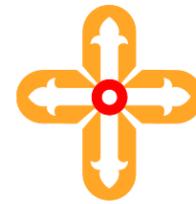
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GLENN MEMORIAL CHURCH

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.

The *altar flowers* are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **John Kenneth Garrison** by his parents, Sharon and Allen Garrison, and his family, Nancy, Ian and Michael Garrison, Anne and David O'Brien, Martha and David Garrison, and his nieces and nephews.

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Advent | Service of Lessons and Carols

December 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Mark Westmoreland

PRELUDE

Timothy Albrecht

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Susan Pinson

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
Be folded with us into time and place,
Unfold for us the mystery of grace
And make a womb of all this wounded world.
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
O tiny hope within our hopelessness
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
To touch a dying world with new-made hands
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

HYFRYDOL

1. God Almighty, we are waiting
for a savior to appear.
Meet us in our desert journey;
give a sign that you are near:
burning bushes, parted waters,
food aplenty in the wild.
As we look for signs and wonders,
help us see you in a child.

2. God Incarnate, we are waiting
for the feast day of your birth.
Looking back and looking forward
to the Christ's return to earth.
Help us to proclaim the gospel,
'til the world is reconciled.
Let us set your holy table
for each woman, man, and child.

The Advent wreath is a visual way of marking the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life with-out end. Four Advent candles encircle a central Christ Candle. In our wreath, there are three blue candles and one rose candle which signifies the third Sunday in Advent—the joy that is soon to come.

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.”

3. God, the Spirit, we are waiting
for your presence here and now.
Humbled by our sinful weakness,
at your mercy we will bow.
Search our hearts and make us ready,
speak in language strong and mild,
help each one of us, your people,
to receive you like a child.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mary Lindsey Lewis, Kristen Gwaltney,
Alexis Lundy, Michael Dauterman

Sung Response

**I've got the peace of God in me, I've got the peace of God in me.
I've got the Spirit of the Son of God. I've got the peace of God in me.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

THE FIRST LESSON | Genesis 3: 8-15

Rev. Blair Setnor

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's
punishment for their rebellion and that
the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

CAROL | *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Philip J. Stopford

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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.

OFFERTORY CAROL | *O Come Divine Messiah*

Howard Helvey

*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

**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. (Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN | *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates* (#213)

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Mark Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY | *Savior of the Nations Come*

J.S. Bach

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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.

Tonight:

The Gathering at 5:00 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday:

8:30 a.m.
Rev. Susan Pinson, preaching

11:00 a.m.
Bishop Kenneth Carter,
preaching

The Gathering at 5:00 p.m.
Youth Advent Service + Chili
Potluck

CAROL | *The Lamb*

Kim Andre Arnesen

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life and bid thee feed.
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee.

THE SIXTH LESSON | Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Katie Boice

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear
the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

REFLECTION

Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*HYMN | *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (#216)

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THE SEVENTH LESSON | John 1: 1-14

Michael Dauterman

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all: but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE SECOND LESSON | Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Lucy Claire Harrison

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*HYMN | *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

FOREST GREEN

1. Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's free.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
2. With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
3. My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

THE THIRD LESSON | Isaiah 40: 1-11

Rev. Donn Ann Weber

God comforts God's people and calls on them
to prepare redemption.

***Give Poinsettias in Honor or
Memory of Loved Ones***

The beautiful red-leafed plants will be on display in our worship spaces during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Only \$10 each. The last day to order poinsettias is **Wednesday, December 12th.** Call the church office at 404.634.3936 or emailing Cathy at cmobley@glennumc.org.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

CAROL | *Comfort Ye My People*

Taylor Davis
Youth Choir and Chancel Choir
Thomas Horton, Soloist

Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, sixth our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.
Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over.

The herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men repentance since now the kingdom is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rough places plain.
Let your hearts be comforted as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth's shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

THE FOURTH LESSON | Micah 5: 2-4

Sidd Narker

The one who is to rule Israel will be born
in the village of Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

CAROL | *In Midnight's Silence*

Cynthia Gray
Covenant and Carol Choirs
Alexis Lundy, Kristen Gwaltney, Directors

In midnight's silence, angel voices cried:
"Rise up, O Shepherds, Christ is born this night."
Rise and come to Bethle'm's stable.
Seethere, lying in a manger;
heaven's holy Son, heaven's holy one.

In midnight's silence, Shepherds ran in haste;
In midnight's silence, found the humble place.
'Neath the star, they found a manger,
There within, a blessed stranger.
Heaven's holy son, heaven's holy one.

Breaking the silence, music filled the sky.
Angels and shepherds raised their voices high.
Singing songs of adoration,
bringing hope to every nation.
"Christ is born today!"

THE FIFTH LESSON | Isaiah 11: 1-9

Tara Bartelt

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.