

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.

FriendShip Group Older Adult Ministry: All in the Glenn Family with David O'Brien. Tuesday, September 21, 12:00 noon via Zoom

Join with us for our "All in the Glenn Family" series to hear stories from our congregation. Get to know longtime Glenn member David O'Brien who will share about how his journey has changed from keeping his professional life separate from church and community work to, as he nears retirement after 42 years in the business world, has found God intersecting with his life in both work and community, with faith and church family enriching his personal and spiritual life. Join us for inspiration and connection with our Glenn Church family!

Online Bible Study with the Pastors

Thursdays, 11:30 AM, beginning September 9th via Zoom. Join with the Glenn pastors as we move through the letters of Paul in the New Testament - picking up in 2nd Corinthians after our summer break. We will read through at our own pace, taking a look at the flow of Paul's thoughts and themes as he lays out for us the Good News of Christ and how God's grace our lives and our life together. Weekly "attendance" not required - join us anytime your schedule allows for discussion and reflection on the Scriptures.

Women's Night In! Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 PM

Join with Glenn women of all ages & stages for conversations around Mary Katherine Backstrom's book *Holy Hot Mess* (though reading the book is not required!). Hosted at the home of Cheryl Griffin (in a screened porch). Come as you are - straight from work, the gym, or the carpool shuffle! Light refreshments served.

Jesus and John Wayne Book Study

Join Rev. Brent and others for this midweek book study beginning September 29th. We'll be reading *Jesus and John Wayne* by Kristen Kobes Du Mez, which looks at how white evangelicalism has worked over the last 75 years to replace the Jesus of the gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism, how that has negatively affected Christianity in America, and what we can do about it. Discussions will take place over Zoom from 11:30-12:30 on Wednesdays from September 29th through November 17th. To register or ask questions, contact Rev. Brent Huckaby.

Pride Evening Prayer, Sunday, October 3, 5:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Pride Month and give thanks for the broad and beautiful diversity of people in this community as we join together to worship in prayer, word, and song on October 3rd at 5pm in the Glenn Sanctuary. The music, liturgy, and preaching will represent the many varied and important LGBTQIA+ voices from the current day and those who have gone before. The offering taken that day will also go to the Reconciling Ministries Network to continue the important work of advocating for full and equal rights for all persons in the Kingdom of God.

Glenn Fall Camping

Friday - Sunday, October 8-10, Black Rock Mountain

Georgia's highest state park encompasses some of the most outstanding scenery in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Spectacular 80-mile vistas, and four hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, streams, and lush forests. The park's small lake is popular with anglers and circled by an easy walking trail. We will be tent and Adirondack shelter camping at the group Pioneer camp, but feel free to check out nearby cabin rentals in Mountain City.

For more information, Zoom links, or to RSVP for events, contact Cathy Mobley cmobley@glennumc.org 404 -634-3936.

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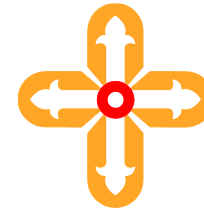
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We also maintain a church-wide calendar on our website and are active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



GLENN MEMORIAL CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Register your attendance online or in the attendance pad at the end of the pew. We will use contact information in case of the need for contact tracing for COVID-19. Thank you for continuing to support public health protocols of masking and distancing.



The Worship of God

September 19, 2021
8:30 a.m.

* Please stand as you are able
You are welcome to join in with the bold text

We Gather

PRELUDE | *Menuet avec variations* Georg Franck (1700-1758)

WORDS OF WELCOME The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Westmoreland and Congregation

One: Jesus calls us to servant ministry,

ALL: to a life of helping others, counting neither costs nor rewards.

One: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

ALL: Serving God means welcoming each person as God's beloved child.

One: Lord, help us to become truly your disciples.

ALL: Create in us hearts for compassion and kindness. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN | *God is Love: Let Heav'n Adore Him* ABBOT'S LEIGH

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

God is Love: and through the world's darkness,
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

God Speaks

*THE GOSPEL LESSON | Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON | *From Greatness to Grace*

Rev. Westmoreland

We Respond

*HYMN | *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* | UMH #430

MARYTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed*

All

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Susan Pinson

**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 | *A Grateful Heart*

Mary Plumstead

*Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;
As if thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.*

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INVITATION

Rev. Westmoreland

We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN | *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* | UMH #581

BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

POSTLUDE | *Praeludium in F*

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck
(1770-1846)

Worship Leaders Today

PREACHER | *Rev. Mark Westmoreland, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST | *Rev. Susan Pinson*

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