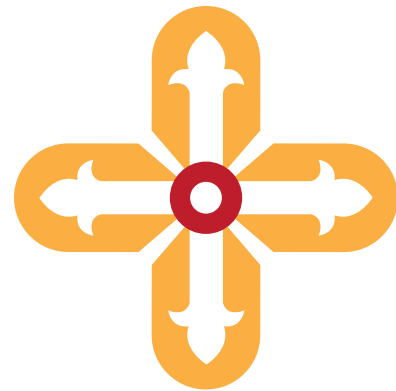


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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. Glenn Memorial UMC has been a proud affiliate of Reconciling Ministries Network since 2014, and welcomes and affirms all LGBTQ+ persons.



## 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. 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.

Childcare on the Playground is available throughout the service. Masks required for all (age 2 & older).  
Parent/guardians, please escort your children and sign in with our Childcare Staff.

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## ■ We Gather

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

#### Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'

Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018)

*Arnatt was born in London and emigrated to America after singing at Westminster Abbey, surviving the Blitz, and receiving degrees from Trinity College, Cambridge and Durham University. He went on to hold well-respected positions at Trinity Church, Boston; Westminster Choir College; American University; Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis; the University of Missouri, and with the St. Louis Chamber Orchestra and Chorus. His gentle prelude sets the tune commonly sung to the hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten," found at UMH 184, which you will hear in the two hands and pedal parts, all in different keys simultaneously.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

**ALL: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.**

One: God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

**ALL: God has shown strength with God's arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

One: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

**ALL: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**

One: Come, for God is doing a new thing!

**ALL: Come, let us worship God!**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #213

#### Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

### CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

### ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Read by the O'Neill Family

I've got the love of God in me, I've got the love of God in me, I've got the  
Spi-rit of the Son of God, I've got the love of God in me.

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## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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# ■ We Hear God's Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

Rev. Huckaby

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

**See Amid the Winter's Snow**

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Alleluia. See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies, He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.

*—Text by Edward Caswall (1858)*

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### THE SECOND LESSON

**Luke 3:7-18**

The Rev. Connor Bell

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but

one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

**Will Christmas Greenery Bear Christian Fruit?**

## ■ We Respond

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HYMN

**Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice**

LAGRANGE

1. Wild and lone the pro-phet's voice ech-oes through the de-sert still, call-ing  
 2. Bear the fruit rep-en-tancesows: lives of jus-tice, truth, and love. Trust no  
 3. With such preach-ing stark and bold John pro-claimed sal-va-tion near, and his

us to make a choice, bid-ding us to do God's will: "Turn from  
 oth-er claim than those; set your heart on things a-bove. Soon the  
 time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear. So we

sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul. Quit-ting  
 Lord will come in pow'r, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor: then will  
 dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un-trod, till we

all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con-trol."  
 flames the chaff de-vour; wheat a-lone shall fill God's store."  
 come at last like John to be-hold the Lamb of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (WRITTEN BY STEPHEN M. FEARING)

**All: We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness. We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will**

have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Pinson

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Westmoreland

OFFERTORY

**Wexford Carol**

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well, and bear in mind, What our good God for us has done, In sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy, we should pray To God with love this Christmas day; In Bethlehem upon that morn, There was a blessed Messiah born. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs, and feeding sheep; To whom God’s angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear. “Prepare and go,” the angels said, “To Bethlehem. Be not afraid.” For there you’ll find this happy morn A princely babe sweet Jesus born.” With thankful heart and joyful mind, The shepherds went the babe to find, And as God’s angels had foretold, They did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, And by His side the virgin maid attending on the Lord of Life, Who came to earth to end all strife. With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas day; In Bethlehem upon that morn, There was a blessed Messiah born.

–Text: Traditional Irish, 12th century

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DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

VENI, EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Re- (Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Holy Ghost.) joyce! Re-joyce! E - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

# ■ We Go Forth

CLOSING HYMN UMH #218  
**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

CAROL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
**Chorale Prelude on 'Helmsley'**

Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

*A student of Herbert Howells, Gordon Jacob, and Michael Tippett, Ridout was a prolific composer and educator. Many of his choral works came out of a collaboration with Allan Wickes, the Organist at Canterbury Cathedral. This chorale prelude on "Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending" is jubilant and lively. Listen for the tune in the left hand, underneath the rhythmic filigree in the right hand.*



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

INVITED: GIVING & STEWARDSHIP 2021 - 2022

Thank you for your generous 2021 support of our ministry budget and to all who have pledged your 2022 gifts. For information about end-of-year giving, contact Pam Gwinner ([pgwinner@glennumc.org](mailto:pgwinner@glennumc.org)) in the Finance Office.

YOUTH & ALUMNI ADVENT SERVICE

**Tonight, December 19 / 5pm / Sanctuary**

All church attendees welcome, as the youth and youth alumni lead the service through music, word, & Holy Communion. As we all start to gather again, this is an opportunity to reconnect with Glenn youth alumni, celebrate the season of Advent, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

**Tuesday, December 21 / 7pm / Little Chapel**

Many of us have struggles in our lives that make being jolly and merry the farthest things from our hearts and minds, especially in 2021. Whether you are grieving, stressed, or lonely, join us on winter's longest night to find comfort and hope in the midst of this season.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WALK-THRU NATIVITY

**Thursday, December 23 / 4-5:30pm / Around Glenn's Campus**

Make your journey to Bethlehem this year! Park at Emory's Fishburne Deck for a 30 minute walk that brings the story of the first Christmas to life. Volunteers are needed for cast and crew!



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](http://glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**



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## ■ Upcoming Services

### **Sunday 12.19 | Advent IV**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)  
11am Service (Sanctuary)  
5pm Youth & Youth Alumni Service (Sanctuary)

### **Tuesday 12.21 | In the Bleak Midwinter**

7pm Service (Little Chapel)

### **Thursday 12.23 | Journey to Bethlehem**

4-5:30pm Walk-thru Nativity (Glenn campus)

### **Friday 12.24 | Christmas Eve**

5pm Festival Worship with Brass and  
Candlelighting (Sanctuary)  
11pm Communion Service with Candlelighting  
(Sanctuary)

### **Sunday 12.26 | Christmas I**

11am Service (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday 1.2 | Christmas II**

11am Service (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday 1.9 | Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)  
11am Service (Sanctuary)  
5pm The Gathering (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday 1.16 | Epiphany II**

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)  
11am Service (Sanctuary)  
5pm The Gathering (Sanctuary)