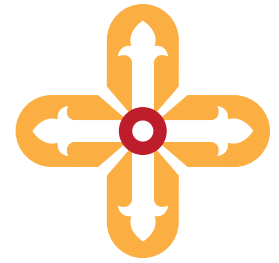


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 4:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE

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### 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.

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children's Worship Kits are available from an usher.

### CHILDCARE

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Parents/guardians, please escort your children & sign in with our Childcare Staff.

A Comfort Room & restroom is available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms available downstairs at the front of the Sanctuary.

### 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 CHURCH & RECONCILING MINISTRIES

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



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## ■ Welcoming All

*\*You are invited to rise in either body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Michael Dauterman, Piano  
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Susan Pinson

One: On this most holy of nights, we gather to celebrate God's light breaking into our broken world.

**ALL: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we journey to the stable in Bethlehem to see the baby wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger.

**ALL: O come, let us adore him!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we are reminded that God is with us-- not just in a story that happened long ago, but in the face of every person we meet.

**ALL: O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we long to be part of God's story of love, peace, and goodwill to all.

**ALL: We rejoice in the light, as we echo the song of the angels:**

**(Sung) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

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**

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**

## ■ The Story of the Birth of Christ

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 2:1-5**

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.

\*HYMN UMH #230 vv. 1-2, 4

**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!

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!

## ■ Mary and Joseph

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Luke 2:6-7**

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.

#### \*HYMN UMH #240

#### **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*All children and babies are invited to come to the front to join in the children's carol*

CHILDREN'S CAROL UMH #217 v. 1  
Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

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

## ■ The Shepherds

SCRIPTURE  
Luke 2:8-19

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!" 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
**O Holy Night**

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)  
Michael Dauterman, Soloist

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## ■ The Magi

SCRIPTURE  
**Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

STAR DANCE  
**De Tierra Lejana Venimos (From a Distant Home)**

Translation by George K. Evans | Sara Kathryn Wierwille, Soloist  
PUERTO RICAN TRADITIONAL CAROL

ANTHEM

**Joseph's Song/Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Baker/Praetorius/Fowler

Bo Mallard, Soloist

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

*As you receive the light, turn the unlit candle towards the flame.*

HYMN UMH #239

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

STILLE NACHT

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 angel let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!



\*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.

## ■ We Go Forth

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*As you exit the sanctuary, recycling bins are available for your candles and bulletins.*

# ■ Participants

Narrator	Susan-Anne MacKenna
Mary	Elizabeth Rushing Deiters
Joseph	David Deiters
Jesus	August Deiters
Stable Angel	Warren Deiters
Angel Gabriel	Ingrid Cook
Shepherds	Alistair Cook, Tim Cook, Hank Harris, Peggy Harris, Michael Harris, Jack Nickles, Elle Weidert, Jason Weidert, Victoria Weidert
Shepherds' Angels	Kooper & Sebastian Pan
Angels	Evelyn Burke, Caroline Christensen, Stokeson Doster, Woods Greene, Griffin Hunter, Lucie Warnock
Sacred Dancers	Addi Browne, Madison Eyrich, Kathryn Hales, McKinley Hales, Maggie Lawley, Lucy Sharp, Mary Jane Walker
Cow	Jude Mickle
Sheep	Claire Schweidel
Donkey	Ernest Brown
Dove	Elizabeth Pinson
Star of the East	Annabeth Meeks
Magi	Kadesta Malcom, David O'Brien, Ginger Smith
Magi's Pages	Nora Dauterman, Grant Geier, Emily Holton
Crucifer	Rob Van Atta
Acolytes	Banks Bartelt & Camille Bartelt
Production Assistants	Joseph Burke & Mason Walker (lights)
Costuming	Cheryl Griffin & Carolyn Knight
Guitarist	Ben Ladner
Vocalists	Susanna MacKenna, Bo Mallard, Sam McKlin, Ellie McQuaig, Joseph Waller, Marian Waller, Sara Kathryn Wierwille
Pageant Directors	Amy Bugg Burke, Rachael Lambert, Ellie McQuaig
Photographer	Rebecca Falco
Director of Music and Worship Arts	Michael Dauterman
Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts	Käthe Wright Kaufman
Director of Covenant Choir	Katie Woolf
Director of Cherub Choir	Mary Lindsey Lewis



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

#### **Tonight, 11pm, Sanctuary**

Join us for Traditional Worship at 11pm. We'll see in Christmas morning with carols, the Christmas story, Holy Communion and candlelighting.

### ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG

The 2023 Alternative Giving Catalog is created by the Glenn Justice Team to highlight organizations that work to feed the hungry, assist the unhoused, welcome the refugee, advocate for social justice, support global education, and be stewards of the environment. Visit [www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog](http://www.glennumc.org/alternative-giving-catalog)

### SUPPORT GROUPS & PASTORAL CARE

Glenn provides Congregational Care Ministry to those facing life's spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. For more info about our Caregivers Support Group, Single Moms Support Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and pastoral care provided by our clergy and Lay Ministers, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Choirs and 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](http://bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn)

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

#### **Save the date: Youth Play, *The Little Mermaid*, March 1-3, 2024**

For questions on Glenn Youth, contact Ben Ladner. For questions on Glenn Youth Choir, contact Michael Dauterman. Subscribe to the Youth @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: [bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn](http://bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn)

For more info on Young Adult Fellowship contact Brent Huckaby.

### ADULT MINISTRIES

#### **For more info, visit: [www.glennumc.org/adults](http://www.glennumc.org/adults)**

Glenn has a variety of adult ministries to grow in your faith and connect with our community, including: Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, Men's & Women's small groups and retreats, and more. The Glenn Justice Team leads service-learning volunteer opportunities locally and globally. For more info, visit [www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn](http://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn)

### MLK DAY CLEANUP - THE JUSTICE TEAM JOINS WEST ATLANTA WATERSHED ALLIANCE

**January 15, 9:00am - 11:45am | Sign up here: [bit.ly/mlk-day-2024](http://bit.ly/mlk-day-2024)**



**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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### End of the Year Giving

For your gift to be credited to 2023 giving, online gifts must be made by 12/31 and checks must be received by 12/29, before the office closes at noon.

### Financial Report as of November 30, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income through Nov 30: \$1,653,145

Needed: \$161,387

Needed % : 8%

## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 12.31 | New Year's Eve Worship

11am

Worship - Sanctuary

## ■ Stay Updated

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