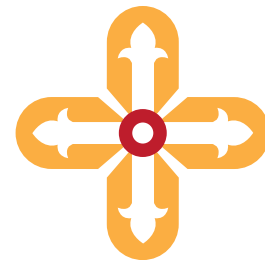


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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.

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



Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn.

Scan the QR code or visit www.glennumc.org/give to donate securely online.



■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Minuet and Cortège from **Petite Suite**

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Michael Dauterman & Robert Cushing, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We give thanks to you God, for the body of a tiny baby, life and breath in a tiny ribcage.

ALL: Emmanuel, God with us, a promise of salvation.

One: We give thanks for loving parents, for the light of a star, for the radiance of angels, for the running feet of shepherds, for all the joy of that first Christmas.

ALL: We thank you for today, that you have given our bodies life and breath this Christmas, that we are here, now, gathered with these people, joined in one accord in prayer to you.

One: Let the light of Jesus shine in our hearts as we come together for worship.

ALL: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

One: Dear God – the Giver of all good gifts -- Bless our toys and our presents, O Lord.

ALL: Help us be thankful for the time you give us to play.

One: Help us to remember that you, O God, made us with hearts and minds and bodies to give and receive love, to have fun, to share, and to grow as we play.

ALL: Thank you for the best Christmas gift of all, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

HYMN 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was
born for this, Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News,
news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was
born to save, Christ was born to save!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Pinson

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came

to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Westmoreland

The Lost Years of Jesus Revealed

■ We Respond

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

HYMN 250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his
cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew; he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and
smiles like us he knew; and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our
Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

**All: We believe that God has come to us as a little child, making our weakness his strength, securing our
salvation by becoming one of us, blessing us with with a steadfast savior, filling our hearts with joy to be
shared with one another. We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving
us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,
declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering. We believe that God
calls us to participate in this reality of love, inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace
and comfort, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children. This we believe. This
we preach. This we seek to embody in word and deed.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Huckaby

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

OFFERTORY

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart.

-Text by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

DOXOLOGY

What Child is This (UMH #219 v. 3)

GREENSLEVES

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Go Forth

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CLOSING HYMN 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

arr. Mark Hayes



■ Announcements & Special Events

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 9 | 9:45am (YAAB)

7th Graders and Friends in Faith volunteers begin the journey of confirmation - learning, exploring, and growing together to confirm our faith and become professing members of the Church.

RENEW

Sunday, January 9th | 9:45am (YAAB)

This class will follow the confirmation themes the youth are studying as a way for adults to learn/relearn some of the basics of our faith in a safe, discussion-oriented environment. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES

Sunday, January 9 | 9:30 AM

Pre-K & Kindergarten Children will resume Cherub Choir with Ms. Mary Lindsey Lewis and 1st-5th Graders will resume Covenant Choir with Dr. Katie Woolf, as we sing and prepare to lead Children's Sabbath on February 6th.

EPIPHANY PARTY

Sunday, January 9 | 10:00 AM

All ages children and grown-ups alike don our royal attire (dress up clothes) to re-enact the wise people bringing gifts to Jesus. Bring donations of diapers & baby supplies for Wellroot Family Services foster families.

2022 WOMEN'S RETREAT

January 28 - 30, 2022 | Forrest Hills Mountain Resort and Conference Center

Last call to register to attend the annual Women's Retreat. Connect with the phenomenal women of the Glenn congregation in our own private space of the Treetopper Lodge and enjoy plenty of time to rest, renew, or explore outdoors with Amicolola Falls and/or the quaint town of Dahlonega a short drive away.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays January 27th-February 24th | 5:00-6:30pm (Parlor)

Join us as in this four week long support group to remember that we are not alone. Access to the Church School Building will be by the amphitheater with the Snack in a Backpack ministry (feel free to come early to volunteer!). The group will be led by Cindy Song of CHRIS180 Counseling Services.



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

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■ Upcoming Services

Sunday 1.2 | *Christmas II*

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday 1.9 | *Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord*

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
(Church School Building)
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages- including
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School
Building & Youth and Activities Building)
10am Epiphany Party (Fellowship Hall)
11am Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

Sunday 1.16 | *Epiphany II*

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
(Church School Building)
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School
Building & Youth and Activities Building)
11am Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

Sunday 1.23 | *Epiphany III*

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
(Church School Building)
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including
Confirmation/ReNew (Church School
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11am Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)