

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

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NEW YEAR'S 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.

A new sound system for the Sanctuary is currently in the works! In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available throughout the service in the Nursery (room 200, Church School Building), Two's & Three's Room (room 206), and on the Playground (entrance next to room 206), or Pre-K/Kinder Room (room 310).

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

A Comfort Room and restroom are available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms are 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.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (“The Old Year Has Passed”), BWV 614

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God’s salvation that comes to live among us.
And yet, still, we wait.

ALL: We watch and work for God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

One: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.

ALL: We watch and work for God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

One: We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world.

ALL: We watch and work for God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

One: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

ALL: Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area during the last verse.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phaniel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with, this happy New Year.

Refrain: Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. *[Refrain]*
Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. *[Refrain]*

SERMON

Rev. Hansen

■ We Respond

*HYMN UMH #219

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #881

The Apostles' 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 & 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.

OFFERTORY

The virgin's slumber-song

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child, while amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild. And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough: Ah! baby, sleep, dear one, slumber now! Happy is thy laughter, holy is thy silent rest, Lay thy head in slumber fondly on thy mother's breast! Ah! baby, sleep, dear one, Slumber now!

-Martin Bölit, trans. Edward Teschemacher

*DOXOLOGY UMH 221 vs. 4

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Hansen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dir ist Freude ("In You is Joy"), BWV 615

J.S. Bach



■ Announcements & Special Events

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Sundays, 9:45am | Church School Building

Ventures in Faith (Room 211) | The New Class (Room 208) | Coffee & Conversation (Parlor)

For more information and class schedules, visit www.glennumc.org/adults

LAST CALL FOR GLENN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024: "KNOWING YOU & BEING YOU"

January 26-28, The Lodge on Lake Oconee | For more info visit: www.glennumc.org/women-at-glenn

The Glenn Women's Retreat is open to all ages and stages! You are invited to a weekend retreat to rest and re-connect with God, yourself, and old & new friends. The Rev. Cynthia Vaughan will lead us in reflections on "knowing you and being you" as we explore Psalm 139. Megan Sadowski Simmons will lead a workshop on relieving tension through massage therapy. Plus, there will be plenty of time to rest, fellowship, and explore. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson.

EPIPHANY PARTY

Sunday, January 7, 9:30am - Children's Choirs, 10am Party for all ages

The Glenn Children's Choirs resume on January 7 at 9:30am (and parents can stop by the Parlor for coffee & conversation), then at 10am, join us in the Ward Fellowship Hall - wear your most sparkly clothes or play dress up with our church costumes, make a crown, and bring donations of baby supplies for Motherhood Beyond Bars. Plus, we'll share an epiphany children's book and have a royal parade to bring our gifts to Jesus!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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

For more info on Young Adult Fellowship, contact Rev. Brent Huckaby.

SNACK IN A BACKPACK

Thursdays with shifts ranging from 3:30-5:30pm, Youth and Activities Building

Snack in a Backpack provides food on Fridays to children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. The program currently serves over 200 children as well as 38 refugee families. Volunteers are needed on Thursday afternoons to set up, pack food bags, and load food into vehicles for school deliveries. All ages welcomed. Contact Deborah Marlowe for more information (dmarlowe@emory.edu) or visit 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



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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■ Giving

If you have yet to make your pledge, please prayerfully consider your plans for 2024 and pledge online at **www.glennumc.org/pledge.**

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■ Next Sunday

Sunday 1.7 | **Worship of God**

8:30am	Worship - Little Chapel
11am	Worship - Sanctuary
5pm	The Gathering - Ward Fellowship Hall

■ Stay Updated

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Visit **www.glennumc.org** and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates.