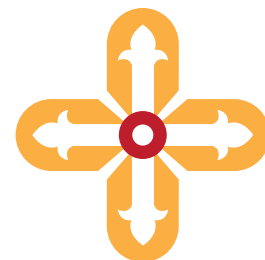


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 23, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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.

The flowers today are to the glory of God and in honor of Glenn's Lay Ministers.

Lay Ministers are members of the congregation who are dedicated to providing intentional nurture and care for individuals and families during times of illness, hospitalization, grief, and other challenging life situations. With compassion, respect, and confidentiality, our Lay Ministers prepare for this ministry through intensive training over a ten-week period, with supervision and clinical practice in partnership with the chaplains of Wesley Woods Senior Living and the Reverends Karen Kagiyama and Kevin Lazarus. They also receive continuing instruction and supervision in monthly group sessions led by the Reverends John Patton and Woody Spackman. In partnership with the clergy, their ministry includes prayer, hospital and home visitation, grief and caregiver support, as well as participation in Glenn's Homebound Communion and Prayer Shawl ministries.

Current Lay Ministers are Carole Adams, Aubrey Bush, Carol Bush, Dorothy Chitwood, Carolyn Gilbert, Luther Lewis, Helen Patton, John Roeser, Carolyn Roper, Cindy Runyon, and Mudie Weber. Emeriti Lay Ministers are Sandra Gibson and Roberta Shoup.

New Lay Ministers who are being commissioned today are Carol Allums, Wes Griffin, Carolyn Knight, Rev. Sue Pendleton, and Susan Willingham



■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Vitrail from *Esquisses Byzantines*

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

The *Esquisses Byzantines* ("Byzantine Sketches") were composed by french organist Henri Mulet between 1914-1919. Each movement of the ten sketches was inspired by or dedicated to a specific part of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica in Paris, or to a liturgical function for which the church is used. The second sketch, "Vitrail," is inspired by the basilica's stained glass and depicts sunlight streaming into a sacred space.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

ALL: We are called to be God's people.

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

ALL: We are called to be the body of Christ.

One: Come let us worship God,

ALL: who binds us together in love and service.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

The Rev. Kevin Lazarus

Nehemiah 8:1, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ain-a That Good News!

William Dawson (1899-1990)

I got a crown up in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news! I'm agoin' to lay down this worl', Goin'a shoulder upuh my cross, Goin'a take it homea to my Jesus, ain'a that good news! I got a Savior in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news! I got a harp up in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!

THE SECOND LESSON

The Rev. Karen Kagiya

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the

attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - a - ting light. Praise the
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word. Praise the
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place. Je - sus

One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the_
One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword. Praise the_
died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace. Let us_
One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing_ ev - ery dread dis - ease, calm - ing
One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this
sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing_ what our God has done. Praise the

storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. Connor Bell

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 Spirit of the Lord

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations.

-Text from Isaiah 61

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Go Forth

COMMISSIONING OF LAY MINISTERS

Revs. Westmoreland and Pinson,
The Revs. Karen Kagiyama, Kevin Lazarus, and John Patton.

ALL: We recognize you today as Lay Ministers of this congregation, and we commission you to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST



1. The spi - rit sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name___ to
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;___ where
3. We go to be___ the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy___ like seed___ and,
4. Then let us go___ to serve in peace, the gos - pel to___ pro - claim___ God's



bring glad ti - dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to___ pro - claim.
hope is dim,___ to share a dream and help the blind___ to see.
all our days,___ to cher - ish life,___ to do the lov - ing deed.
Spi - rit has___ em - pow - ered us;___ we go in Je - sus' name.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680 (“*We all believe in one God*”)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Bach was inspired by the Italian style in composing his musical setting of the Creed. This trio sonata combines the non-remiting, interweaving lines in the hands with a repeating ascending ostinato in the pedals. The alternating pattern in the feet could signify firm steps on the path up to heaven, or perhaps the confidence brought about by healthy faith in God.



■ Announcements & Special Events

MIDWEEK BOOK STUDY: “WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE”

Wednesdays; Beginning January 19 | 11:30 a.m.

Join Rev. Brent for a discussion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s *Where Do We Go From Here*. In this book, Dr. King lays out a vision for America’s future that offers hope and the tools to work towards a better world. Contact Rev. Brent to register.

VIRTUAL GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thursday, February 3 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join with the Glenn Church congregation for this annual update from our local representatives. Learn what legislation is currently being discussed and discover ways to help make positive changes in our community and state.



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 1.23 | Epiphany III

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
- 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 1.30 | Epiphany IV

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
- 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 2.6 | Epiphany V

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
- 9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including
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