

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 28, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The bulletin cover is *Psalm 85* by John August Swanson.



### 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 & 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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

### 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.



### YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT GLENN

**Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn.** Scan the QR code or visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) to donate securely online.

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Conrad G. Smith, stepfather of Yoran Grant-Greene.



## ■ Welcoming All

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Fugue Carrée**

Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

This “square” fugue is thus named probably due to its subject, which you will hear is steadily distributed between short ideas, one for each side of a square. The piece is marked at a *mezzo piano* dynamic (moderately soft), and the composer explores different chromatic variations on the original theme, as countersubjects weave in and out of the texture. Rachel Laurin was a fabulous composer and organist who passed away last August.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hansen

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

**ALL: The life we have been given by God,**

One: The life we share with one another in community,

**ALL: The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

**ALL: And let us worship God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #62 vv.1-4, 7

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Britton Stacey, Candler School of Theology Intern

## We Hear God's Word

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dawn Francis-Chewning

#### **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

#### **Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree**

Elizabeth Poston (1905-87)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the Apple Tree.  
His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all but now I see, t'is found in Christ the Apple Tree.  
I'm weary with my former toil—here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

-Anon., collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

**The Burdensome Blessing of Other People****■ We Respond**

\*HYMN UMH #549

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

ST. PETER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Nicene Creed**

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER &amp; 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.**

OFFERTORY

**Ubi caritas**

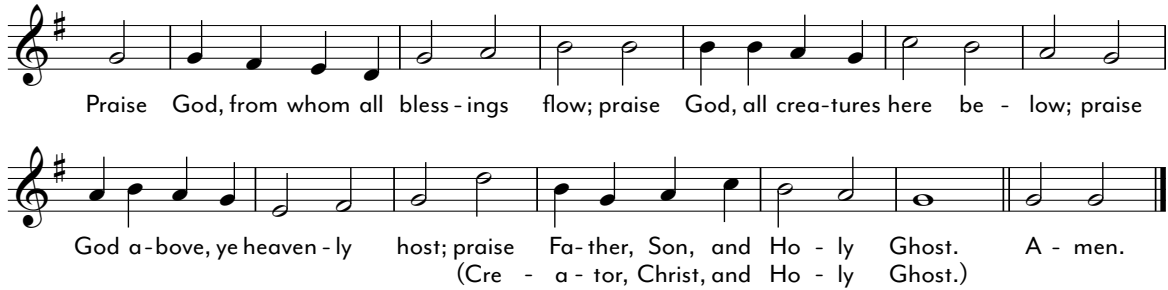
Paul Mealor (b.1975)

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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

OLD 100TH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL: Almighty God, we give you thanks for your Holy Spirit that calls us out of solitude to new life in your love. Now, as each of us offers our gifts and ourselves, make us truly one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.**

## ■ We Go Forth

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #188

**Christ is the World's Light**

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Fugue *Triangulaire***

Rachel Laurin

This fugue has an entirely different manner (and shape) from that heard as our prelude this morning, as it is based in a world of three rather than four. While a duple meter (or a feeling of being “in four”) can be likened to our own heartbeats, a triple meter is less stable and tends to evoke dance patterns, such as a waltz or, in this case, a gigue. In addition, this “triangle” fugue is marked *non legato* and *forte* (loud); the difference in touch and registration helps represent a more celebratory tone. Once again, Laurin uses her skill in counterpoint and varying textures in this music.

## ■ Announcements & Special Events

LIFE AFTER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

**First Thursdays of the month, Next meeting: February 1, 12noon-1:00pm, Youth and Activities Building**

For adult cancer patients who are at least one year out of treatment. Group facilitated by Hilary Cohen, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker with Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Feel free to bring your own lunch! For more info and to RSVP, contact Hilary ([hilary.cohen@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:hilary.cohen@emoryhealthcare.org)).

## SINGLE MOMS' SUPPORT GROUP

**First Tuesdays of the month, Next meeting: February 6, 8pm via Zoom**

No matter your circumstance or stage of parenting, join us for confidential care and support. Led by Ruth Cordova, a therapist with CHRIS180 Counseling Services. Contact Rev. Susan Pinson for more info & to receive the Zoom link.

## JAZZ MASS: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

**Sunday, February 4, 11am, Sanctuary**

As we near the end of the Season After the Epiphany, we will join together next Sunday in what has become an annual tradition of jazz music guiding us in worship. We will sing familiar hymns and experience Will Todd's Jazz Missa Brevis throughout the service as we welcome back a trio of musicians from Emory University. Join us for a service that calls us to hear the familiar in a different way!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, February 14**

5:30-6:30pm – Dinner available in Ward Fellowship Hall – RSVP at [bit.ly/ash-wednesday-2024](https://bit.ly/ash-wednesday-2024)

6:00pm – Children's Service in the Little Chapel

6:30pm – Childcare begins in Room 208/Toddler Room

7:00pm – Traditional Service in Sanctuary

## ■ Justice Events

### GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Sunday, February 4, 6:00pm dinner, 6:30pm program | Ward Fellowship Hall**

Join us for this annual update from Senator Elena Parent and Representatives Mary Margaret Oliver and Becky Evans. Learn what legislation is currently being discussed and discover ways to help make positive changes in our community and state in 2024 and beyond. Come early for The Gathering worship at 5pm and dinner of Moe's Southwest Grill burritos at 6pm! RSVP for dinner (suggested donation \$10/person) at: [bit.ly/legislative-update-2024](https://bit.ly/legislative-update-2024)

### BOOK STUDY: THE END OF WHITE CHRISTIAN AMERICA

**Tuesdays, February 20, February 27, & March 5, 10:30am-12noon, Youth and Activities Building**

Join with the United Women in Faith for a three-session book study and discussion led by Karen Leary of Glenn's Justice Team. For questions or more info, contact Jean Luker ([jeanluker@gmail.com](mailto:jeanluker@gmail.com)).



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff. To learn more about The Glenn Justice Team, visit [www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn](https://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn)**

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## ■ Giving

### Generosity Pledge Campaign Update

We are so grateful for all those who have submitted their pledge for 2024. To date, we have received 201 pledges totaling \$1,432,295. If you have yet to make your pledge, please prayerfully consider your contribution and pledge online at **www.glennumc.org/pledge** or reach out to the church office for a pledge card.

### Financial Report as of January 17, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income through January 17: \$1,886,452

**To give a gift, visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) or scan the QR code below.**



## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 2.4 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

## ■ Stay Updated

### Want to stay updated on the Glenn Community?

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