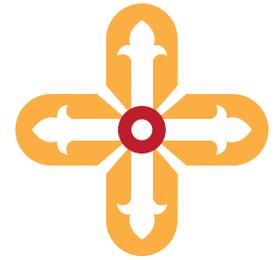


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 29, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The bulletin cover photo was taken by our communications director, Erica.

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.



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.

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 304).

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

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children’s Worship Kits are available from an usher. We hope to make improvements to the sound system in the Sanctuary. In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.



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** to donate securely online.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes (1953)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

All: We are called to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

One: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

All: Following Christ means receiving each person as God's beloved child.

One: Lord, help us to be your disciples.

All: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

During the final verse, all children are invited to come up to the chancel area.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Salvation is Created

Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

-Psalm 74

SERMON

Foolish Leadership

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

One: Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

Leaders: I do.

One: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

Leaders: I will.

One: Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Leaders: I will.

One: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Leaders: I will.

One: Let us pray.

One: Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

ALL: We will.

■ We Respond

*HYMN UMH #593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

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

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

O Divine Word of God, our Hope and Consolation. Eternal Source of the earth and the heavens. Our voices greet the morning and break the silence of the peaceful night. O Savior Divine cast your gaze on us! Lord, fan on us the fire of your grace almighty that evil flees before the sound of your mighty word. Wake up our slumbering souls with your illumining Spirit, that we can never forget your laws. Lord Jesus, grant your blessing to us, your faithful people, who gather here now to honor your name. Receive the hymns we sing to your everlasting glory as we return them as gifts unto you.

-English translation by Bruce Muskrat

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of true wisdom, thank you for the wondrous, astounding, transforming foolishness of love. As Christ gave himself for us, let us who are Christ's church give ourselves for the world. Bless these offerings, that they might be your love made real in the world. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #548

In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens was a Belgian Organist and composer of the 19th century and was instrumental in bringing the works of Bach to France and Belgium, as well as being influential as an educator. His Fanfare, certainly his most popular composition, is marked by its thrilling dynamic contrasts and continuous fast notes in the right hand.



■ Announcements & Special Events

CHILDREN'S SABBATH & SCOUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 5, 8:30am & 11am Worship (with 8:45-10:30am - Pancake Breakfast)

Join us for our annual Children's Sabbath & Scout Sunday where children lead us in worship! The preacher, the liturgists, the musicians, the ushers - come celebrate the gifts of all of God's children. Plus, The Scouts BSA pancake Breakfast is back! Enjoy pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice and coffee in the Fellowship Hall from 8:45am-10:30am cooked and served by Scouts BSA Troop 18 & Cub Scout Pack 6. \$10 for ages 6-65. \$5 for over age 65 and under 5 free!

GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Next Sunday, February 5, 6:00pm dinner, 6:30pm program, Ward Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to 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 2023 and beyond. To help with hosting dinner with our Transforming Community Welcoming Table team, contact Susan-Anne MacKenna at sasmack@gmail.com.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING –TACKLE HUNGER!

February 5

Kids @ Glenn invite the congregation to bring donations of soup or canned goods for Intown Collaborative Ministries food pantry and the children will be collecting monetary donations to support Glenn's Snack in a Backpack ministry. Donate online or mark donations in the offering plate for the food pantry. **Dine Out for a Cause on Sunday at City Barbeque Decatur. Use code "FundA" for 20% of your purchase to help tackle hunger!**

SINGLE MOMS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, February 8, 8pm via Zoom

No matter your circumstance or stage of parenting, join us for confidential care and support. Led by Shameyrae Miller of CHRIS180 Counseling Services. Contact Rev. Susan Pinson for Zoom link.

TEAM LIBERTAD DONATIONS

Glenn recently was awarded a Mustard Seed Grant from UMCOR that will allow us to work with Team Libertad to support asylum seekers at the airport. Team Libertad is a nonprofit that serves hundreds of asylum seekers every month who have been dropped off at the airport with little or no possessions.. Contact justice@glennumc.org for more information. You can help us by donating items listed here: <https://bit.ly/mustard-seed-2023>



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

Pledge Report as of December 31, 2022:

Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge Collection Thru Dec 31, 2022: \$1,308,483

To give to Glenn visit:

<https://www.glennumc.org/give>,

or scan the QR code:



Sunday 2.5 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

■ You are Invited

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 from Rev. Mark.