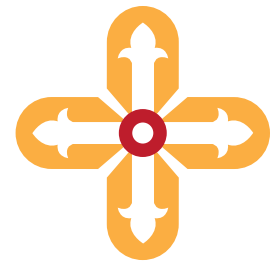


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 7, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The bulletin artwork is *Visit of the Three Wise Men* by Jesus MAFA.



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.



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

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

This flowing piece dates from the 1960s and features the Gregorian chant set for the Feast of the Epiphany, *Ecce advenit dominator Dominus* (Behold, the Lord the Ruler is come). Duruflé was a perfectionist and highly critical of his own compositions, and sadly only a handful of his works ever made it to publication.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Pinson

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

ALL: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Let us praise the Lord together.

ALL: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

One: For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

ALL: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

One: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL



1.The_ first_ No - el the_ an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they
2.They look - ed_ up and saw_ a star shin-ing in__ the east,__ be- yond_ them
3.And_ by__ the_ light of__ that_ same star three_ Wise_ Men came__ from coun - try
4.Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full__ rev - erent - ly__ up - on__ the
5.Then let__ us__ all with one_ ac - cord sing__ prais - es to__ our heav - 'nly



lay; in__ fields_ wherethey lay_ keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was_ so
far; and to__ the_ earth it__ gave_ great light, and_ so it con - tin-ued both day_ and
far; to_ seek__ for a king was their_ in - tent, and to fol - low the star__ wher - ev - er it
knee, and of - fered there, in_ his__ pres ence, their gold_ and myrrh and frank - in -
Lord; that hath_made Heaven and earth_ of nought, and_ with_ His blood our life__ hath



deep.
night. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King_ of Is - ra - el.
went.
cense.
bought.

We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Claire Asbury Lennox

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have
come to pay him homage."

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius (1824-74)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line, For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

–Peter Cornelius & Philipp Nicolai

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Aha! The Next Epiphany

■ We Respond

INVITATION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ALL: **Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

One: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

ALL: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OFFERTORY

Brightest and Best

arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)
Marian Waller, Violin

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Refrain: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all! *[Refrain]*

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine? *[Refrain]*

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. *[Refrain]*

-Reginald Heber

*DOXOLOGY UMH #221 vs. 4
In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: And so, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Bethlehem Down

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

arr. David Hill (b. 1957)

“When He is King we will give him the Kings’ gifts, myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph, fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight, winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets, myrrh for embalming and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary, sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming, close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

-Bruce Blunt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #247
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

This is Buxtehude's setting of our closing hymn tune in the form of a chorale fantasy. You will hear the melody first in the bass, then in the soprano voice. Buxtehude then extemporizes from the long descending line from the final phrase of the chorale and writes sequences of suspensions. Finally, Buxtehude refers to the melody through a gigue-like fugal texture. The piece ends in a bold and celebratory manner.



■ Announcements & Special Events

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE NEW YEAR!

Sundays, 9:45am | Church School Building

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

For more information on Adult Sunday School class schedules, visit www.glennumc.org/adults

Children's Sunday School meets at 10:00am, following Children's Choirs at 9:30am. Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45am in the Youth & Activities Building. Plus, the Chancel Choir welcomes singers to join us at 10am in the Sanctuary.

MLK DAY CLEANUP - THE JUSTICE TEAM JOINS WEST ATLANTA WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Monday, January 15, 9:00am - 11:45am

Glenn's Justice Team is excited to be joining the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) for their annual MLK Day Watershed Cleanup on Jan.15, 2024. The West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life within the West Atlanta Watershed by protecting, preserving, and restoring the community's natural resources. Sign up at: bit.ly/mlk-day-2024

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Choirs and Sunday School meet on Sundays mornings beginning at 9:30am. For more info, contact Rev. Susan Pinson. Subscribe to the Kids @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn

SNACK IN A BACKPACK

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

Snack in a Backpack provides food to children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. The program currently serves approximately 400 children, including 40 children in 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 sign up at www.bit.ly/snack-backpack2024. For more info, visit www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Save the date: Youth Musical, *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.

ADULT MINISTRIES

For more info, visit: www.glennumc.org/adults

Glenn has a variety of adult ministries to grow in your faith and connect with our community, including: Sunday School classes, Bible studies, Prayer Shawl ministry, Men's & Women's small groups and retreats, and more. The Glenn Justice Team leads service-learning volunteer opportunities locally and globally. For more info, visit www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn

SUPPORT GROUPS & PASTORAL CARE

Glenn provides Congregational Care Ministry to those facing life's spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. For more info about our Caregivers Support Group, Single Moms Support Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and pastoral care provided by our clergy and Lay Ministers, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.



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

Generosity Pledge Campaign Update

We are so grateful for all those who have submitted their pledge for 2024. To date, we have received 198 pledges totaling \$1,411,795. 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 December 31, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income through December 31: \$1,882,336

To give a gift, visit www.glennumc.org/give or scan the QR code below.



■ Next Sunday

Sunday 1.14 | Baptism of the Lord

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.