

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Christmas Story

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CHRISTMAS EVE

The artwork on the cover is *Nativity Triptych* by John August Swanson.

## 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.



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Register your attendance online, using the QR code, or in the attendance pad at the end of the pew.

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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.



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## ■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

PRELUDE

Michael Dauterman, Piano & Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

INTROIT

**Ding! Dong! Merrily on High**

16th-century French melody

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Susan Pinson & ALL

One: On this most holy of nights, we gather to celebrate God's light breaking into our broken world.

**ALL: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we journey to the stable in Bethlehem to see the baby wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger.

**ALL: O come, let us adore him!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we are reminded that God is with us-- not just in a story that happened long ago, but in the face of every person we meet.

**ALL: O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emanuel!**

One: On this most holy of nights, we long to be part of God's story of love, peace, and goodwill to all.

**ALL: We rejoice in the light, as we echo the song of the angels:  
(Sung) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\*OPENING HYMN UMH #234, vv. 1-3, 6

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

**Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God,  
all glory in the highest;

**Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

**Refrain**

## ■ The Story of the Birth of Christ

### SCRIPTURE

#### Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

\*HYMN UMH #230 vv. 1-2, 4

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## ■ Mary and Joseph

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Luke 2:6-7**

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### \*HYMN UMH #240

#### **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*All children and babies are invited to come to the front to join in the children's carol.*

CHILDREN'S CAROL UMH #217 v. 1  
**Away in a Manger**

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

## ■ The Shepherds

SCRIPTURE  
**Luke 2:8-19**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

ANTHEM  
**The Friendly Beasts**

Covenant Choir  
FRENCH TRADITIONAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
**O Holy Night**

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)  
James Turner, Soloist

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## ■ The Magi

SCRIPTURE  
**Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

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.” 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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.

STAR DANCE  
**De Tierra Lejana Venimos (From a Distant Home)**

Translation by George K. Evans | Sara Kathryn Wierwille, Soloist  
PUERTO RICAN TRADITIONAL CAROL

ANTHEM

**Joseph's Song/Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Baker/Praetorius/Fowler  
Bo Mallard, Soloist

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

*As you receive the light, turn the unlit candle towards the flame.*

HYMN UMH #239

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

Jim Thompson, guitar  
STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angel let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!



\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #246

**Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

■ **We Go Forth**

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Gigue on Go Tell it on the Mountain**

A.D. Miller (b.1972)

*As you exit the sanctuary, recycling bins are available for your candles and bulletins.*

# ■ Participants

Narrator .....	Reid Mallard
Mary .....	Alison LaGree
Joseph .....	Bret LaGree
Jesus .....	Camille LaGree
Stable Angel .....	Mac LaGree
Shepherds .....	Gavin Berelc, Elizabeth Price Culver, Collins Doster, Stokes Doster, CJ McKlin, Jennifer Scott-Ward, Wade Tolbert
Magi .....	Joel Chasteen, Byrd Perkerson, Rick Smith
Magi's Pages .....	Maeve Berelc, Victoria Weidert, Noah Mickle
Angel Gabriel .....	Tommy Wood
Shepherd's Angel .....	Lorelei Campbell
Angels .....	Xander Allen, Ernest Brown, Gloria Campbell, Stokeson Doster, Kooper Pan, Sebastian Pan, Madison Ragland, Claire Schweidel
Sacred Dancers .....	Kathryn Hales, McKinley Hales, Maggie Lawley, Mary Clare MacKenna, Susanna MacKenna, Lucy Sharp, Mary Jane Walker
Star of the East .....	Annabeth Meeks
Cow .....	Kai Berelc
Sheep .....	Ingrid Cook
Donkey .....	Linden Waller
Dove .....	Elle Weidert
Acolytes .....	Banks Bartelt, Camille Bartelt
Crucifer .....	Rob Van Atta
Directors .....	Amy Bugg Burke & Rachael Lambert
Production Assistants .....	Bill Campbell (angels), Anne Weidert (friendly beasts), Barbara McClure (baby Jesus), Lucas Berelc & Mason Walker (lights)
Director of Music and Worship Arts .....	Michael Dauterman
Director of Covenant Choir .....	Katie Woolf
Director of Cherub Choir .....	Mary Lindsey Lewis



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

### SUPPORT GROUPS & PASTORAL CARE

Glenn Church provides Congregational Care Ministry to those facing life's spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. For more info about our Caregivers of Aging Loved Ones Support Group, Single Moms Support Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, & pastoral care provided by our clergy and Lay Ministers, contact Rev. Susan Pinson (contact info on back cover).

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

For questions on Glenn Youth, contact Ben Ladner. For questions on Glenn Youth Choir, contact Käthe Wright Kaufman. Subscribe to the Youth @ Glenn newsletter for weekly updates at: [bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn](https://bit.ly/YouthAtGlenn)  
For more info on Young Adult Fellowship contact Brent Huckaby (contact info on back cover).

### CHILDREN

Childrens Choirs & 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](https://bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn)

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11PM

**Saturday, December 24 | 11pm | Sanctuary**

Hymns, a Christmas homily, candlelight, and Holy Communion as we worship together until the gift of Christmas once again arrives at midnight!

### CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 25, 11am, Sanctuary**

Join us for one service on Christmas morning, celebrating together the birth of the Christ child! A blessing of the toys will be offered for children - pajamas welcome!

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

**January 1, 11am, Sanctuary**

Join us as we begin the new year at 11am with music, prayer, a short message, and Holy Communion celebrating Christmas and Epiphany.

### ST. JOHN PASSION | JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

**Friday, March 24, 7pm, Sanctuary**

Join the Glenn Memorial Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra in a presentation of one of J.S. Bach's most well known and loved masterworks. This gripping setting tells both the story of Christ's trial, condemnation, and death as found in the Gospel of John, as well as comments on these events from a poetic perspective through beautiful solos, choruses, and chorales (hymns). We hope you can join us to hear this historically important and deeply meaningful piece of music!



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennmc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennmc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**

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## ■ Giving

### **Pledge Report as of November 30**

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through November 30: \$1,169,127

Needed: \$179,095

Needed: 13.28%

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