

## **Announcements**

### **Happy Anniversary!**

January 2 marks the 1-year work anniversary for our associate pastors. We have been so blessed this year by the depth of creativity, theology, and love that Ann Carter and Darie Lee have shared with us. Take a moment this week to thank them for a great first year!

### **Running Short on Mid-Week Meal Plans?**

Our Wednesday night dinners bring our community together for a delicious, low-priced dinner (\$8/adult, \$3/child, \$25/family max). Dinners will return in 2024 on January 10 at 5:45pm with chicken tetrazzini for adults and chicken nuggets for children.

### **What Is a Baptist?**

Jimmy Carter, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and Martin Luther King, Jr. all share one word in common: Baptist. How can the word "Baptist" capture all these people? What kind of Baptist is Glen Allen Baptist Church? On Wednesday, January 10, we will explore these questions and learn more about our own Baptist heritage and values. Dr. Fallen will lead this program beginning at 6:15pm in the fellowship hall.

### **January Scholar Study**

Does the Old Testament really matter? Does it have anything to say in our lives today? We will explore these questions in more depth during our 3-week January Scholar Study beginning on January 24. Dr. Safwat Marzouk from Union Presbyterian Seminary will share his insight on the book of Exodus. All levels of biblical knowledge are welcome as we learn together!

### **School Partnerships**

This school year, we embarked on a mission to support three feeder schools in our area: Dumbarton Elementary, Brookland Middle, and Hermitage High. We have volunteers working in offices, serving sports teams, and donating needed items. We also have a weekly backpack ministry providing meals for students over the weekend. If you would like to support any of this work, contact our church office.

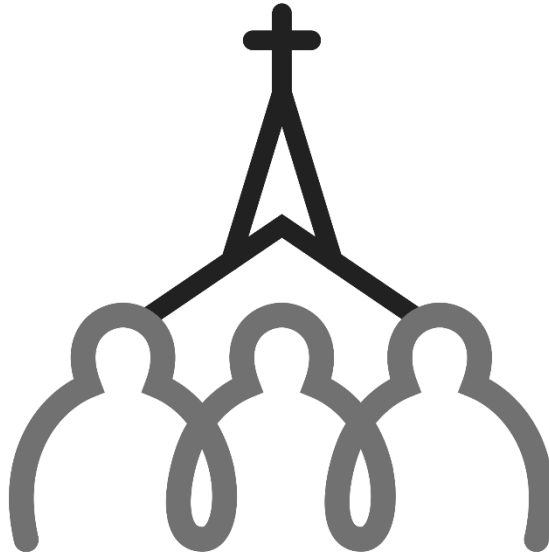
### **Supporting Important Work**

If you are inspired by the important work God is doing at Glen Allen Baptist Church, we invite you to give through our offering plates or you can scan the QR code here and be directed to our secure online giving site.



# Glen Allen Baptist Church

December 31, 2023



## Worship Leadership

Dr. Melissa Fallen, Pastor

Ann Carter, Assoc. Pastor for Youth and Music

Rev. Darie Lee, Assoc. Pastor for Children

Janet Kessler, Organist/Pianist

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# The Service of Worship

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Welcome, Announcements, Invocation		Melissa Fallen
Prelude		Jan Kessler
*Gathering Hymn	Christ Be Our Light	FARRELL
	Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.	
Call to Worship	<i>The Work of Christmas</i> by Howard Thurman	Melissa Fallen
	One: When the song of the angels is stilled, <b>All: when the star in the sky is gone,</b> One: when the kings and princes are home, <b>All: when the shepherds are back with their flocks,</b> One: the work of Christmas begins: <b>All: to find the lost,</b> One: to heal the broken, <b>All: to feed the hungry,</b> One: to release the prisoner, <b>All: to rebuild the nations,</b> One: to bring peace among the people, <b>All: to make music in the heart.</b>	
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 61:10-62:3, page 739 of the Pew Bible	Darie Lee
The Morning Prayer		Darie Lee
*Hymn of Worship #98	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day	WALTHAM
Offertory Prayer		Melissa Fallen
Offertory		
*Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Children's Sermon		Darie Lee
	<i>Children through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church.</i>	

\*Hymn of Preparation

This Little Light of Mine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

LOES

Sermon

Light of the World  
Matthew 5:14-16

Melissa Fallen

\*Hymn of Response #390

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Benediction

Melissa Fallen

\*Sending Song

Go With Us, Lord  
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way, Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true, Our lives may be our gift to You.

TALLIS' CANON

\*Please stand as you are able.

Spiritual growth yields important fruit. Please take a moment to reflect on the ways you have grown today and how what you learned will impact your life.

Where do you see darkness in our community?

How can you shine the light of Jesus on this particular need?

### **Offering**

If you would like to make a gift to God's ongoing work through GABC, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Place your gift in the offering plate as you leave worship.
- Mail your check to P.O. Box 1245, Glen Allen, VA 23060
- Give securely online at [glenallenbaptist.org/give](http://glenallenbaptist.org/give).

### **Welcome to Our Guests**

Thank you for joining us this morning in worship. We invite you to follow the QR link below or use the guest form in your pew to help us get to know you better. Please reach out to our staff or ushers at any time if we can be of assistance to you. Restrooms are located in the hallway behind the choir loft or downstairs on the main floor.

