

Announcements

Welcome

Thank you for being here on this important day. We wholeheartedly believe Jesus' birth changed the world and the way we live in it forever. As we seek to love the world like Jesus did, we hope you will find some opportunities below where you can join us in this life-changing work.



Please reach out to our staff or ushers at any time if we can be of assistance to you this evening. Restrooms are located in the hallway behind the choir loft or downstairs on the main floor.

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

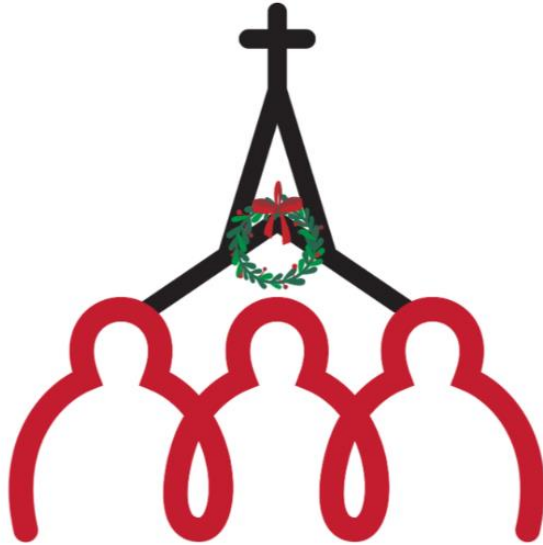
If you are inspired by the important work God is doing at Glen Allen Baptist Church, we invite you to give through our offering plates or you can scan the QR code here and be directed to our secure online giving site.



Glen Allen Baptist Church

Christmas Eve

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

December 24, 2023

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation Ann Carter

Prelude Jan Kessler

Call to Worship Ann Carter

One: Friends, families, and neighbors, do you love the light
of the bright sun on your face, source of energy and warmth for the world?

All: We love the light of the bright sun!

One: Do you love the coolness of the dark night, sparkling
with stars and source of rest for all the world?

All: We love the coolness of the dark night!

One: Come and worship God, who created the warmth of the day and the coolness of night.

All: God created the light and the darkness, and we need them both to survive!

One: Come and see the bright Light who has been born in the deepest of darkness.

All: On the brightest day and darkest night, we are ready to worship!

*Gathering Hymn Christ Be Our Light (verses 1-5) FARRELL

Advent Candle Lighting

**All: The good news is here. The child has come. A child has been born for us,
a son given to us; he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We light the final candle because the light of the world has come to dwell among us.

Response Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Reading Sharon's Christmas Prayer Melissa Fallen

Offertory Prayer Melissa Fallen

Offertory All Is Well
by Michael W. Smith Ann Carter

*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.

The Christmas Story

Gabriel and Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Hymn #77

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Gabriel and Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn #82

Emmanuel

McGEE

Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Hymn #86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:6-7

Hymn #91

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Angels and Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn #100

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Shepherds Meet Jesus

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn #95

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

The Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn #89

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Benediction

Melissa Fallen

*Sending Song

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.

*Please stand as you are able.