

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

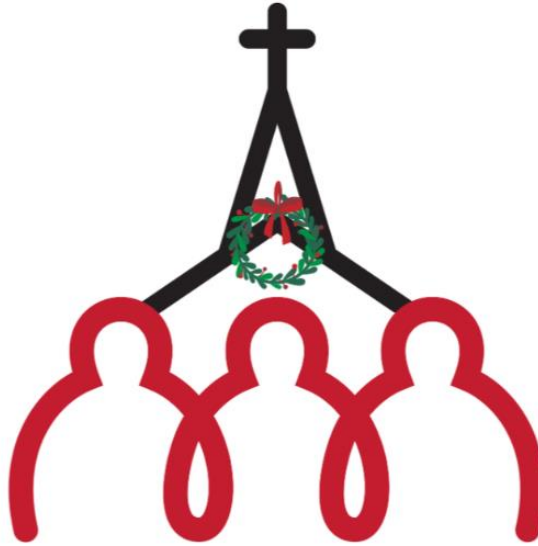
If you are inspired by the important work God is doing at Glen Allen Baptist Church, we invite you to give through our offering plates or you can scan the QR code here and be directed to our secure online giving site.



Glen Allen Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

2023



Worship Leadership

Dr. Melissa Fallen, Pastor

Ann Carter, Assoc. Pastor for Youth and Music

Rev. Darie Lee, Assoc. Pastor for Children

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The Service of Worship

December 24, 2023

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation		Melissa Fallen
Prelude	Christ Be Our Light	FARRELL
*Call to Worship		Ann Carter
One: Come and see what is happening as the stars shine over Bethlehem.		
All: To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.		
One: How shall we know him? What will be the sign?		
All: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.		
One: How shall we find him? Where shall we go?		
All: Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.		
One: Let us praise and worship with the angels saying,		
All: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"		
*Hymn #89	O Come All Ye Faithful	ADESTE FIDELES
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-5	Forrest Melton
Hymn #86	O Little Town of Bethlehem	ST. LOUIS
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:6-7	Carmella Jones
Anthem	Love Came Down at Christmas <i>by Christina Rossetti</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-14	Jill Cole
*Hymn #100	Angels We Have Heard on High	GLORIA
Children's Sermon		Melissa Fallen
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:15-20	
Solo	O Holy Night <i>Cantique de Noel</i>	Ann Carter
Christmas Prayer		Ann Carter

Homily

Holding Heaven
Luke 2:22-40

Melissa Fallen

*Hymn of Response

Christ Be Our Light (v. 1-5)

FARRELL

*Unison Reading

**The good news is here. The child has come.
A child has been born for us, a son given to us;
We light the final candle because the light of the world has come to dwell among us,
Behold, Christ is born.**

*Candle Lighting

Silent Night

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, Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!
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 light, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
Sending Song - Chorus of Christ be our light

*Sending Song

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

FARRELL

*Please stand as you are able.