

## **Announcements**

### **Wednesday Dinners Are Back!**

We resume Wednesday night dinners this week with chicken tetrazzini at 5:45pm. Dinner is \$8/person, \$3/child, \$25/family max.

### **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!

### **Online Giving**

As we kick off a new year, now is a great time to get in a regular habit of giving to God's work at GABC or to adjust your gifts as your life situation changes. You can find the link on our website ([glenallenbaptist.org/give](http://glenallenbaptist.org/give)) to set up recurring gifts. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

### **Annual Business Meeting**

Our annual business meeting is January 17 at 6:15pm.

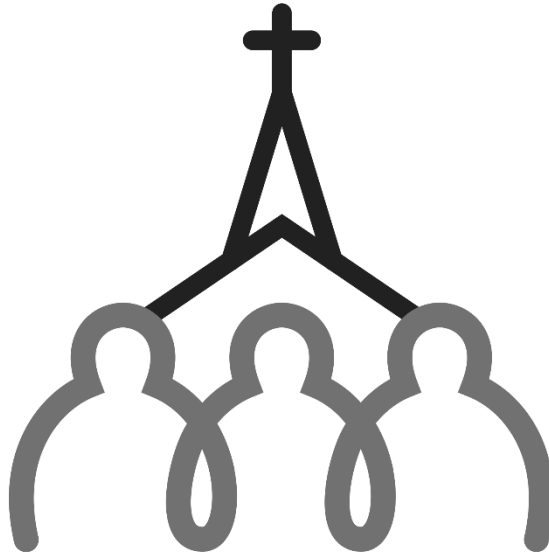
### **Offering Celebration**

At our January 17 business meeting, we will hear a great report from our Stewardship Committee on our 2023 finances. We finished the year on a strong financial note and exceeded both budget and expenses.

Now is a great time to evaluate your ongoing gifts to God's work at GABC. Offering envelopes are available in the Welcome Center for those who do not use the online giving option. You may give online at [glenallenbaptist.org/give](http://glenallenbaptist.org/give). If you would like to request giving envelopes, please contact the church office.

# Glen Allen Baptist Church

January 7, 2024



## 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

January 7, 2024

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation		Ann Carter
Prelude		Jan Kessler
Call to Worship		Ann Carter
	One: God said, "Let there be light," <b>All: and there was light.</b> One: God's speech <b>All: is God's action.</b> One: When God creates, <b>All: the creation is good.</b> One: When God's spirit hovers <b>All: Transformation happens!</b> One: God, our creator, has done it again. <b>All: God has brought us to a new year.</b> <b>Let us worship God together!</b>	
*Gathering Hymn#243	Sweet Sweet Spirit (v. 1)	MANNA
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1:1-5, page 1 of the Pew Bible	Darie Lee
The Morning Prayer		Darie Lee
*Hymn of Worship #7	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	HYMN TO JOY
Offertory Prayer		Ann Carter
Anthem	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Sanctuary Choir
*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	In Christ Called To Baptize (see insert - v.1,2)	ST. DENIO

Sermon

Why Baptism?  
Mark 1:4-11

Ann Carter

Communion

\*Hymn of Response

The Summons (see insert)

KELVINGROVE

Benediction

Ann Carter

\*Sending Song #387

Blest Be the Tie  
Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

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\*Please stand as you are able.

What happens inside these church walls should change the way we act outside of these walls. Please take a moment to reflect on what you have learned today and answer the following questions:

Think back on your baptism: Was it a starting point? Or were you checking a box for church membership or eternal salvation?

You were baptized into a community of faith, how can you participate in and care for your community of faith in new ways this year?

Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his ministry; how can your baptism be the beginning of yours?

### **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.

