



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

***Grow, Play and Serve with a people with
Hearts for Children and Hands for Service.***

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

James Mansfield

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

O living Christ, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of our world, where loneliness and hatred, war and suffering, greed and lust destroy. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth. Amen.

HYMN

The First Noel

Stephanie Yonkers, soloist

Vs. 1 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Vs. 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Vs. 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

Richard, Sharon, Tyson and Mikko Espino

Prayer

We shout today, shout with hope. We shout like our ancestors when they blew the trumpet in Zion. We shout like the meadows and valleys. We shout like the resurrected given new life. We shout with the multitude at the last. Today we shout because our past and our future united. We shout because we know that love incarnate leads to life everlasting. We shout in this moment because if we don't the stones themselves would cry out. We shout because nothing can steal our praise.

Response Song

*Kindle the flame of love, may it burn bright and true
Lighting the way we seek to God, the journey we pursue.*

ADVENT FAMILY READING

Advent of Love

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

SERMON

When Love Is Incarnated

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a special prayer request, please call or email the church office.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during December will go to
Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ).*

Please mail your offering to the church office or donate online.

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Vs. 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Vs. 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Vs. 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Michael Burkhardt

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*Following the loving example of Jesus Christ, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God. We welcome into the life and ministry of Glenview United Methodist Church all persons of every age, ability, race, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation, family configuration, or socioeconomic or employment status.*

***Please return your pledge card to the church office!***

**LAY READER: Beth Peterson**

**COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

***CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE ON YOUTUBE AT  
4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> -  
PLEASE JOIN US!***

### **OUR PASTOR**

regularly calls all members of the congregation who are known to be in the hospital. If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the church office.

### **SUPPORT OUR MISSION THIS CHRISTMAS!**

During this holiday season, make your seasonal gifts from anywhere using our eGiving tools. Download "GivePlus Church" (Give+) in the App Store or Google Play and search for Glenview UMC. One time, or recurring gift, options are available. Visit our website at [www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online](http://www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online) to learn more.

### **DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD PANTRIES AS YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING - THEIR SUPPLIES ARE LOW!**

They especially need boxed cereal, boxed potatoes, soups, rice and rice mixes and pet food.

### **MITTEN TREE FOR OLIVET**

The Mitten Tree is up in the rotunda by the church office to collect mittens, mittens and more mittens (it's hard for kids not to lose a mitten or two each season). We are also collecting any other type of warm clothing; new or clean/gently used hats, scarves, coats, sweaters and blankets too. There is also a "mitten tree" in the back of the sanctuary. Deliveries will be made periodically to Olivet, our Chicago West Side sister church, during the collection period.

## UPPER ROOM FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

Is available on the rack right outside the church office.

## FEELING DOWN?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. For more information, contact Pastor Eun-Hye.

## LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES

in the offering plate during December will go to *Kids Above All* (formerly *ChildServ*).

Since 1894 their mission has been to protect, heal and educate children and families so they can build better lives. Every child in their care has experienced trauma - abuse, neglect, poverty, toxic stress or violence. They encourage healing and personal growth so the children can realize their dreams. Foster care, adoption service, early childhood education and group homes for youth are services provided. If you are called to give more, please submit a check with *Kids Above All* on the memo line.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY -

Contact Pastor Eun-Hye by email at [hychong@glenviewumc.org](mailto:hychong@glenviewumc.org).

**THIS WEEK: December 20 - December 27, 2020**  
**Today:** 4:30 GUMYouth/Confirmation Christmas party via Zoom  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 Last Prayer Service via Zoom  
**Thursday:** **Christmas Eve**  
**Join us on YouTube at 4 p.m. for a beautiful Christmas Eve service**  
**Friday:** **Merry Christmas Everyone!!!**  
**Saturday:** 7 am A. A., choir room

**Next Sunday:** **First Sunday after Christmas Day**  
No Sunday school class today  
10:00 Worship on line  
4:30 GUMYouth/Confirmation via Zoom

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