glenview United Methodist church

We are a Reconciling Congregation!

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

REMINDER:
We are asking everyone to please wear masks in the sanctuary.

We have 4 hearing-enhancing devices that can be used for those that need them. Please ask in the sound booth for help with these.

The parlor is also open to hear and watch the worship service every Sunday.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE
"TESTIFY TO LOVE"

December 5, 2021 **10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE *People, Look East* R. E. Smith

*WELCOME

All children Kindergarten - 5th grade and Confirmands are invited to go to Sunday school.
Nursery/Toddler Room 8 is now open with caregivers every Sunday.

*OPENING PRAYER **(unison)**

O God, you never sleep but always watch with infinite care over your children. Keep us from growing weary of waiting for your love, lest we miss the glory of your appearing. O Christ, bright morning star, awaken us to live today as children of the light. Even so. Come quickly, to our lives and our world. Amen.

*HYMN *People, Look East* 202

The congregation is invited to sing.

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT Sharon, Richard, Tyson and Mikko Espino

Reader: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."

People: Today we remember the faithful shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

Reader: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, faithful and ordinary people, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

People: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the faith of ordinary people, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

Sung Response

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Micah 5:1-7*

*GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-14*

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC *A Special Night* Don Besig
Becky Netherland, soloist

SERMON *Transforming Love* Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

Holy Communion for Advent

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you send signs of love in people who care. But often we shut those people out. We turn away your love when we need it the most. We deny your hope within us, and we keep ourselves isolated and afraid. Visit us with your salvation, for we await you in need. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.
You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Son came among us as a servant
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Communion

*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 213, vs. 1, 2, 4

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during December will go to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Wilbur Held

**congregation is invited to stand if it is comfortable to do so*

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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.

We follow the United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries guidelines as part of our child protection policy.

USHER: Chris Walters

Church Office Hours are: Mon - Thurs 10:00 am to 2:00 pm!

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, STAY FOR THE SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE IN THE SANCTUARY RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP!
The sole agenda item is to approve or disapprove the Boy Scout of America plan of reorganization and give authority to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to execute the plan ballot document.

SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY
by signing the Congregational Christmas Card which will be mailed to everyone in our next Visitor. The card will be available to sign for a free will offering after church today and on Sunday, Dec. 12. The money raised goes to support our youth for their ASP trip this summer.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH!
We will have special music from our choir, bell choir, praise band and our children will be performing their own Nativity program (and don't forget the Cookie Sale). What a special way to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth.

NEWS FROM THE PARLOR LIBRARY:
With the Christmas season upon us, perhaps you would be interested in one of the following books:

- **Advent Meditations** - Advent Devotional by Asheritah Ciuciu (242.3 C) or The Christ of Christmas: Readings for Advent (242.3 M)
- **Christ -** Because of Bethlehem: Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas by Mas Lucado (394 L)
- **Classics**: The Story of the Other Wise Man by Henry Van Dyke, (244)
- **Music**: Songs of Christmas by Ace Collins (264.2 C)
- **Traditions:** Traditions of Christmas by Ace Collins (394.2 C)
  If you select a book, please fill out the sign-out sheet that is in the library.

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WE WILL BE HAVING A COOKIE SALE THIS YEAR!
The UMW is sponsoring this event to be held on Sunday, December 12th. It will be a little different as the cookies will be pre-packed into assorted boxes for a cost of $10.00. They can be picked up at the curb or by the kitchen window. They will accommodate dietary preferences as well. They would ask that everyone please bake cookies and bring them to the church on Fri., or Sat., Dec. 10 or 11 to make this sale a great success.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A BOX OF OFFERING ENVELOPES
for the year 2022, please notify the church office and we will take care of that for you.

THE MITTEN AND MORE TREE FOR OLIVET UMC - COLLECTION DATES NOV. 21ST - JAN. 3RD
Look for the "tree" in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off multitudes of mittens, mufflers (scarves!), gloves, hats, capes, coats, sweaters, SOCKS … even blankets! Items can be new or gently used. Donations can also be put in the collection bins near the social hall or the church office.
ADVENT DEVOTION "THE SACRED" MEETINGS ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING DECEMBER 2ND.
The theme will be "The Sacred". Please sign up with Pastor Eun-Hye and she will email you each week's devotional on Monday. At home you can prepare Advent wreath candles (three purple/blue and one pink). We will light a candle each week, read the devotional, and lift a prayer. As we prepare our house while waiting for the arrival of a baby, we prepare our hearts while we wait for the arrival of Christ Jesus.

REFUGEE UPDATE
Thank you for your generous response to help the Afghan Refugees with items, monetary donations and volunteering. Northbrook and Glenview UMC's have been assigned four men. They are living in furnished studio apartments in Rogers Park provided by the refugee resettlement agencies for 90 days. The donations, managed by NUMC, are being used to buy them computers or tablets, winter clothing and food. The men are being given job training. Three of the men need considerable help to learn basic English. The other man has very good English and hopes to start a job soon. Current need: people to help them learn English and your prayers. The men are very grateful for all the help and support they are receiving. For more information contact Ethel Doyle 847-975-0361

LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES
in the offering plate will go towards UMCOR U.S DISASTER RESPONSE. They respond to natural and civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover. When responding to a disaster in the U.S. UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters. In 2021 UMCOR had responded every day to a disaster in our country.

They have been there to help after Hurricanes Ida, Fred and Henri, wildfires in the west, flooding, the condo collapse in Florida, and wherever there is a need.

THIS WEEK: **December 5 - December 12, 2021**

Today: "Whose Birthday" gifts due today by 10 am
11 am Special Church Conference, sanctuary
11 am Sign Congregational Christmas Card, narthex

Tuesday: 10 am Staff Meeting via Zoom
11 am Prayer Shawl meeting, choir room

Wednesday: 7 pm Last Bible Study via Zoom
7 pm Boy Scouts, social hall
7:30 pm A.A.

Thursday: 1:30 pm Support Group via Zoom
7 pm Advent Devotion via Zoom

Saturday: 6:30 am A. A., choir room
9 am - 11 am UMW members meet in kitchen to box cookies
9-10 am Bell Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
10-11 am rehearsal for Children's Nativity program

Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Advent
10 am Choral Worship and Children's Nativity and Bell Choir
11 am Sign Congregational Christmas Card, narthex
11 am UMW Cookie Sale, window by kitchen
12 pm Eve Circle lunch at Hackney's

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