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*We are a Reconciling Congregation!*

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

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***Christmas Eve***

**December 24, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*Meditation on "Silent Night"*  
*In Dulci Jubilo*  
*Wexford Carol*  
Anne Bach, oboe  
*Fum! Fum! Fum!*

Charles Callahan  
Johann Michael Bach  
arr. Dorothea Baker  
  
arr. Richard Lind

**WELCOME**

**\*CAROL**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

234, vs. 1,2,3,6

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he welled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE**

Julie, Bill, Grace and Jack Murphy

Reader 1: We have heard the call to keep watch. But what are we keeping watch over? Maybe we're looking for something that will define us, something that will remake us, transform us. Some relationships, some hope, some love that will make us new. Maybe we're looking for the gift we remember this night.

Reader 2: What we watch over is the world that Jesus came to save: A world that has room for a Savior, even when we've forgotten it. And part of what we're keeping watch for is to see whether we can make room -- room for hope, room for peace, room for joy, and room for love, even at our worst. At our most needy. And most helpful, and grace-filled. Keep watch.

Lighting four Advent Candles

**People: Our circle of Advent candles is lit; now tonight we light the central candle, reminding us that Christ is the light of the world, the center of our lives, the shining beacon of hope for all the universes. Christ is born, Praise God!**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung Response



### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MUSIC	<i>The First Noel</i>	arr. Dan Forrest
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS		Beth Peterson
CAROL	<i>What Child is This</i>	219
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2-7	
BELLS	<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	arr. Hart Morris
SCRIPTURE	John 1:1-18	
MUSIC	<i>Gabriel's Oboe</i>	Ennio Marricone
SERMON	<i>God With Us!</i>	Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please write it on the card and place it in the offering baskets at the exits.*

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.***

MUSIC *Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* arr. Mark Hayes  
Lindsay Kleckner, solo

OFFERING

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during December will go to Curt's Café.*

\*SHARING THE LIGHT

\*CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* 239

**SENDING FORTH**

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

\*CAROL *Joy to the World* 246

POSTLUDE *Organ Flourish on "Joy to the World"* Michael Dell  
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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.*

**USHER: Curtis Corbige**

*Oboe player Anne Bach plays in many music ensembles throughout Chicago. She is the principal oboe for Music of the Baroque and assistant principal in the Grant Park Symphony. She plays with the Chicago Symphony and Lyric Opera and other ensembles. She lives in Chicago with her two daughters, one dog and one cat.*

**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE SHARING A POINSETTIA**

Plants may be taken home after this evening's service.

Conlin Family in honor of friends and family  
Conlin Family in memory of all that have passed

Cummings Family in honor of Don and Bonnie Cummings  
Cummings Family in honor of Sue Hawkins

Bob and Della Deme in honor of our grandsons, John and Robert

DeBaker Family in honor of our parents  
DeBaker Family in honor of Greg and Beth Peterson  
DeBaker Family in memory of Mark DeBaker

Doherty and Read Families in honor of Gigi and Grandpa from Skylar, Fiona, Keira, Brielle and Maeve  
Doherty and Read Families in memory of Honey Jeannie Gans who loved Christmas most of all

Ethel Doyle in memory of Larry Doyle  
Ethel Doyle to the glory of God and love for family and friends  
  
David and Linda Duback in memory of Francis and Betty Duback  
David and Linda Duback in memory of Gene and Ruth Wier  
  
Janet Ferrone in memory of Barbara Heckenbach  
  
Field Family in memory of Carl Field  
  
Bonnie and Rob Frame in memory of Andy Frame, our beloved son  
  
Barbara Galarza in honor of Anna, John and Mike  
  
Jim and Pat Glass in honor of all those struggling to improve their health  
  
Granzow Family in memory of Gary and Mitsy Granzow  
  
Russell A. Lindley in honor of all of our dedicated church members  
Russell A. Lindley in memory of all of my siblings who have gone before me  
  
Bill and Julie Murphy in honor of Grace and Jack  
  
Meg Pyterek in honor of Pastor Eun-Hye Choi  
  
Darlie Rejuso to the glory of God  
  
Bob and Ann Rowlands in memory of Dave and Lou Rowlands  
  
Laura Sailer in memory of Judy Zimmerman  
Laura Sailer in memory of Grace Sailer  
  
Ted, Kathy and Jennifer Sawicz in memory of our parents, Gus and Ethel Papajohn,  
and Frank and Irene Sawicz  
  
Sarane and Bruce Siewerth in memory of our parents, grandparents and  
great grandparents  
  
Shamus Thornton in honor of Ethel Doyle  
  
Sandy Vanderburg in memory of Dale Vanderburg, Sr., Husband, Father, Grandpa  
  
John Whitfield in memory of Marilyn L. Whitfield

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