



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!

REMINDER:

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 the worship service every Sunday; and Room 8 is open for parents and their young children to watch and hear the service.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Bradley

***WELCOME**

(Children Pre-K-K in room 8, 1st -5th in room 11/12, may leave to go to Sunday school.)

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Eternal God, we are seeking signs of your presence in our lives. Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts to receive words of hope as we anticipate the coming of the One whom you are sending. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Ryan, Ralene, Mason, Nolan, Colten Tagtmeier

Song

A Candle is Burning

(tune: Away in the Manger)

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night,
While angels sing blessings from heaven's dark sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

(Pew Bible p. 1161)

ANTHEM	<i>Peace, Peace</i>	Bock
*GOSPEL	<i>Mark 13:24-37</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1578)
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*HYMN	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	2152
SERMON	<i>How To Keep Awake?</i>	Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
Great God of the Coming Dawn,
for in each new day you surprise the earth with splendor.
Your Spirit moves across the face of the waters
and brings forth life.
Made from the earth,
Made by your hand,
We forgot who we were
We forgot who you were
and we tried to remake ourselves.
We rejected your love and fell into sin and death.

Yet even in our darkness you continued to speak light and life.
When we were slaves in a foreign land,
You brought us out of our oppression,

led us through the waters,
and washed us up on the shores of a new life as a chosen people.
And we raise our voices with all the saints as we proclaim,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Blessed are you, and blessed in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose coming was announced by wilderness prophets
and who arrived to the song of angels
in the choir stall of a manger.
In Jesus you not only took our name but our flesh.
He was the One promised
He announced the new day and the acceptable year
When blind folks would see
And poor folks would rejoice
When captives would be set free
And the oppressed would once more walk upright in liberty.

On the night when he was betrayed
he sat at a table with his friends.
He took bread, blessed it, broke it,
served it to them, and said,
"Take this. Eat it.
It is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me."

In the same way he took the cup,
Blessed it, served it to them, and said,
"Drink from this every one of you.
This is my blood poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we remember.
And so we offer our praise and thanks
and our very selves 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.

So, we call on you to send your Holy Spirit on us once more
And on this parched and thirsty land
And on these elements of bread and wine.
Let them be for us once more Christ's body

and let us be for you once more Christ's body
redeemed by his blood.
Make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes again, and we feast at his table.

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.

Presentation of gifts

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

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Prayer after Sharing

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Freedom Is Coming

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COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

Please return your 2024 Pledge Card to the offering plates or to the church office as soon as possible!

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to Care for Real.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

arr. Syner

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

**USHER: Chris Walters**

*Everyone is invited to join us in the social hall for coffee/treats provided by Jim and Sharon Gernady.*

*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.*

*Are you visiting? Please sign the blue "Visitor" cards in the pews and put in offering plate, so we can get to know you.*

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A COOKIE SALE THIS YEAR!**

The Women In Faith is sponsoring this event to be held on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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 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. 8 or 9 to make this sale a great success.



**USE THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH!**

#### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app at top of announcements to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan of QR code above, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA/S ON THE INSERT ENCLOSED IN THIS BULLETIN!**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD**

is available in the social hall for you to send your Christmas wishes to your church family for a small donation to support our youth. This card will be mailed out in the next Visitor.

#### **SCHRAM MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICE -**

Please join the community for this special Christmas tradition on Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Schram Memorial Chapel at 1799 Patriot Blvd., corner of Chestnut and Patriot. Everyone is welcome to this memorable service.

#### **THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL NEW FENCE**

that is surrounding the Sabbath Garden. Take a look and see how nice it looks! We want to sincerely thank those who worked so hard to make it happen - Ed and Holly Porrett, Steve Ellis, Mark Netherland and >>>>>>>

#### **THE TREE IS HERE!**

Yes, in the back near the narthex door, there stands the tree for *Mittens and More!* Its boughs are spread out in bare limbed chic, with hopes that you'll fill them week after week. From today, through 12<sup>th</sup> Night (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>) the Tree will be receiving your donations for our sister church, Olivet UMC'S Warming Ministry and Serving our Seniors programs for their neighbors in need, and for new immigrants throughout Chicagoland. Please deck the tree with your generous gifts of knitted and stitched mittens, mufflers, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, socks, blankets and more. Even if you brought nothing to give today, please serenade the tree with a hip, hip, hooray!

#### **SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

If you would like to provide coffee, treats and juice after worship on a Sunday, please call the church office and schedule a Sunday, or sign up on the board in the social hall during fellowship time. Fellowship helps us to know one another better, make connections.

#### **LOOSE COINS, SINGLES AND DESIGNATED GIVING GO TO "CARE FOR REAL"!**

Care for Real is helping their neighbors in Edgewater and Rogers Park. They provide food, clothing, referrals and additional needed services. They do this with compassion to improve the wellbeing and health of the low income residents. They depend on 950 volunteers to help distribute food 5 days a week to those facing food insecurities. Care for Real is fostering a healthier, more equitable, and stronger community. If you'd like to give more, memo a check, use the **QR code above** in the bulletin or donate online at <http://www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online> and click on "Loose Coins".

#### **2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES HAVE ARRIVED.**

Call the church office, or stop by, to pick up a box.

#### **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE WEEKENDS:**

On the weekends (Friday - Sunday evening) our church office is closed, and the phone messages are not retrieved until Monday. For emergencies, please contact our pastor, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org), or at: 847-525-7261.

**SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ON THE SIGN UP BOARDS IN THE SOCIAL HALL  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

**PASTORAL CARE FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregant's family (with their permission). We need your help in order to offer ours. Pastor Eun-Hye: [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org); [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org); 847-729-1015.

**YOUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

\*If you need a listening ear, please reach out to Pastor Eun-Hye at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org).

\*To speak with someone anytime, call 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available 24 hours.

\*In the Glenview area, the Family Service Center (FSC), located at 191 Waukegan Road is a place to turn. FSC provides high-quality therapeutic counseling for individuals and families, with expanded services to include clients within a wide range of ages, from preschoolers to older adults. Most insurance plans are accepted and fees are based on a subsidized fee scale. Call 847-251-7350 or visit [familyservicecenter.org](http://familyservicecenter.org).

**THIS WEEK: December 3 - December 10, 2023**

**Today:** *Whose Birthday gifts due by 10 am in the parlor*

11 am Fellowship  
11 am Last date to order your Christmas poinsettia/s  
11 am Sign the Congregational Christmas Card, sponsored by our Youth, social hall  
11 am Bells rehearse, sanctuary  
4:30 pm GUMYouth, social hall

**Tuesday:** 10 am Staff meeting in pastor's office  
11:30 am "Lunch Bunch" at Belmont Village  
6:30 pm Advent Vesper service via Zoom

**Wednesday:** 10 am Lectionary Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

**Saturday:** 9-12 Rehearsal for Sunday service

**Next Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Advent*

10 am Intergenerational Christmas Worship with our choir, bells and all our children and youth  
11 am Fellowship  
11 am Last chance to sign the Congregational Christmas Card, sponsored by our Youth, social hall  
11 am Women In Faith Cookie Sale, kitchen

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