



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.

There are large print hymnals and supplements in the back of the sanctuary on the table. You are welcome to use them during the service and then return them to the table after the service.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The First Noel/Pachelbel Canon
Sanctuary Choir with flute, guitar and bass

Clawson

***WELCOME**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

God of glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant, and joyful water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your joy. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; Come. We are waiting for you. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Song

Veronica Macwan, Alison Parmar and Parleen Macwan
A Candle is Burning (tune: Away in the Manger)

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy,
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Beth Peterson

Response

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way.

Oh what fun to sing and praise Our Savior born today-ay!

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Listen while we say,

Jesus came into my heart and washed my sins away!

(sung as the children come forward)

(Children Pre-K-K in room 8, 1st-5th in room 11/12, 6-8th in room 10 may leave to go to Sunday school.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalms 126

847, res. 2

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:1-4 & 8-11

(Pew Bible p. 1157)

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(Pew Bible p. 1841)

ANTHEM

Carol of the Bells

Traditional

*GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

(Pew Bible p. 1646)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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SERMON

Laughter and Joy

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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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

Christmas Joy

Bradley

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

USHER: Steve Ellis

ACOLYTE: Ruby Isaac

*Everyone is invited to join us in the social hall for coffee/treats provided by Holly and Ed Porrett.*

*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" card in the pews, so we can get to know you, and put in offering plates.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m.**

**Worship for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 24 at 4 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight and Singing**



**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 DAY TO SIGN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD**

which 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 on Dec. 21.

### **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!

### **THE ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP CHART IS IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

Just sign your name by the date/s you'd like to have altar flowers and the office will call you the week before to see what you'd like to say in the bulletin. Beginning 1/1/2024, the price of the altar arrangements has been increased to \$50.00.

### **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”.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 2023**

must be dated 12-31-23 and in the church office by 1-8-24.

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

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

**UPPER ROOM for January/February is available in the narthex or by 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.

### **THIS WEEK: December 17 - December 24, 2023**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship  
11 am Women in Faith Board meeting, parlor  
**Monday:** Deadline for articles for January 2024 Visitor  
7 pm Finance Committee via Zoom  
**Tuesday:** 10 am Staff meeting in pastor's office  
6:30 pm Advent Vesper service via Zoom  
**Wednesday:** 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, sanctuary  
**Thursday:** Mail January 2024 Visitor

**Next Sunday:** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
10 am Worship and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship  
*Christmas Eve Worship*  
4 pm Worship

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