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***We are a Reconciling Congregation!***

***Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!***

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**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 24, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*Behold That Star!*  
Kent Smith, soloist

arr. Hayes

**\*WELCOME**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Move among us once again here today in this sacred place and time, O Lord. Open us to the work of your Spirit that we might come to realize the power of your love as it seeks to embrace us once again. Empower us as your people that we may worship you in spirit and in truth and that your grace may comfort our hurting souls and heal our wounds. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

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**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Song**

*A Candle is Burning*

Sarane Siewerth and Anna Parry  
(tune: Away in the Manger)

*A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
A candle to point us to heaven above,  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our Earth.*

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), may leave to go to Sunday school.)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

arr. Shaw

GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

(Pew Bible p. 1588)

MUSIC

*Ave Maria*

Soloist: Cindy Applebee

\*GOSPEL

*Luke 1:46-55*

(Pew Bible p. 1589)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN

*What Child Is This*

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SERMON

*Let It Be*

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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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

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*

Lindsay Kleckner, soloist

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

USHER: Mark Rowlands

ACOLYTE: Parleen Macwan

LAY READERS: Sarane Siewerth and Anna Parry

*Everyone is invited to join us in the social hall for coffee/treats provided by  
Veronica and Parleen Macwan and Alison Parmar.*

*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 Eve Worship today at 4 p.m.  
with Candlelight and Singing***

### **THE 2024 PETS OF GUMC CALENDAR**

is now available for purchase on Sundays during coffee fellowship or in the church office Monday through Thursday 10 am to 2 pm. The suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. The funds raised from this event will support coffee fellowship throughout the year on Sundays when there are no volunteers. Thank you for your support.



**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.

### **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.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE - MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

We are partnering with First UMC of Arlington Heights, 1903 East Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights for this event. Volunteering is a fun, feel good experience for all. Any questions, contact Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0391.

**BOOK CLUB - TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 7 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**

Join us as we discuss "Giovanni's Room" by James Baldwin. All are welcome.

**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.

**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!

**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".

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

**THIS WEEK: December 24 - December 31, 2023**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship  
*Christmas Eve Service*  
4 pm Worship in sanctuary  
**Monday:** *Christmas Day - Merry Christmas Everyone*

**Next Sunday:** 10 am Worship  
11 am Fellowship

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*Sunday worship at 10 a.m.*