



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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Gymnopedie

Satie

***WELCOME**

(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.)

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalm 29
Kent Smith, cantor

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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:1-5

(Pew Bible p. 1)

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 19:1-7

(Pew Bible p. 1726)

ANTHEM	<i>Come As You Are</i>	Redman/Glover
*GOSPEL	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1551)
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*HYMN	<i>Baptized in Water</i>	2248
SERMON	<i>Incarnation and Baptism</i>	Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Remembering Our Baptism and Holy Communion

It is a holy day indeed when we celebrate our two sacraments together. This morning we remember the sacrament of our baptism as we partake in the sacrament of communion. One celebrates birth and new life, and the other, our continued nourishment and growth as we live into all Christ calls us to be.

Prayer of Confession

Nourishing God, you tell us not to fear for you are with us. But we are so full of fear that we cannot love you with our whole heart. We use the freedom and power you have given us, not to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, but to rebel against your love to hurt our neighbors and ignore the cries of the needy. Cleanse us of our fear. Feed us the courage to put our whole trust in your grace.

ASSURANCE

The Holy Spirit has not abandoned us. We are still God's beloved, and the Holy Spirit continues to work within us.

We remember our baptism are thankful!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
creator of heaven and Earth.

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep, but You swept over the face of the waters and brought forth abundant swarms of life. And you blessed them, seeing that it was good. You watered the face of the ground and formed a human creature from the dust and

mud, breathing life into it and leading it to life in a garden. You created humans in your own image but these humans turned their backs on you, and were expelled from the lush garden. Yet you did not abandon them then, and you do not abandon us now. Throughout our history, you have come through the sustenance of water and bread to call us back to paradise. 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.**

You told us when we pass through the waters, you will be with us. You told us that you love us so much, because we are precious in your sight, you will redeem us. You saved our biblical ancestors and us through water, but the story never ends there. You continue to nourish us through the fullness of time, sending Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.

When he grew up, your Spirit descended on him like a dove, proclaiming his belovedness as he emerged from the water. He began his ministry preaching a new life because the time of redemption had come. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

On his last night with us, Jesus sat at a table and fed his disciples as he feeds us now. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with us, saying “This is my body, which is given for you.”

When supper was over, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with us, saying, “Take, and drink. As often as you do this, remember me.” The cup reminds us of the new covenant, a covenant by water and the Spirit in which God reminds us again of our belovedness and calls us to new life.

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 to bless this gift of water and those who receive it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May these two gifts, the water and the meal, redeem us again by washing away our sin and filling us with good things.

By your Spirit, incorporate us into God's new creation, making us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we all come to the table, cleansed of all hatred and sin to welcome all people in joy and thanksgiving as members of the family of Christ. May your spirit work within us, that being born through water and the Spirit, and fed through Christ's body, we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

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 of the Bread and Cup

Music

I Speak Jesus

Charity Gayle

Prayer after Sharing

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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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 for January will go to World Relief.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Finale

Archer

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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 the Fellowship Committee.

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

THE 2024 PETS OF GUMC CALENDAR

is 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.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Please join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 11 a.m. in the parlor to knit or crochet a prayer shawl for someone who needs the loving warmth of God. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, please come.

BOOK CLUB IS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 7 PM IN THE PARLOR.

We will be discussing "Giovanni's Room" by James Baldwin. Everyone is invited to join us for a lively discussion on this book.

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. We will begin the day with a short worship service at 10 am. Then you will have a choice of a number of family-friendly projects to help with - making Linus blankets, dog biscuits for a shelter, placemats for Meals on Wheels, sandwiches for The Night Ministry and more!. Make this a "day on, versus a day off"! Any questions, contact Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0391.

NEW CLASS ON BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY AND UNITED METHODISM!

This class is for both long-time and new members. There will be 4 classes via zoom starting on January 18 (Thursday) beginning at 7 p.m. Class #1 - History of Christianity and Methodism; Class #2 (1/25) Theologies, politics and structures of UMC; Class #3 (2/1) History, politics and beliefs of Glenview UMC; Class #4 (2/8) Ministries and People of Glenview UMC. Please contact Pastor Eun-Hye at echoi@glenviewumc.org or the church office to get the zoom link. Everyone is invited to join this class.

LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES DURING JANUARY

will go to World Relief. Today there are over 80 million people around the globe who have been forced, or made the painful choice, to leave their home. Threatened by extreme poverty, violence, or oppression, they leave behind everything familiar to seek a life free from fear. World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to help these people. They partner with 6,000 local churches and community leaders in the United States and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable. For more information go to worldrelief.org.

THE ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP CHART FOR 2024 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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP CHART FOR 2024 IS ALSO IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

Pick the date/s that you'd like to make coffee and bring treats for the fellowship time after worship in the social hall. This is a much appreciated ministry that everyone enjoys.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF IS COMING SOON - JANUARY 28

Start looking for your favorite recipe and sign up to be judged on

"Most Original, Hottest, Best Presentation, Best Overall"!

For those non-cooks, come and be a tasting judge for only \$10 single/\$30 family.

This is a favorite annual event to help our youth on their summer mission trip.

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

THIS WEEK:

January 7 - January 14, 2024

Today:

11 am Fellowship

11 am Parents of 6-12th graders meet, room 11/12

11:30 am Finance Committee, pastor's office

Monday: 7 pm Eve Circle, parlor
7 pm Staff Parish Relations via Zoom
Tuesday: 9:30 am Mission and Service Committee, choir room
10 am Staff meeting, pastor's office
11 am Prayer Shawl Group, parlor
7 pm Book Club, parlor
7 pm Trustees, choir room
Wednesday: 10 am Adult Study, choir room
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room
Saturday: 9 am Yoga, parlor

Next Sunday: 10 am Worship
11 am Fellowship
4:30 pm GUMYouth, social hall

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