



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.

We have “worship bags” for children to use during worship and they are in the back by the card table.

The parlor is open to hear the worship service.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2024

4:00 p.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Somebody Build a Manger
Lindsay Kleckner, soloist

Joel Raney

INTROIT

Christmas Joy Fanfare
Bell Choir

Douglas Wagner

WELCOME

***CHRISTMAS RESPONSIVE INVOCATION**

Leader: God, you are with us.

People: We have heard the promise of the prophets;

Leader: We have caught the notes of an angel’s song;

People: We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.

Leader: Tonight, we have come to be with you because you have come to be with us.

People: We seek a Messiah who will reign with justice;

Leader: Now we may find ourselves.

People: Now we may love each other, now we may truly worship you. Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

*CAROL *Star-Child* 2095 (small black book)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE Michel and Renelle Agriopoulos

Response Song *Away in a Manger*
*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

MUSIC *Sussex Carol* Willcox

POEM *Annunciation* Denise Levertov

MUSIC *Angel's Carol* Women's Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20* (Pew Bible p. 1590)

*CAROL *What Child Is This* 219 (large blue book)

SERMON *Your Savior is Born* Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MUSIC *Gloria* arr. Callahan
Bell Choir

LITANY OF CHRISTMAS

*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.*

Leader: In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all peoples.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles. We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: So, we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

All: Let there be light.

Leader: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years -- "O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

All: Let there be light.

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

Noel

Daigle

Keira Read and Brielle Doherty, duet

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to Curt's Cafe.
Please return your pledge card! There are extras by the sound booth.*

*SHARING THE LIGHT

*CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

239 (large blue book)

*BENEDICTION

PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

*CAROL

Joy to the World

246 (large blue book)

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World Fanfare
Melissa Read and Skylar Read, French horn

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

**USHER: Curtis Corbige**

**ACOLYTES: Keira Read and Brielle Doherty**

*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.*

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A BOX OF 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE CHURCH,**  
please call or stop by the church office and you will be given one right away.

**REMINDER** - All donations to the church for the year 2024 must be in the office no later than 1/5/2025  
and dated no later than 12/31/2024!

### **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 Twelfth Night (Jan. 5), the Tree will be receiving your donations for our sister church, Olivet UMC's neighborhood warming ministry and for Care for Real's clients, many of whom are recent migrants to our chilly winter climate. Come one, come all and deck the tree with your generous gifts of knitted and stitched mittens, mufflers, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, socks, blankets and more. Make them or buy them, it matters not! And even if you brought nothing to give today, please serenade the tree with a hip, hip, hooray!

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

### **JANUARY 2025 BOOK CLUB**

We will be discussing *Comfort and Joy* by Kristen Hannah. Come join us for this lively discussion group on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm in the parlor. Everyone is encouraged to join.

### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**



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

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