



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 every Sunday.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

British Carol, 18th C.

WELCOME

*PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of love and mercy, help us to keep alive your vision of love and wholeness. Where love is a small seed, teach us to have faith in its growing. Where people are finding healing and new life, teach us to recognize you at work. When you come to us in unexpected ways, may we know you, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

250 (large blue book)

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Will, Caryn, Ryan and Emma Granzow, Holly and Chris Field

Response Song *A Candle is Burning*

*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.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Micah 5:2-5* (Pew Bible p. 1445)

ANTHEM *While By My Sheep* arr. Leavitt

*GOSPEL *Luke 1:46-55* (Pew Bible p. 1589)

*HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 218, vs. 1 & 4 (large blue book)

SERMON *Love: the Origin Story* Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

MUSIC *Light of the World* arr. Caleb/Kelsey
Vocalists: Becky Netherland, Cindy Applebee; accompanist: Jan Hutchins

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.

*HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* 237 (large blue book)

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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale on "In Dulci Jubilo"* Michael Praetorius / arr. Fey

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
4:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24TH
SANCTUARY**

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

**USHER: Sandy Vanderburg
ACOLYTE: Ryan Granzow**

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall provided by Emma and Rey Ramos.

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

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

Please stop by the kitchen to purchase a box of cookies for \$10.

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.

THIS WEEK: **December 22 - December 29, 2024**

Today: 11 am Fellowship, social hall
11:15 am Bell Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
Monday: 7 pm Last Advent Vesper Service via Zoom
Tuesday: *Christmas Eve Worship Service at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary*
Wednesday: *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

Next Sunday:

10 am Worship
11 am Fellowship, social hall

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