



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 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Away in the Manger
First Noel
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Ryan Granzow, cello

WELCOME

*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

196, v. 1 (large blue book)

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Kelly, Lily, Molly Amrhein, Angela Koenigs

Response Song

A Candle is Burning

*A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:1-4

(Pew Bible p. 1490)

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE ***Presented by the Children and Youth of GUMC***

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

It's Christmas Time All Over the World

Hugh Martin

Brielle Doherty, Izzy Janke, Parleen Macwan, Keira Read, Children's Choir, Jan Hutchins (piano)

CHRISTMAS AND SEASHELLS

Little Drummer Boy

Kennicott Davis, arr. by Spencer Peterson

Izzy Janke and Jack Quinones, guitar; Tom Hutchins, bass; and Drum Circle (Edie Cummings, Trevor Cummings, Jayden DeBaker, Parleen Macwan and Spencer Peterson)

A PERUVIAN CHRISTMAS

Cholito Jesus

Los Toribianitos

Beth Peterson, flute; Spencer Peterson, cajon; Jack Quinones, guitar

SAILING TO GREECE

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In
Children's Choir; Jan Hutchins, piano

lyrics by William Sandys

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

O Tannenbaum

Ernst Anschutz

Brielle Doherty, Izzy Janke, Parleen Macwan, Keira Read, Robin Woitesek; Jan Hutchins, piano

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER

Carol of the Bells - Children's Chime Choir

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE

*Hymn

The First Noel

245 (large blue hymnal)

*GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

(Pew Bible p. 1590)

THE NATIVITY

Away in the Manger
Children's Choir; Jan Hutchins, piano

PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF GIFTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

234, vs. 1-3, 6 (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

It's Christmas Time All Over the World

Hugh Martin

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

USHER: Curtis Corbige

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jan Hutchins, Maddie Peterson, Spencer Peterson and Robin Woitesek for working with the Sunday school children and youth and to Susanne Rudolph and Taylor Woitesek for working with our youngest friends. Special thank you to Jan Hutchins, Tom Hutchins, Spencer Peterson and Jack Quinones for sharing their musical talents with us today.

MOST OF ALL - Thank you to the parents who bring their children to church each Sunday and to our children and youth who continue to be willing participants. We wouldn't be without you! You all make GUMC a better place to be!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Lily Amrhein, Molly Amrhein, Jayden DeBaker, Edie Cummings, Owen Cummings, Trevor Cummings, Brielle Doherty, Emma Granzow, Ryan Granzow, Ruby Isaac, Jaxson Janke, Izzy Janke, Parleen Macwan, Maggie McCarron, Keira Read, Nolan Tagtmeier, Colten Tagtmeier, Mason Tagtmeier, Isobel Underwood.

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall provided by the Read and Doherty Families.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

is given by Sharlene Willoughby in memory of her father and mother, Gilbert and Erica.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

to our Community Candlelight Christmas Service held at the Schram Chapel, 1799 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. Start out the Christmas season with this beautiful, inspiring service with our choir.

LAST CHANCE TO USE THE ENCLOSED INSERT TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FOR THE CHURCH!

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR WILL PERFORM THEIR "LESSONS AND CAROLS" FOR US

on Sunday, Dec. 15 starting at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary.

YOU MAY SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

by signing the Congregational Christmas Card which will be a part of the January Visitor that will be mailed on Dec. 23. This card is sponsored by our GUMYouth and any donation you choose to give will be given to them.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BAKE YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES

to help make this sale the success it always has been. Make 3-4 doz. of your best, nicest Christmas cookies (you can include nuts but just label as such). Bring them to the kitchen on Sunday morning, 12/15. This has been a favorite event that is coordinated by our Women In Faith.

WE ARE AGAIN HAVING OUR ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

on Sunday, Dec. 15 right after worship. A box of homemade cookies will be \$10.

ADVENT EVENING VESPER SERVICE VIA ZOOM

will be held on Monday evenings, 12/9, 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor Eun-Hye so you can get on her link for this program. If you need an Advent candleholder, Pastor has some you can use.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY! YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

UPPER ROOM for Jan/Feb 2025 are available

(both regular and large print) on the literature rack in the narthex and by the church office.

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, horray!

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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