



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" in the back for children to use during worship.

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 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Breath of Heaven
Kathy Sawicz, soloist

Grant

WELCOME

*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Loving and faithful God, as we draw near to Christmas, quiet our hearts and open our spirits. In this season of waiting, you come not with force or spectacle, but in love made flesh, in promise carried in a willing heart. Prepare us to receive Christ among us, to bear your love into our homes and communities, and to rejoice in the nearness of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

*CAROL *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 240 (large blue book)

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Katie Cawley, Sharlene Willoughby
Response *Light the Advent Candle* 2090, vs. 4 (small black book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson
(sung as the children come forward and leave for Sunday school)
Response *Thank You, Jesus* 2081 (small black book)
(Children PreK-K, room 10c; 1st - 5th, room 10b, may leave for Sunday school.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALTER *Psalm 24* 212, res. 1 (large blue book)
David Kleckner, cantor

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 11:1-10* (Pew Bible p. 1076)

ANTHEM *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Kirby Shaw

*GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12* (Pew Bible p. 1497)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 230 (large blue book)

SERMON *God's Scandalous Love* 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.

*CAROL *That Boy-Child of Mary* 241 (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 Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Please return your pledge card for 2026.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Adeste Fideles

Paul Fey

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

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**USHER: Sandy Vanderburg**

**LAY READER: Sarane Siewerth**

*Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship in the social hall.*

*We follow the United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries guidelines as part of our child protection policy.*

*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**

***JOIN US FOR OUR  
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 4:00 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY!***

### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

are available for pick up in the church office for those who want them. Just call the office to make arrangements.

### **JANUARY 2026 BOOK CLUB**

On Tuesday, January 6, at 7 pm, in the parlor we will be discussing "A History of Burning" by Janika Oza.

### **MITTEN & MORE TREE - only two more weeks to deck our tree**

which is grateful for what has been given so far...the many warm, cozy and sturdy clothes you have draped over its branches, deposited in the ribbon bedecked boxes and arrayed like a swirling skirt around its buckety-base. This past week we were able to fill two huge "garbage bags" with warm clothes which were delivered to Care for Real for their clients who are all facing very challenging times. Soon we will be making a delivery to our sister church, Olivet UMC, for their own neighborhood warming ministry. Keep the gifts coming from now through Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 4. And even if you brought nothing to give today, please serenade the tree with a hip, hip, hooray!

### **VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES**

Care for Real, 5840 N. Broadway, Chicago helps distribute food to the poor. GUMC goes on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, carpooling from here at 7:30 am, back by 1:30 pm. If interested, contact Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0361. Care for Real has many other volunteer needs most days at this Chicago location and Thursdays in Roger's Park. Go to the Care for Real website to learn how you can serve.

### **SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

If you would like to provide treats and juice after worship on a Sunday, please call the church office or sign up on the "Coffee Fellowship" chart in the social hall and schedule a Sunday. The coffee will be made, and the tables will be out in the social hall. Fellowship helps us to know one another better, make connections.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We invite the congregation to commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or a child's special achievement by hosting the altar flowers on Sunday. On your flower Sunday, a note commemorating your event will be published in the Sunday Bulletin. There is a small fee of \$50 for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service. Call the church office to reserve your Sunday or sign up on the Altar Flower Chart in the social hall.

### **MEN'S GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS**

All men are invited to the Men's Group of GUMC every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in the parlor. We are discussing The Bible Project. Please join us! Questions, contact Pastor Chris at [crispwalters@gmail.com](mailto:crispwalters@gmail.com).

### **ADULT STUDY - WINTER SERMON SERIES: GENESIS FOR US**

Pastor Eun-Hye will again begin her new Adult Study on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10 am in the choir room. Come be a part of this discussion group on "Genesis is our origin story as a people of God ...".

### **FOOD PANTRIES ARE RUNNING VERY LOW!**

Please help by donating bottles of 100% juice, juice boxes, vegetable oil, tea bags, Spam, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **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.

**SAVE THE DATE - Jan. 19, 2026 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteer Day**  
Here is link to sign up: <https://glenviewumc.org/current-events/mlkdayofservice/>

### **THIS WEEK: December 21- December 28, 2025**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
**Monday:** 7 pm Advent Devotional meeting, pastor's office  
**Wednesday:** **Christmas Eve**  
**4 pm Christmas Eve service, sanctuary**  
**Thursday:** **Christmas Day**  
**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

**Next Sunday:** First Sunday after Christmas  
10 am Worship  
11 am Fellowship, social hall  
12:30 pm Eve Circle, luncheon off site

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