



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

Chip Davis

WELCOME

***PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you!**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious God, on this second Sunday of Advent, we come with longing hearts, seeking the peace that only you can give. Please shine your calm into our restless world-- into places of conflict, into anxious minds, and into every waiting heart gathered here. By your Spirit, gather us into your promise once more. Open our ears to your word, our hands to your service, and our lives to the coming of Christ--the Prince of Peace. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

196 (large blue book)

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Response

Light the Advent Candle

Peter and Trevor Cummings

2090, vs. 2 (small black book)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PROGRAM

Mary, Did You Know?

Scene 1

The Annunciation

Song

Silent Night

Keira Read, saxophone; Brielle Doherty, trumpet; Ryan Granzow, cello;
Maeve Doherty, liturgical dance

Scene 2

Joseph's Dream

*GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-21

*HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

218 (large blue book)

Scene 3

The Journey to Bethlehem

Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Ryan Granzow, cello

Scene 4

Jesus' Birth

Song

Mary, Did You Know?

Brielle Doherty, Keira Read - duet

Scene 5

The Shepherds

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Children's Chime Choir

Scene 6

The Wise Men

Song

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings

Keira Read, Brielle Doherty, Izzy Janke, Maeve Doherty - Girls Chorus
Tom Hutchins, guitar; Jack Sundstrom, bass; Spencer Peterson, percussion

Finale

The Message of Christmas

Presentation of "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" gifts

*HYMN

Joy to the World

246, vs. 1 & 4 (large blue book)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

*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.*

Invitation/Confession/Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

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 the Cup

Music

Prayer after Sharing

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

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol

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

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**USHER: Steve Ellis**

**PIANIST: Jan Hutchins**

*Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship in the social hall provided by Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters.*

*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.*

*Please note that next Sunday, 12/14, our service will begin at 9:45 am - come early to enjoy the music.*

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

is given by Sharlene Willoughby in memory of Alva, Dorothy and Erica.

**WE NEED HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKERS!**

We need all church members to bake cookies, cookie bars, even candy for this sale (just label "nuts", "no nuts", "gluten free"). You may drop off your baked goods in the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 12-3 pm or early Sunday morning, Dec. 14, the day of the sale.

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

are available for pick up in the church office for those who want them.

**THE ANNUAL COOKIE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14!**

Come purchase your box or more of home-made cookies for just \$10 each. This sale benefits our Women In Faith.

### ADVENT DEVOTION MEETINGS!

Pastor Eun-Hye will have an Advent Devotion Meeting in her office on Monday evenings, beginning Dec. 1, at 7 pm and again on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in person and online (no meeting on 12/10). We will be using the book "An Unlikely Advent", by Rachel Billups.

### 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 Advent through Epiphany Sunday (January 4<sup>th</sup>) the Tree will be receiving your donations for our sister church Olivet UMC's neighborhood warming ministry and for Care for Read's clients, many of whom are recent migrants to our chilly winter climate and all of whom are facing very challenging times. 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!

### JANUARY BOOK CLUB

will be reading "A History of Burning" by Janika Oza. Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 pm in the parlor.

### 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 7 - December 14, 2025**

- Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?* gifts are due in the parlor by 10 am
- Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11 am Sign the Congregational Christmas Card sponsored by our youth
- Monday:** 7 pm Eve Circle, parlor  
7 pm Advent Devotions, pastor's office
- Tuesday:** 9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office  
9:30 Mission and Service, choir room  
11 am Ruth Circle, home of Meg Pyterek  
7 pm Trustees, parlor
- Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's group, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room
- Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor  
12-3 pm drop off your cookies for Cookie Sale, kitchen
- Next Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent  
**9:45 am** "Lessons and Carols" Music Worship and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11 am Last chance to sign the Congregational Christmas Card sponsored by our youth  
11 am Cookie Sale, kitchen window  
5 pm Confirmation, social hall

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