



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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Variations on the Canon by Pachelbel

arr. George Winston

WELCOME

***PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you!**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

God of incarnation, we come to worship in the quiet days after Christmas, when the songs linger, the lights still glow, and the mystery of your love continues to unfold. As we stand between what has been and what is yet to come, remind us that Emmanuel is not confined to a single day, but walks with us into every ordinary moment. Shape us by your love, send us forth in your peace, and make our lives a living response to the grace we have received. Amen.

*CAROL *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 224 (large blue book)
TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson
(sung as the children come forward)
Response *Thank You, Jesus* 2081 (small black book)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLOIST Barb Galarza
*GOSPEL *Luke 2:25-51* (Pew Bible p. 1591)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CAROL *What Child Is This* 219 (large blue book)
SERMON *Fulfilled Dreams* 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 384 (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 *Auld Lang Syne* composer - Robert Burns

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

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**USHER: Chris Walters**

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

*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**

### **THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

is given by Katie Cawley in celebration of her mother, JoAnn Minear's birthday in December.

### **MITTEN AND MORE TREE**

DON'T FORGET: The Mitten & More Tree is still in the back of the sanctuary. Its boughs started out in bare limbed chic, with hope that you'd fill them week after week...and YOU did and did and did! But the Tree can still take more and there is one more week of Christmastide. Next week, on Epiphany Sunday, the tree will gladly receive any last-minute gift ideas...how about adding that impulse purchase of an "ugly" holiday sweater or re-gifting those GIANT socks from Uncle Clarence? If they are warming, they will be sure to please someone being served by our sister church, Olivet UMC's Warming Ministry or by a client at Care for Real.

### **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.

### **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.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 11 AM IN THE PARLOR**

This ministry provides handmade prayer shawls to members of the congregation and their loved ones as a reminder of God's love. God has shown us the importance of our mission through the smiles and thanks of the grateful recipients. All are welcome to join our monthly group, or if you prefer, a prayer shawl may be made at home and donated to the mission. Questions, contact Donna Kwiatkowski.

### **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE WEEKENDS:**

On the weekends (Friday - Sunday evening) and holidays our church office is closed, and the phone messages are not retrieved until Monday. For emergencies, please contact our pastor, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org), or at: 847-525-7261.

### **PASTORAL CARE FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregant's family (with their permission). We need your help in order to offer ours. Pastor Eun-Hye: [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org); [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org); 847-729-1015.

### **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 [chriswalters@gmail.com](mailto:chriswalters@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 28 - January 4, 2026**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall

**Thursday:** **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Next Sunday:** Second Sunday after Christmas  
10 am Worship, Communion and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall

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