



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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Joy to the World

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WELCOME

***PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you!**

(Children PreK-K, room 10c; 1st - 5th, room 10b, may leave for Sunday school.)

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious God of beginnings and endings, we gather at the threshold of a new year, grateful for the days that have shaped us and trusting you with the days yet to come. You have been our dwelling place in every season--in joy and in sorrow, in certainty and in doubt. As we step into this new year, turn our hearts again toward you. Renew our spirits, heal what is weary within us, and open us to the fresh work of your Holy Spirit. Teach us to number our days with wisdom, to walk humbly with you, and to live faithfully in the way of

Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 224 (large blue book)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 1:1-5 & 2:1-9*

ANTHEM *Hallelujah*

*GOSPEL *John 1:1-5* (Pew Bible p. 1645)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN *Be Still, My Soul*
Be still, my soul: creation rests in peace;
God's work complete, this holy day is blessed.
The earth and skies proclaim the work now ceased,
A garden formed by love and gentle rest.
Here life is given, good and pleasing sight;
Be still, my soul: the world is held in light.

SERMON *Out of Chaos* Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 12 (large blue book)

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/Assurance

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 *Blessed Assurance*

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN *There's a Song in the Air* 249 (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 Care for Real.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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

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## USHER: Steve Ellis

*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**

### **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.

### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

are available for pick up in the church office for those who want them. Just call and we'll make arrangements.

### **WEDNESDAY ADULT STUDY - GENESIS FOR US**

Pastor Eun-Hye will again begin her new Adult Study on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7 at 10 am in the choir room. Let the office know if you'd like a link for a Zoom class or if you have questions. Come be a part of this discussion group on "Genesis is our origin story as a people of God ...". 1/7 - Perfect God and Imperfect World (Genesis 1 - 5)

### **SAVE THE DATE - Jan. 19, 2026 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteer Day**

We will partner with First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights (FUMCAH) on 1/19. Anyone in the community is welcome to join us! We'll have a number of family-friendly projects at FUMCAH, 1903 E. Euclid, Arlington Heights, from 10 to 11:30 am including things such as making Linus Blankets, UMCOR health kits, dog biscuits and more! Also, off-site activities are available at Feed My Starving Children both in Schaumburg 9-11 am and Libertyville, 9-10:45 am, as well as Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff, 1-3 pm. Hope you'll consider making the 19<sup>th</sup> a "Day on, versus a day off"! If you have questions, feel free to contact Ethel Doyle, [lareth@aol.com](mailto:lareth@aol.com) or Sharon Noha, [snoha123@gmail.com](mailto:snoha123@gmail.com).

### **LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES**

during January, February and March will go to **Care For Real**. This group is helping their neighbors in Edgewater and Roger's Park. They provide food, clothing, referrals and additional needed services. They do this with compassion to improve the wellbeing and health of the low income residents. They depend on 950 volunteers to help distribute food 5 days a week to those who are facing food insecurity. Care for Real is fostering a healthier, more equitable and stronger community.

### **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 [chrispwalters@gmail.com](mailto:chrispwalters@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **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:**

**January 4 - January 11, 2026**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office  
11 am Prayer Shawl group, parlor  
7 pm Book Club, parlor  
**Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's group, choir room  
10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room  
**Next Sunday:** 10 am Worship and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11:15 am Rainbow Team, pastor's office  
11:15 am Finance Committee, parlor  
4:30 pm Confirmation, social hall

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