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***We are a Reconciling Congregation!***

***Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!***

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**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.

***LESSONS AND CAROLS  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

**December 14, 2025**

**9:45 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Walking in the Air*  
Izzy Janke, soloist

WELCOME

\*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**O God, the eternal source of birth and new life, help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Smooth out our roughness when it hurts ourselves or others. Lift up the hidden parts of ourselves -- the talents, the visions, the tenderness -- so that your love may be seen and your glory revealed among us joyously. As this season unfolds help us, like Mary, your servant, to rejoice in your surprising love. Amen.**

\*CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* 250 (large blue book)  
v. 1 - solo; vs. 2-4 - congregation

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Response *Light the Advent Candle* Susanne Rudolph and Robin Woitesek  
2090, vs. 3 (small black book)

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

BIDDING PRAYER

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.*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FIRST LESSON *In the Beginning*  
*Ding Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Mack Wilberg

SECOND LESSON *The Early Call to Be a Blessing*

\*CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211, vs. 1 & 4 (large blue book)

THIRD LESSON *Promise of a Messiah's Reign*  
*O Magnum Mysterium* Victoria

FOURTH LESSON *The Light of God Breaks Through*  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Bell Choir

FIFTH LESSON *The Response of Mary*  
*Wexford Carol* Traditional Irish Carol  
Vocal/Violin

*In the quiet of that holy night, as the world held its breath, the promise of peace drew near.  
We continue in that stillness as we listen and prepare our hearts.*

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*  
Brass Ensemble

SIXTH LESSON	<i>The Response of Joseph</i>	
*CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	234 (large blue book)
SEVENTH LESSON	<i>The Humble Birth</i> <i>We Three Kings</i>	arr. Rutter
EIGHTH LESSON	<i>The Wise Men Brought Gifts</i>	
*CAROL	<i>What Child Is This</i>	219 (large blue book)
NINTH LESSON	<i>Christ's Salvation for the World</i> <i>Joy to the World</i>	Rutter

### 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 (all sing)	<i>Joy to the World</i>	246 (large blue book)
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*\*congregation is invited to stand if it is comfortable to do so*

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**USHER: Curtis Corbige**

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Cindy Applebee**

**ACCOMPANISTS: Jan Hutchins, Beth Peterson**

**READERS: Peter Cummings, Beth DeBaker, Jason DeBaker, Linda Duback,  
Donna Kwiatkowski, Bob Tharp**

**PERFORMERS: Tom Hutchins, Praneeth Madoori, Ian Martinez, Sebastian Martinez, Natalie  
Mustea, Mike Priller, Charlie Rossi, Ariana Venecia, Carmen Vizin**

**BELL CHOIR: Lishan Rosen, Tom and Jan Hutchins, Maddie Peterson, Beth Peterson, Keira  
Read, Melissa Read, Ben Parker, Lindsay Kleckner, Kay Harr, Ryan Granzow, Spencer  
Peterson (Director)**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR: Diana Berger, Ashly Chacko, Scott Daniels, Barb Galarza, Kay Harr, Tom  
Hutchins, Dave Kleckner, Lindsay Kleckner, Lauren Locke, David McNulty, Becky Netherland,  
Joanne Richter, Kathy Sawicz, David Slaght, Kent Smith, Kyle Smith**

*Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship in the social hall provided by Holly and Ed Porrett.*

*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**

**COMMUNITY SCHRAM CHAPEL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM,  
1799 PATRIOT BLVD.**

### **AND OUR**

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

### **THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

is given by Bruce and Sarane Siewerth in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **THE ANNUAL COOKIE SALE IS TODAY!**

Stop by the kitchen window after worship to purchase a box of Christmas cookies for \$10 per box and this benefits our Women In Faith.

### **LAST CHANCE TO 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. 18. This card is sponsored by our GUMYouth and any donation you choose to give will be given to them.

### **DO YOU HAVE LANTERNS WE COULD BORROW?**

This year's theme for our Schram Chapel service is "Carrying a Lantern". We would like to borrow lanterns of different sizes and shapes to display in the chapel. You can bring them to the church office by **Tuesday, 12/16** or **drop them off at Pastor Eun-Hye's home.**

### **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.

### **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 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 OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

## **LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATE WILL GO TO MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

MMDC is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of helping people in need. Since their beginning everything is done with donations from individuals, churches, groups, and with volunteer labor. It has donated disaster relief to at least 21 states and 29 countries. Besides the food and dignity kits which we assembled at our church, MMDC sends disaster relief kits, hospital supplies, bikes, sewing machines, and many other needed items. They are working to meet basic needs locally and around the world.

## **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.

## **HOW TO STAY CONNECTED TO GUMC!**

- The monthly **Visitor**: A once-a-month publication that outlines the entire month of offerings at GUMC. Please call or email the church office with your address.
- **Connections**: An electronic news brief delivered directly to your email each Thursday morning. It includes the week's events, urgent prayer requests, photos of our church family in ministry, and losses in our church family. Visit [www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org) to sign up with our secure server or email the church office.
- **Facebook**: Status updates that are happening at GUMC. Photos, press releases and reminders. Find and "like" our page on Facebook under "Glenview United Methodist Church".

## **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.

## **YOUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

\*If you need a listening ear, please reach out to Pastor Eun-Hye at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org).

\*To speak with someone anytime, call 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available 24 hours.

\*In the Glenview area, the Family Service Center (FSC), located at 191 Waukegan Road is a place to turn. FSC provides high-quality therapeutic counseling for individuals and families, with expanded services to include clients within a wide range of ages, from preschoolers to older adults. Most insurance plans are accepted and fees are based on a subsidized fee scale. Call 847-251-7350 or visit [familyservicecenter.org](http://familyservicecenter.org).

### **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).

### **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.

### **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**

#### **THIS WEEK: December 14 - December 21, 2025**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11 am Cookie Sale, kitchen window  
5 pm Confirmation, social hall

**Monday:** January Visitor article deadline  
7 pm Advent Devotional meeting, pastor's office

**Tuesday:** 9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office

**Wednesday:** Trip to Care for Real  
7:30 am Men's group, choir room  
10 am Advent Devotional meeting, pastor's office  
7 pm Community Candlelight Service at Schram Chapel, 1799 Patriot Blvd.

**Thursday:** Mail January Visitor

**Friday:** 5 pm GUMYouth Christmas Party, parlor

**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

**Next Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10 am Worship and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall

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