



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 AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Bach
(*I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ*)

INTROIT *Gospel of Grace* arr. Hayes
Lindsay Kleckner

WELCOME

*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Faithful and gracious God, you are the One who calls us by name and walks with us on the path of trust. As you tested Abraham and revealed your faithfulness, you meet us today in our questions, our fears, and our hopes. We confess that we often cling tightly to what we love and fear to surrender control. Open our hearts to trust you more deeply. Teach us to listen for your voice, to walk in obedience shaped by love, and to believe that you desire not sacrifice for its own sake, but faithful hearts grounded in your promise. Receive

**our worship, our prayers, and our lives, for we offer them to you with gratitude and hope.
Amen.**

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 400 (large blue book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson
(sung as the children come forward and leave for Sunday school)

Response *Halle, Halle, Halleluja* 2026 (small black book)
(Children PreK-K, room 10c; 1st - 5th, room 10b, may leave for Sunday school.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 22:1-19* (Pew Bible p. 31)

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey

*GOSPEL *Matthew 10:37-42* (Pew Bible p. 1512)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN *Be Still My Soul*
*Be still, my soul: God calls you by your name,
And speaks a promise older than your years.
From dust and doubt, God forms a faithful claim,
And walks beside you through your hopes and fears.
Be still, my soul: the covenant stands sure;
God's steadfast love forever shall endure.*

SERMON *Whose Test Is It?* 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.

*HYMN *To God Be the Glory* 98 (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

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

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## USHER: Chris Walters

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

*Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship in the social hall provided by Mary Circle.*

*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 ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

is given by Joy Forman in loving memory of her twin sister, Marlene Wannamaker, who passed away on December 29, 2025.

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

GUMC is partnering with FUMCArlington Heights who is hosting a service day on Monday, Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. There will be a number of family-friendly projects at FUMCAH, 1903 E. Euclid, Arlington Heights, from 10 - 11:30 am including things such as making Linus Blankets, UMCOR health kits, dog biscuits, and more, plus writing advocacy letters to legislators and cards and notes to folks in the LGBTQ+ community as part of a Pinta Pride Project. 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. 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).

### **WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY IS JANUARY 25, 2026.**

Our Rev. Marilyn Robb will be the preacher for that day. Come celebrate the women in our church.

### **GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AFTER WORSHIP!**

**If you have a favorite family chili recipe you want to enter into the competition, see Beth or Greg Peterson right away.**

**If you just love to eat chili, come join the fun after worship on Jan. 25. For just \$10 (this is a fundraiser for our youth), you can taste each chili and vote on "Most Original, Best Overall, Hottest and Best Presentation".**

**It is a delicious way to help our youth.**

### **UPPER ROOM FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026**

is available (both regular and large print) on the literature rack in the narthex and by the church office.

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

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.

## BOOK CLUB

will be discussing "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 pm in the parlor.

## WEDNESDAY ADULT STUDY - GENESIS FOR US

Pastor Eun-Hye has her Adult Study on Wednesdays 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 ...". 1/21 - (Genesis 12-22)

## 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.

## 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 18 - January 25, 2026**

- Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
10 am MLK Service Day - see above  
7 pm Finance Committee via Zoom
- Tuesday:** 9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office  
7 pm Coordinating Council via Zoom
- Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's group, choir room  
10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room
- Friday:** 5:30 pm Youth visit Temple Beth El
- Next Sunday:** Women In Faith Sunday  
10 am Worship with Rev. Marilyn Robb preaching and Sunday school  
11 am Annual Chili Cook Off, social hall

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