



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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WELCOME

***PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you!**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Faithful God, we come into this new week and this new year seeking your light and your guidance. You have called us by name and claimed us as your own, and in your presence, we find both comfort and purpose. As we worship today, open our hearts to your Word, renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit, and shape us for lives that reflect your grace. Help us listen for your voice, follow where Christ leads, and live as signs of your love in the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

189 (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 11:1-9, 27-32

(Pew Bible p. 15)

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

*GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

(Pew Bible p. 1647)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN

Be Still My Soul

*Be still, my soul: when human voices rise,
When restless hearts reach upward, loud and strong;
God meets our striving with a patient grace,
And draws our fear into a wiser song.
Beyond our plans, God's purposes unfold;
Be still, my soul: trust love to lead you home.*

SERMON

Going Up or Coming Down?

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

We Are Called

2172 (small black 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: Sandy Vanderburg**

**LAY READER: Brooke McCarron**

*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**

### **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 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 ...". 1/14 - How Evil Works (Genesis 6 - 11)

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

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).

### **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**

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.

### **BOOK CLUB**

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

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

### **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.

#### **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 11 - January 18, 2026**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11:15 am Rainbow Team, parlor  
4 pm Confirmation, social hall

**Monday:** 7 pm Eve Circle, parlor

**Tuesday:** 9 am Mission and Service Committee, choir room  
9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office  
10 am Ruth Circle, parlor

**Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's group, choir room  
10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

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

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