

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Veteran's Day Sunday
November 10, 2024



The Widow's Mite, Anonymous, North Cameroon, 1973

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship today. We are blessed to have you with us and look forward to greeting you after worship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children ages 4 years-6th grade start in the sanctuary with their families and then proceed to the Godly Play classroom (Room 9) for the lesson. Following the church service, families pick up their children up from Godly Play. For the little ones, ages birth-3 years, child care is available in room 107 during the church service.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Glenview Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, accepting all who believe in God without regard to race, color, age, marital status, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical ability. It is also a W.I.S.E. church of the United Church of Christ - welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged with respect to persons facing mental health challenges, their families, and their caregivers.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

There are large print bulletins available each Sunday. If you need one, ask an usher.

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for your use. They are located in the Narthex. If you need assistance in locating them, please see an usher who will be able to assist you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers	Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Rev. Abigail Lutz
Organist	Gary Wendt
Chancel Choir	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Lector	Sheryl Long
Musician	Sue Cunningham, flute
Ambassadors	Meredith Morgan, Tom Thuresson
Head Usher	Brian Tidwell
Ushers	Linda Pedian, Barbara Pollak, Susan Tidwell, Kathy Tomita
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Steve Gale

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Susan Johns

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GATHER

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Women's Association

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Aaron David Miller

*HYMN #792 *There Is a Balm In Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All: We come together to worship the God who is hope.

One: When it is tempting to feel despair,

All: we choose to celebrate.

One: When we feel nervous or anxious,

All: even then we can have hope.

One: When we feel there is not enough time to get it all done,

All: we choose to rest.

One: When it is tempting to feel there is not enough to share,

All: we choose to be generous.

One: When all hope seems lost,

All: we cling to the God who is hope.

*HYMN #701 *Lord, Prepare Me* BUNESSAN

All: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY *Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974)*

One: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the common good:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

***HYMN #337** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*
vv. 1, 4

AMERICA

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Please rise as able and greet one another in whatever way you are comfortable and share God's peace.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

All: You are welcome here.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

Children are welcome to come forward to the altar steps for a children's message, then are dismissed to church school.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:38-44

ANTHEM *O Taste and See*
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Ralph Vaughan Williams

SERMON *Offering an Abundance*

Rev. Abigail Lutz

***HYMN #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

RESPOND

***CALL TO PRAYER**

One: God welcomes our prayers and petitions. We are invited to bring our whole selves to God in prayer, lifting both our joys and our concerns. We gather now to pray to the God of hope.

All: Let us pray to the God of hope.

THE COLLECT FOR LIBERTY *Book of Common Prayer (1979)*

All: Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE *God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies

To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home;
God bless America, my home sweet home.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 #701** *Lord, Prepare Me*

BUNESSAN

All: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO OFFERING

All: Let us give joyfully now to the work of the church as it seeks to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and care for the widow.

One: Let us not only give from the abundance we have, but let us offer our whole selves; offering up the abundance that we are.

OFFERING IN MUSIC *Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Paul Christiansen

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever,
From the Lord His children sever,
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Though He giveth, or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN (see insert)** *Our Call*

Paul Leddington Wright

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

Our Call

Words and music
Paul Leddington Wright

Gently ♩ = 100

1. Where

5

two or three are ga - thered with our God for prayer and praise, the
kind to one a - no - ther, show - ing love in e - very way, to
pray for peace and jus - tice in a world so hurt and torn, the
faith and strength to - ge - ther, build - ing God's com - mu - ni - ty, we
ri - sen Christ, our tea - cher, shows his ca - ring, lo - ving heart, we

9

u - ni - ty that's found through love will streng - then and a - maze.
help our Chris - tian fa - mi - ly grow clo - ser e - very day. *Feed the*
Christ died hur - ting and in pain so we could be re - born.
give our lives for o - thers now with deep hu - mi - li - ty.
fol - low his di - rec - tion as his earth - ly coun - ter - part.

13

hun - gry, clothe the poor, keep the chil - dren safe and sure, shel-ter

This system contains measures 13 through 16. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "hun - gry, clothe the poor, keep the chil - dren safe and sure, shel-ter".

17

home less, car - ing more for_ all God's peo - ple here_ on

This system contains measures 17 through 20. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The key signature has two sharps. The lyrics are: "home less, car - ing more for_ all God's peo - ple here_ on".

21

Fine

earth.

2. Be_
3. We_
4. With_
5. The_

This system contains measures 21 through 24. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The key signature has two sharps. The lyrics are: "earth.". To the right of the vocal line, there are five numbered options: "2. Be_", "3. We_", "4. With_", and "5. The_".



You are invited to Glenview
Community Church's

Womens

Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 6th

6:00-9:00 PM

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
COMMONS

*Fellowship, refreshments, and
celebrating the Christmas season!*

*RSVP to abigail.lutz@gccucc.org by
December 1st*

*\$10 suggested donation at the door.
Festive attire encouraged!*

***This event is sponsored by the GCC
Women's Association***



UPCOMING EVENTS

Directory Photos after Service!

Breeze is our new Church Management System. As church members you can access an online photo directory, update your own contact information, view the churches full calendar, and more! While you can upload your own photos to breeze, Pastor Abigail will be taking family or individual photos after service to help populate our online church directory.

November 11

The November Amos Speakers Forum, "Emergency Preparedness in an Age of Perpetual Uncertainty," will take place not on its usual Wednesday but instead on Monday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Commons. Our featured speaker will be Jill Ramaker, nationally known executive director of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy located right here in Glenview. Remember this one-time and date change!

November 16

Family Fall Festival

Join us! Fall games and crafts for all ages from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pizza lunch will be served.

November 23

Feed My Starving Children

On Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. please join us as we help feed children around the world. To join the GCC group at this event go to fmsc.org and click on Volunteer. The Join Code is: 6BZPWM, or you can scan the code here.

Generosity Campaign: Share Abundantly!

Thank you for turning in your 2025 pledge! We have collected 126 pledges for a total of \$438,963.00! Thank you for being a part of the abundance we have to celebrate!

Electronic Giving

Didn't bring your cash? No more checks? No problem! Scan the QR code to be directed to the GCC giving web page where you can make a donation directly from your phone. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!



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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Glenview Community Church is a Christian community of acceptance and welcome for all God's people. We strive to make our buildings and grounds a place of sanctuary and safety for each person who comes here. Our church community is:

Inspired by Christ,
Enriched by Faith,
Committed to Inclusivity.

We serve God as advocates for Justice, Compassion, and Peace.