

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 24, 2024



Christ enthroned, Book of Kells, c. 800 AD, Iona, Scotland and Kells, Ireland

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
Musicians	Joyful Ringers; Kevin Kizer, saxophone
Lector	Bryan Eckelman
Ambassadors	Ginny Hotaling, Holly Little
Head Usher	-
Ushers	Ann Grant, Sally Thuresson, Tom Thuresson, Greg Uhl, Jennifer Vanderflute
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Lindsey Holton

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Susan Johns

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GATHER

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her musical parents, Joan and Virgil Simon, by Leslie Simon

PRELUDE *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* arr. Michael Helman

***HYMN #367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 24:7-10 (KJV)*

One: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Many: **Who is this King of glory?**

One: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Many: **Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

One: Who is this King of glory?

All: **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

***SUNG RESPONSE** ANTIOCH

Christ rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love.

***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

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS *Scott and Stacy Stiles*

All children may come forward to the altar to participate and welcome the new members.

Presentation of New Members

Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: **I believe in God.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Questions to the Candidates

Words of Welcome and Presentation of Gifts

One: Let us, the members of Glenview Community Church express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-33

ANTHEM *We Thank You Lord*

arr. Lloyd Larson

We thank You, Lord, and worship You with gladness;
We praise Your name and lift our hearts in song,
For You are good, Your love endures forever,
Your faithfulness continues all day long.
You've lavished us with every spiritual blessing.
We thank You, Lord, and praise You now in song.

We thank You, Lord, for everyday provisions,
For daily food, clothes, and shelter, too.
For health, strength, and grace for every trial,
For this free land where we can worship You.
You crown each day with Your abundant goodness.
We thank You, Lord, and lift our praise to You.

We thank You, Lord, for giving us salvation.
You sent Your son that we might be forgiven.
Far as the east from west, our sins are vanquished
Now justified, we're citizens of heaven.
You've sealed us with Your promised Holy spirit;
We thank You, Lord, for love so freely given. Amen.

SERMON *True religion is trust*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

*HYMN #612 *We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Let us pray.

THANKSGIVING LITANY *Rev. O. Eugene Pickett (1925-2020), Unitarian Universalist Minister*

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE *Hymn #299*

LIVING GOD

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach (arr. Bryceson Treharne)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Gary Lanier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Offering

Today's Thanksgiving offering will go to **A Just Harvest**. You can contribute online or by putting money in the Thanksgiving envelopes.

Poinsettia Order Forms

Christmas is just around the corner! Poinsettia order forms are in the Commons and Narthex. Fill one out before December 15 and turn it in to the office.

November 26

Glenview Clergy Association Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: Join with others in the Glenview Community as "We Give Thanks!", at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

December 2

Advent Rest: Join Rev. Abigail for a four week Advent small group series on Monday nights at 7 p.m., starting December 2, filled with plenty of opportunities to rest!

December 4

Amos Speaker's Forum: "'Tis the Season: Music of the Angels," with Sue Cunningham, flute; Linda Fisher, harp; Kathryn Hughes, violin; and Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak, soprano

December 6

Women's Christmas Celebration: The women of GCC are welcome to join us for our Women's Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 6, in the Commons. \$10 suggested donation at the door. RSVP to abigail.lutz@gccucc.org by December 1.

December 8

On the Second Sunday of Advent Join us for Choral Advent Sunday, featuring special music from the Chancel Choir. Church School students will enjoy a Puppets Presentation by the GCC Puppeteers.

GCC is on Instagram! Follow our new instagram page to keep up to date with all things GCC!
[@glenviewcommunitychurch](https://www.instagram.com/glenviewcommunitychurch)

Generosity Campaign: Share Abundantly!

Thank you for turning in your 2025 pledge! We have collected 171 pledges for a total of \$609,408.00! 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.