

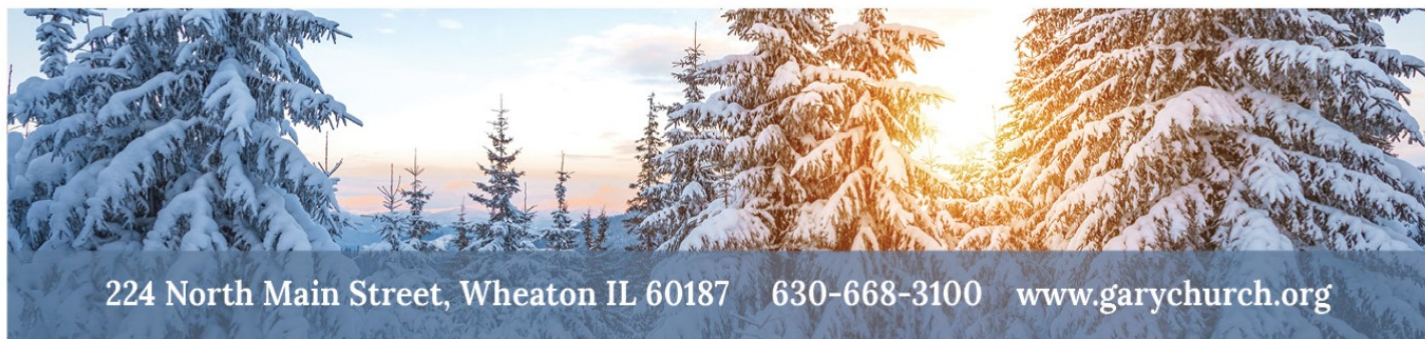


# Gary United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023, 9 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude	Holy, Holy, Holy hymn tune by John B. Dykes, arr. John Innes	Kevin Lange, organ
Welcome		Carey Williams Bebar
Hymn	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee stanzas 1, 3 and 4	<i>Hymnal 89</i>
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Readings	1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12	Pat McCluskey
Hymn	Open My Eyes, That I May See	<i>Hymnal 454</i>
Children's Time		
Sermon	"Blessed to Bless"	Pastor Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	Be Thou My Vision trad. Irish melody, arr. Linda R. Lamb	Altar Bells Phil Roberts, director
<i>Please consider making a gift online and/or by text-giving to 844-928-1220. Enter a dollar amount and the word "GARY." Checks may also be mailed to the church at the address below.</i>		
Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>Hymnal 94</i>
Hymn	O Church of God, United stanzas 1, 3 and 4	<i>Hymnal 547</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	Sortie (Psalm 71:16) Douglas E. Wagner	



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# Gary Church Announcements

## Stay Connected to the Gary Church Family

**Our sympathy to:** Mark, Janet, Anna and Jack Mathis on the death of Janet's uncle, William Flynn, on Jan. 22.

**Sunday morning, Jan. 29, 2023**

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Livestream and recorded worship are available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).
- **Altar flowers are given by:** Verla Jefferson in memory of her husband, Wayne Jefferson.
- **Nursery:** 8:50-11 a.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery (lower level).
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for ages Preschool 3s through adult.
- **Educate a Girl – A World of Opportunity:** 10 a.m. in the Chapel. Learn about the challenges, benefits and many ways to support the education of girls. The goal is to raise \$7,200 to continue scholarships for eight students in Kenya, Cambodia and Zimbabwe and to add a new scholarship for a Native American college student in Chicago. Donations can be made at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give).
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons. Volunteers needed for future weeks. Sign up at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).
- **Final Worship Talk:** 11 a.m. on Zoom, link available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). Worship Talk started as way to connect with each other and talk about our faith during the pandemic. For over two years, people met on Zoom to talk about the worship service. Join us today for this final Worship Talk.

**Submit Lenten Devotionals:** Please email your devotional before Fri., Feb. 3, to Janet Mathis ([jmathis@garychurch.org](mailto:jmathis@garychurch.org)).

**Gary Church to host district leadership training:** Sat., Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To learn more about the sessions and to register, go to <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-leadership-training>.

**In-person merger vote:** Sun., Feb. 5, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Gary members are invited to a special church conference with our district superintendent to vote on merging with Aldersgate UMC. Only members of Gary may vote, and the vote must be in person. If you're unable to attend, you may share your voice with the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)), and your comments will be read before the vote.

**Love your preschool:** Sun., Feb. 12, 10 a.m. in the Commons. Gary Preschool Board and staff will collect donations to replace faded puzzles and other materials in the preschool. As a thank you for your contribution, you will receive a preschooler-made card for Valentine's Day or just because! You can also donate at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give).

**Register for Blood Drive:** Wed., Feb. 15, 2-6 p.m. in the Commons. Every day, Versiti Blood Center of Illinois needs more than 540 blood products to meet hospital demand. What we collect will help people in our community. Register to give blood at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Help with Special Blend:** We're looking for people to help with set up, clean up and providing snacks. Select when you want to help or be a substitute when the regular hosts aren't available. You can sign up at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) or contact Larry Blackburn through the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org)).

**Flowers for the altar:** Many Sundays are available to provide flowers for the altar. If you'd like to give flowers, fill out the form on the registrations page at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org), or contact the Church Office. The cost of the flowers is \$35.

## Lectionary readings

- **This week's readings:** [Micah 6:1-8](#); [Psalm 15](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#) and [Matthew 5:1-12](#)
- **Next week's readings:** [Isaiah 58:1-9-12](#); [Psalm 112:1-10](#); [1 Corinthians 2:1-16](#) and [Matthew 5:13-20](#)

## Stay Connected to the Mission

**Fifth Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children:** Today, Sun., Jan. 29. We join with other United Methodist Churches in the NIL Conference to collect a special offering for UVC. Your gift will provide support for at-risk children, youth and families. You can also give through the Church Office or [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give).

**Save the date for FMSC:** Sat., Feb. 18 or Sun., Feb. 19 at North Central College. Watch the e-news for more information about this Feed My Starving Children mobile packing event.

**Donate meal "extras" to People's Resource Center:** We're collecting herbs, spices, Worcestershire, hot sauce, vanilla, baking soda, lemon juice—all those additions to cooking and baking that make the meal yummy. Please drop them off in the bin near the Sanctuary by Tues., Jan. 31.