



Order of Worship

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, 11:11 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

Advent Candle Lighting

Pedro, Linda and Noah Solis

***Gathering Songs**

Messiah

Joyful, Joyful

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:6, Ephesians 1:15-23

*Mark 4:35-41

Bonnie Wheaton

Kids' Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Mighty God

Pastor Mary Zajac

***Reflection Song**

He Who is Mighty

Time for Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

The King of Glory Comes

Blessing and Fellowship Time

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Worship Notes

Announcements

Our sympathy to: Jerry and Barbara Yamamoto on the death of Jerry's mother, Agnes, on Nov. 26.

Altar Flowers are given by:

Juanita Hobbs in memory of her beloved husband, Jim, on what would have been his 80th birthday today.
Douglas & Marilyn Stangeland in honor of our wonderful daughter, Janet Mathis, on her birthday.

This morning, Sun., Dec. 7, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 and 11:11 a.m. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship are available at garychurch.org.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.
- **Names for the Messiah:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Steve Conger. This study from Walter Brueggemann invites participants to ponder Christ's four royal titles. Participant guides available for \$20 per person through the Church Office.
- **Extra Cookie Walk cookies:** Be sure to check out the Commons area to purchase any extra cookies left from Saturday's Cookie Walk.

Advent Soup Suppers: Wednesdays through Dec. 17, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Commons. Enjoy soup and fellowship during Advent. The Green Team invites you to bring your reusable dishes. Sign up to participate and/or to provide soup at garychurch.org.

Voices of Advent: Wednesdays through Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Dr. Daniel Cochran. This study helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian church year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus. Books are available through the Church Office. Register at garychurch.org.

Getting to Know Gary Church: Sun., Dec. 14, 12:14 p.m., Commons. Interested in learning more about Gary? Would you like to chat with our pastors about membership or our many missions and ministries? Join Pastors Mary Zajac and Daniel Cochran for a casual lunch. Register at garychurch.org.

Special worship in Advent: All services will be held in the Sanctuary.

- **Lessons and Carols:** Sun., Dec. 14, 9 and 11:11 a.m. Advent lessons and music shape this unique family worship experience. Livestream and recorded worship are available at garychurch.org.
- **Longest Night Service:** Mon., Dec. 22, 7 p.m. (note different date). Traditionally held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, the service will provide a time to remember loved ones, share our hurting places with God or simply step aside from the stresses of the season.
- **Christmas Eve:** Wed., Dec. 24
4 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
9 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with communion

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Vote for our Christmas tree: Through Dec. 31. Let's win the Downtown Wheaton Association's Christmas Tree Walk! Gary Youth decorated the tree at the corner of Main and Wesley with a theme of world peace. Vote at garychurch.org.

Buy a Gary Church ornament: Ornaments will be available for purchase at 10 a.m. on Sundays in Dec., or through the Church Office. The minimum suggested price of the ornament is \$20. All proceeds go toward the stained-glass window fund.

Help with Outreach Senior Christmas Luncheon: Fri., Dec. 19. For many seniors, this luncheon is their only celebration. A \$15 donation will provide a senior a place at the table and can be made at garychurch.org/give. Volunteers needed to bake, serve and clean up. Sign up in the Commons.

Donate to Heifer Project International: A gift of farm animals helps families around the world become self-sufficient. See the display in the Commons. Donate at garychurch.org/give.

Help with Christmas Sharing: Provide monetary donations to purchase food and gift cards. Donate at garychurch.org/give.

Get church merch! T-shirts and sweatshirts with the 2025-26 church theme, "Love courageously," are available to purchase at garychurch.org/registrations.

Flowers for altar: If you'd like to give flowers on a Sunday, fill out the form on the registrations page at garychurch.org, or contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org). Cost: \$35.



At Gary Church, our mission through Christ is to grow in joyful faith and serve all in love.
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