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SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025, 9 A.M.

Second Sunday of Advent

*This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.*

Prelude	In Sweet Joy Johann Michael Bach	Mark Edwards, organ
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Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
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*Advent Candle Lighting		Grant, Abbey and Jace Davis
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*Opening Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Hymnal 196
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Scripture Readings	Isaiah 9:6, Ephesians 1:15-23, *Mark 4:35-41	Cindi Copeland
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*Magnificat		Words on Screens
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Reflection	Mighty God	Pastor Mary Zajac
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*Reflection Hymn	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	Hymnal 179
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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Howard Whitaker	Chancel Choir
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*Gifts can also be made at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give) or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.*

*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymnal 94
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*\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

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Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymnal 17*

Communion Hymns

Of the Father's Love Begotten, *Hymnal 184*  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, *Hymnal 206*  
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go, *Hymnal 480 (verses 1-3)*  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, *Hymnal 626*

\*Sending Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hymnal 203*

\*Benediction

Postlude

From Heaven High (Fugue)  
Johann S. Bach

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WORSHIP NOTES

# Announcements

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**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 80<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://garychurch.org/give).

**Help with Christmas Sharing:** Provide monetary donations to purchase food and gift cards. Donate at [garychurch.org/give](http://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](http://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](http://garychurch.org), or contact the Church Office ([office@garychurch.org](mailto: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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