



Order of Worship

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Songs

*Great Is the Lord
The Jesus Way*

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-40
John-Marc Bilezikian

Kid's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Charity, Mercy and Justice

Pastor Mary Zajac

*Reflection Song

God of the Poor

Time for Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Sending Song

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Worship Notes

Announcements

This morning, Sun., Feb. 1, 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.
- **Special Church Conference:** Chapel, immediately following 9 a.m. worship. We will be voting on an increase to Pastor Daniel Cochran's housing allowance. This change will be funded with a reallocation of funds, instead of a budget increase.
- **Social Responsibility:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Dwight Stewart. We will explore some of the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman's thoughts and the implications for us today, based on the book, *The Inner Life and Social Responsibility*. No reading required.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Getting to Know Gary Church: Today, Sun., Feb. 1, 12:15 p.m., Commons. Interested in learning 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.

Give blood: Wed., Feb. 4, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Sign up to be a hero to as many as three people! Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

Semimonthly men's breakfast: Second and third Saturdays of the month, 7:30 a.m., Egg'lectic Cafe, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton. All Gary Church men are invited to join. RSVP at garychurch.org to reserve a place at the table.

Discount for Camerata concert: Sat., Feb. 14, 3 p.m., Sanctuary. Enjoy the Camerata Chicago Orchestra and Gary Church's very own John Plate on percussion. Use coupon code GUMC for a 15% discount at cameratachicago.org.

Grief & Glory, a musical Lenten anticipation: Sun., Feb. 15. Presented twice: 9 a.m. at Wheaton's First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton Ave. and 11:11 a.m. at Gary. The Festival Choirs and Orchestras of both churches will offer M. Roger Holland's *Tribulation Suite* and Donté Ford's *Three Gospelized Spirituals*.

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18. This marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of repentance and prayer that prepares us for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- 7-8 a.m. Ashes to Go, College Avenue Train Station
- 9-10 a.m. Ashes to Go, Gary Church Parking Lot
- 5:30 p.m. Family Worship and Activity, Commons
- 7 p.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Living Fully, Dying Well: Thursdays, starting Feb. 19, 2-3:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. (based on interest), Anderson Room, led by Rev. Fred Kelsey. This class is designed to assist in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. Register at garychurch.org.

Movie and Panel Discussion: Thurs., Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Activity Center. Advocates 4 Justice, a grassroots collective dedicated to empowering our communities, presents *No Other Lands*. Nominated for Best Documentary, this movie shows the alliance between a Palestinian activist and an Israeli journalist. A panel discussion will follow the viewing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

2026 Prairie Central Spring Lay Academy: Sundays, Mar. 1-22, 2-5 p.m., Schaumburg's Our Saviour's UMC. Register by Sun., Feb. 22 at garychurch.org

Be alert for scammers: If you receive a text or email from someone claiming to be a staff member, be sure it's coming from their email address or phone number before responding. We've learned of several instances of a scammer posing as Pastor Mary.

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.

