



Order of Worship

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
Epiphany Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Mary Zajac

Call to Worship

*Gathering Songs

*Angels We Have Heard on High
King of Kings*

Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 60:1-6, *Matthew 2:1-12*

Michelle Younkin

Reflecting on the Word

Carey Williams Bebar

*Reflection Song

We Three Kings

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

This morning, Sun., Jan. 4, 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.
- **Altar Flowers are given by:** John, Jen, Colton and Adrianna Hart in memory of Jen's mother, Lois Purdy.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Sing in the Festival Choir: All voices are welcome to sing in the Festival Choir, *Grief and Glory: A Musical Lenten Anticipation*, on Sun., Feb. 15. Rehearsals: Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, 8-9:30 p.m. and Thursdays, Feb. 5-12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Choir Room. Sat., Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, First Presbyterian Church. Contact Joshua Velez (jvelez@garychurch.org), to let him know you'd love to sing.

Creative Writing: Sat., Jan. 10, 10 a.m., Youth Rooms, led by Pam Connor. We will use a variety of poetic prompts to explore ways of creative expression. Journals and pens will be provided. Register at garychurch.org.

Love in Mission: Sundays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. We will explore several missions supported by Gary and discover how they demonstrate courageous love to our neighbors. Hear from the People's Resource Center, Educate a Girl / Change the World, South Sudan Voices of Hope and Outreach Ministries.

2026 Styrofoam recycling dates: Sundays, Jan. 11, April 19, July 19 and Oct. 18, 8:45-10:30 a.m., South Driveway. If you miss the dates, feel free to drop off Styrofoam at Dart Container Corporation, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora.

Recycle Christmas lights: The Green Team would like to encourage you to recycle your holiday lights at municipal electronics collections (e.g., second Saturdays in Wheaton) and at SCARCE.

Forty Lenten devotions needed: Before Thurs., Jan. 15. Our Lenten Devotional is a compilation of personal stories of God at work, sent to your email throughout Lent. We invite all children, youth and adults to participate. You're welcome to follow this format: title, Scripture, reflection, prayer, action. Email your devotion to Janet Mathis (jmathis@garychurch.org).

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Commons A. Read James Baldwin's book, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, on your own and register for the discussion at garychurch.org.

Exploring Membership: Sun., Jan. 25, 10 a.m., Chapel. Come explore ways you can connect with Gary, meet other newer folks and discover a place to belong. You will also be able to get better acquainted with our pastors and staff, learn about the history of Gary Church and what it means to be United Methodist. Register at garychurch.org. Questions? Contact Jennifer Castino (jcastino@garychurch.org).

Winter Women's Retreat: Fri., Jan. 30, 5 p.m.-Sat., Jan. 31, 4 p.m. at La Salle Manor Retreat Center, Plano. Gather for connection, reflection and conversation in a cozy lodge that is perfect for winter. Cost is \$175 per person. Registration coming soon at garychurch.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Getting to Know Gary Church: Sun., Feb. 1, 12:15 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.

Give blood: Wed., Feb. 4, 2-6 p.m., Commons. Sign up to be a hero to as many as three people! The need is constant, and every pint is precious. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome. Mark your calendar for these blood drives in 2026: May 6, Aug. 19 and Nov. 18.

11:11 a.m. playlist: If you've been wanting a way to worship through singing at home or on the road, there is now a playlist of songs used in worship at 11:11 a.m. Go to garychurch.org/ministries/music for the YouTube and Spotify links.

Music Ministry suggestion box: You are welcome to provide ideas, feedback, or requests for a favorite hymn, worship song, or piece of music, as our worship through music is an integral part of our shared community. Share your thoughts at garychurch.org.

Church merch: T-shirts and sweatshirts with our church theme, "Love courageously," are available to purchase at garychurch.org/registrations.

