



Order of Worship

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

Call to Worship

***Gathering Songs**

Every Praise
Thy Word

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Deb Rasper (*English*)
Bobbi Wheatley (*French*)
Rhodalyne Crail (*Tagalog*)
Joshua Velez (*Spanish*)

Kids' Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Pastor Jonathan Crail

***Reflection Song**

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Prayer of St. Francis and The Lord's Prayer

Mike Capra (*Italian*), Melinda Keske (*American Sign Language*)

Time of Giving

Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

Everyone Is Worthy

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

Our sympathy to:

Jill, Paul and Tom Stoffels on the death of Jill's aunt, Dolores Dolley, on Sept. 27.
Harry and JoAnne Chase on the death of their daughter, Sherri Senese, on Oct. 1.

Congratulations to: The Van Hiel family on the birth of their son and brother, Otto.

This morning, Sun., Oct. 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.
- **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.
- **How to Read the Bible:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Dr. Michael Graves and Dr. Daniel Somboonsiri. This series explores practical approaches to reading Scripture.

Boy Scout Troop 35 Christmas wreaths and greenery: Order today, Sun., Oct. 4, 10 a.m., Commons, or by Mon., Oct. 19, at wheatontroop35.org and select one of Gary's scouts: Riley Hicks, Grant Olson, Drew, Luke Oswald. Orders will be delivered to your home the week of Thanksgiving.

The Gathering (young adult fellowship): Today, Sun., Oct. 4, 12 p.m., Commons. All young adults are invited to the table where you'll find good food, genuine relationships, honest conversation and room to explore faith. No RSVP is required.

Pet Blessing: Today, Sun., Oct. 4, 3-4 p.m., Courtyard. All people and their pets of all kinds (stuffed animals, too!) are invited to our annual "Blessing of the Animals." The event will begin with a reading from Scripture, a brief prayer and then individual blessings for all critters (weather permitting).

Gary Homework Club needs drivers/riders: Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Lower Level. You will use World Relief vans for pickup (5-5:30 p.m.) and dropoff (7-7:30 p.m.). If you can volunteer either time, register at garychurch.org.

Mom's Walking Group: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., Northside Park. This is an opportunity to get to know one another and relate in the joys and struggles of being a mom. We'll meet across from the tennis courts. We will also have a short time of prayer. The current Walkers & Talkers group will continue to meet in Gary's Commons, 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Camp Gary for Preschool 3s-5th grade: Fri., Oct. 9, Mon., Nov. 2, Lower Level, Full Day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (campers will need to bring their own lunch). Half Day: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Activities include games, stories, crafts and snacks. Parents/caretakers can have access to a quiet workspace. Register at garychurch.org.

Donate/sign up for college care gifts: If you know of a college student who would love a pick-me-up from Gary Church this semester, share their info at garychurch.org by Fri., Oct. 9. Donations toward the cost of goodies and postage, can be made at garychurch.org/give.

Canopy of Creation: Sundays, Oct. 11-25, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Learn about tree inequity and how programs such as the Chicago Region Tree Initiative are working to correct inequities and how God might be calling us to participate in this aspect of caring for God's creation.

Mid-Month, Mid-Week, Jazz Fans: Wed., Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m., Manhattan's, 300 S Schmale Rd., Carol Stream. Meet for fellowship, food and live jazz. Sign up at garychurch.org.

Recycle Styrofoam: Sun., Oct. 18, 8:45-10:30 a.m., South Driveway. Can you help with collection or driving duties? If so, contact Elaine McCluskey (office@garychurch.org). If you miss the date, feel free to drop off Styrofoam at Dart Container Corporation, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora.

Help Habitat for Humanity: Tues., Oct. 27-Fri., Oct. 30, Lafayette, IN. Come for a day or more. No tools or experience required to help build homes for people in need. Can't build? Consider a financial donation at garychurch.org. Contact Lois Davisson (office@garychurch.org).

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Carey Williams Bebar. Read *Rest Is Resistance*, by Tricia Hersey on your own and register at garychurch.org.

All Saints' Day Worship: Sun., Nov. 1, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary. On All Saints' Day, you'll have the opportunity to name aloud and pray over our beloved saints, light candles in their honor and then partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to attend either service and have a name you would like to have read aloud, contact Pastor Daniel Cochran (dcochran@garychurch.org).

Sign up to create pottery: Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m., Gamon Hall. Participants will create a pottery piece, guided by instructor Lisa Grigsby. For details and to register, go to garychurch.org.

Give blood on Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday: Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Gary Church. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Blessing Bag project: Monetary donations needed to help fill backpacks (blankets, gloves, food, etc.) to be given to unhoused people in DuPage County. Donate at garychurch.org/give. Contact Ellie Pentland (office@garychurch.org) for details on donating specific items and volunteering.

Prairie Central Fall 2026 Lay Academy: Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 155 S. Main St., Lombard. Choose a class from the following three topics: sacraments, spiritual gifts and fighting racism. Learn more and register at garychurch.org.

Share job posting: Gary Church has an opening for a full-time director of youth ministry. View the job description and apply at garychurch.org. Share the job posting on LinkedIn.

Order church merch: T-shirts, sweatshirts and more with *Listening, Loving, Leading*, the theme for our 2026-27 ministry year, can be purchased at garychurch.org.

Save your bulletin for a friend: Planning to participate in a class or event? Feel free to highlight announcements and give the bulletin to a friend as an invitation to come with you.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, forgiveness;
where there is doubt, faith;

where there is error, truth;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is sadness, joy;
and where there is darkness, light.

O, God, grant that we may not so much
seek to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.



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

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