



Order of Worship

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, 11:11 a.m.
12th Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome and *Call to Worship

Pastor Daniel Cochran

***Gathering Songs**

*Love the Lord Your God
This Little Light of Mine*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 16:13-14
*John 15:9-17

Children's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Pastor Chris Pierson

***Reflection Song**

The Jesus Way

Time for Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

Lead with Love

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Worship Notes

Announcements

Our sympathy to: Nick Evans and Barbara Walters on the death of their mother and daughter, Nancy Evans on Aug. 30.

Altar flowers are given by:

Mark and Janet Mathis in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, on Sept. 3.

Bob and Carol Barnes in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2.

This morning, Sun., Sept. 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. in the Commons.
- **Adult Christian Education Ministry Fair:** 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room. See the new adult Christian education space and learn about the ministries for adults offered this fall.

One 9 a.m. worship service next Sun., Sept. 14: Let's worship together on the final Sunday with Pastor Chris Pierson as our senior pastor. We will worship at 9 a.m., followed by a time of congratulations in the Commons at 10 a.m. If you'd like to contribute to a love gift for his retirement, go to garychurch.org or give through the Church Office.

Sign up for men's pickleball: Mondays, 7 p.m., starting Sept. 8, in the Activity Center. Let's get together for fellowship, laughs and a little bit of exercise. No experience necessary. Bring your own racquet and ball. Register at garychurch.org. Contact Mark Mathis through the Church Office for more information.

Family Music Adventure Night: Wed., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m., Upper Level Lobby. Children age 3-6th grade and their families are welcome, and bring friends! Kids will explore music stations (bells, instruments, singing, etc.) while parents learn about the importance of music for young people. Regular children's music programming begins Wed., Sept. 17. Contact Joshua Velez (jvelez@garychurch.org) with questions.

Creative Arts: Sat., Sept. 13, 10-11:30 a.m. in Adams Park, led by Pam Keller. All are welcome to join us for a session of plein air ("open air") watercolor painting. Watercolor paints, canvas, brushes and containers will be provided. Bring a camping chair. In inclement weather, please bring an image of a favorite landscape to paint inside. Suggested donation: \$12 for materials. Register at garychurch.org.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Sept. 13, 7:30 a.m. at Egg'lectic Café, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton. All men are invited to join us for fellowship and to discuss future gatherings. RSVP to Steve Novy through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) to reserve a place at the table.

Why I Am Protestant: Sundays, Sept. 21, 28, and Oct. 5, 10:10 a.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Dr. Beth Felker Jones. Join us as we discuss her new book, *Why I Am Protestant*. Plus, participants won't want to miss Beth's book launch and signing on Sept. 28.

Sign up to support ESSE in Sept: Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly provides adult day care options at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton. Volunteer to provide an activity and/or bring treats. Call the ESSE Wheaton/St. Paul Lutheran Church office at 630-260-3773 to schedule your activity.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

Fall study groups begin: For more information contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

- **Devotional Study Group:** Tuesdays, starting Sept. 9, 10 a.m. in Commons A, led by Allen Reed. All are invited to join us as we study *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, starting Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Steve Novy. All men are invited to join us as we study *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, starting Sept. 10, 2 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Holly Trueblood. All women are invited to join us as we study *The Great Courses Series: Understanding the Old Testament*.
- **Disciple Fast Track:** Tuesdays, starting Sept. 23, 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room, led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams. This study provides a way for people to get to know the Bible and grow together with others in meaningful conversation and community. Register at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, 7 p.m. in the Commons, led by Elaine McCluskey. Read the book on your own, *Don't Go: Stories of Segregation and How to Disrupt It*, and join the discussion. Register at garychurch.org.

Redbird Mission Event: Sun., Sept. 28, 10 a.m. in the Commons. There will be homemade crafts available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit Redbird Mission in Kentucky.

Consider tutoring this school year: Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., starting in late Sept., at Gary. The tutoring ministry provides free one-on-one help with homework and basic English and math to elementary students. Consider helping refugee children in our community. For more information, and to register, go to garychurch.org.

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. On YouTube or Spotify search "Gary Church: Collective Joy Playlist."

Get new 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.

Lectionary readings:

- **This week:** [Jeremiah 18:1-11](#); [Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#); [Philemon 1:17-27](#) and [Luke 14:25-33](#)
- **Next week:** [Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28](#); [Psalm 14](#); [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#) and [Luke 15:1-10](#)



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