



SUNDAY, AUG. 10, 2025, 9 A.M.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King
John Innes

Kevin Lange, organ

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Songs

No Longer Slaves
Is He Worthy?

Led by Collective Joy
Words on Screens

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, *Luke 12:32-34

Steve Conger

Song

This Little Light of Mine

Words on Screens

Blessing of the Backpacks

Dan Lee

Reflection

Pastor Chris Pierson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
trad. Welsh melody, arr. Larry Shackley

Rita Brown and
William Phemister, piano

Gifts can also be made at garychurch.org/give or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.

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*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal 94

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Reception of New Members

*Sending Hymn Bind Us Together Words on Screens

*Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God
Donald Hustad

WORSHIP NOTES

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

Announcements

Our sympathy to: Kelsey, Evan, Abel and Oda Jansen and John Tharnstrom on the death of John's wife and Kelsey's mother, Sarah Tharnstrom on Aug. 2.

Altar flowers are given by:

Barbara Holmes in loving memory of her mother, Florence Holmes.

Chuck & Cubby Minauskas in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.

This morning, Sun., Aug. 10, at Gary Church:

- **In-Person Worship:** 9 a.m. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available by asking an usher. Livestream and recorded worship is available at garychurch.org.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.

You can still buy a "Kerr County" bracelet: Family Campers made bracelets to support flooding victims in Texas. Proceeds will go to organizations like First UMC of Kerrville, which is providing shelter to those in need. Suggested donation of \$5 per "Kerr County" bracelet. You can also donate at garychurch.org.

Sharing A Story open to the public: Tues., Aug. 12, 10-11 a.m. in the Courtyard. Families with 3-5 year olds (accompanied by an adult) are invited to join us for a sharing of stories, activities and treats. Register at garychurch.org.

Worship in the Park and Picnic: Sun., Aug. 17, 10 a.m. in Memorial Park (note time and location). Bring a lawn chair or use the theater seating at the park. After the service, we'll share a picnic. Fried chicken and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We will also take an all-church photo.

Picnic is going green: The Green Team asks you to bring your own reusable plates, forks, etc. to Worship in the Park and Picnic to help reduce garbage. There will be some reusable dishes available at the picnic. The Green Team will also provide compost bins and recycling containers.

Register for blood drive: Wed., Aug. 20, 2-6 p.m. in the Commons. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. The need is constant, and every pint is precious. Register at garychurch.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

All-church training: Sun., Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Come learn about the new theme for the year, what's happening in the ministry area(s) you serve, plus all-church policies.

Bike to Church: Sun., Aug. 31. Enjoy a bike ride to church, and park your bicycle at the rack near the Parking Lot.

Thank you, Kevin Lange! Sun., Aug. 31, 10 a.m. in the Commons. We've enjoyed Kevin Lange's organ and piano playing for seven years. Let's thank him for his music ministry with cake and fellowship.

Kickoff Sunday: Sept. 7. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., plus Sunday School for all ages between services.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

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.

Congratulations, Pastor Chris! Sun., Sept. 14, 10 a.m. in the Commons. After nine years as our senior pastor, Pastor Chris Pierson will be retiring to spend more time with family and friends, traveling and serving on nonprofit boards. Sun., Sept. 14 marks his last Sunday as our senior pastor. Be sure to congratulate him in the weeks before his last Sunday.

Sunday Worship Service: On Sun., Sept. 14, we will have one worship service at 9 a.m. so we can appreciate the final fellowship time with Pastor Chris in the Commons at 10 a.m.

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

- **Devotional Study Group:** Tuesdays, 10 a.m., starting Sept. 9, 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 Holy Spirit* by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon.
- **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.

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 in this fellowship time and discuss future gatherings. RSVP to Steve Novy through the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) to reserve a place at the table.

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:** [Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#); [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#); [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#) and [Luke 12:32-40](#)
- **Next week:** [Isaiah 5:1-7](#); [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#); [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) and [Luke 12:49-56](#)



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

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