



SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025, 9 A.M. AND 11:11 A.M.

Lessons and Carols, Third Sunday of Advent

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

GATHERING

Prelude	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Marianne Kim	William Phemister, organ
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*Processional Hymn	Once in Royal David's City	Hymnal 250
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*Welcome		Pastor Daniel Cochran
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*Advent Candle Lighting		Carolyn and Taylor Westcomb, 9 a.m. The Worniak Family, 11:11 a.m.
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A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Reflection	The Everlasting Father	Pastor Mary Zajac
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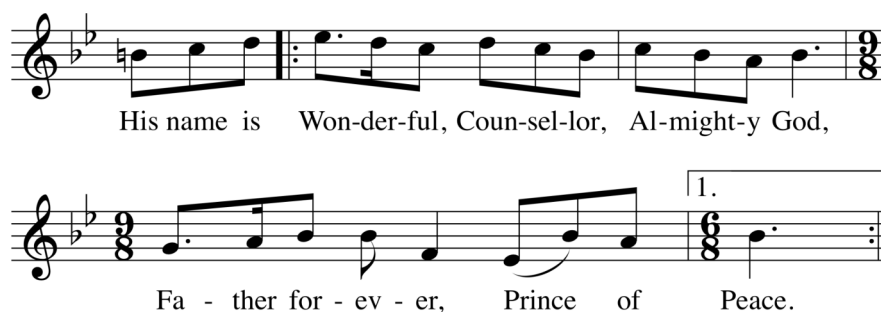
FIRST LESSON

Scripture	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	Natalie Worniak
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Carol (9 a.m.)	He Came Down Trad. Cameroon	Children's Choir
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SECOND LESSON

Lesson in Song	Isaiah 9: The People Who Walked in Darkness	Words on Screens
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**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

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THIRD LESSON

Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a	Jacey Walston
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Carol	People, Look East	Altar Bells
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Trad. French carol, Eleanor Farjeon, arr. Linda R. Lamb

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

FOURTH LESSON

Scripture	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Taylor Westcomb
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*Song	He Who Is Mighty	Collective Joy
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FIFTH LESSON

Scripture	Luke 2:1, 3-7	Ezra Tatnall
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Carol	Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day John Gardner	Chancel Choir
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SIXTH LESSON

Scripture	Luke 2:8-16	Charlie Castino, 9 a.m. Maggie Bebar, 11:11 a.m.
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*Hymn Introduction	Gloria Fanfare arr. Michael E. Akers	Altar Bells
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*Hymn	Angels We Have Heard on High	Hymnal 238
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SEVENTH LESSON

Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	Sebastian Alvarez
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Carol	A Star, A Song Hal Hopson	Men's Chorus
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EIGHTH LESSON AND OFFERTORY

Scripture	John 1:1-14	Sophia Johnson
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory	O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Dan Forrest	Chancel Choir
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymnal 94
*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings		
SENDING		
*Hymn	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	Hymnal 240
Benediction		
Postlude	From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Johann Pachelbel	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to: Scott and Betsy Boyd on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeline Amanda Long , on Dec. 11.

This morning, Sun., Dec. 14, 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:** Kara and Paul Calderwood in loving memory of Pauline Calderwood and Thomas & Loretta McMahan.
- **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.
- **Names for the Messiah:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Steve Conger. This study from Walter Brueggemann invites participants to ponder Christ's four royal titles. Participant guides available for \$20.

Getting to Know Gary Church: Today, Sun., Dec. 14, 12:14 p.m., Commons. Join Pastors Mary Zajac and Daniel Cochran for a casual lunch and learn about our missions, ministries and membership.

Vote for our Christmas tree: Through Dec. 31. Let's win the Downtown Wheaton Association's Christmas Tree Walk! Gary Youth decorated the tree at the corner of Main and Wesley with a theme of world peace. Vote at garychurch.org.

Missing a dish or container? Dishes and containers that have been left at the church are in the Commons Alcove area. Any items not claimed will be donated.

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Advent Soup Suppers: Wed., Dec. 17, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Commons. Enjoy soup and fellowship during Advent. The Green Team invites you to bring your reusable dishes. Sign up to participate and/or to provide soup at garychurch.org.

Voices of Advent: Wed., Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Dr. Daniel Cochran. This study helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian church year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus. Books are available.

Special worship in Advent: All services will be held in the Sanctuary.

- **Longest Night Service:** Mon., Dec. 22, 7 p.m. (note different date). Traditionally held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, the service will provide a time to remember loved ones, share our hurting places with God or simply step aside from the stresses of the season.
- **Christmas Eve:** Wed., Dec. 24
4 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
9 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with communion

Buy a Gary Church ornament: Ornaments will be available for purchase at 10 a.m. on Sundays in Dec., or through the Church Office. The minimum suggested price of the ornament is \$20. All proceeds go toward the stained-glass window fund.

Donate to Heifer Project International: A gift of farm animals helps families around the world become self-sufficient. See the display in the Commons. Donate at garychurch.org/give.

Help with Christmas Sharing: Provide monetary donations to purchase food and gift cards. Donate at garychurch.org/give.

Get church merch! T-shirts and sweatshirts with the 2025-26 church theme, "Love courageously," are available to purchase at garychurch.org/registrations.

Holiday Office Hours: The Church Office will be closed on Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 25-26, and Thurs., Jan. 1.

Year-end Gifts: If you would like to mail a yearend contribution, envelopes must be postmarked by Wed., Dec. 31, or you may drop off your gift to the Church Office. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. On Wed., Dec. 31, the Church Office will close at noon. Any gifts intended for 2025 must be dropped off by that time.

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.



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