



Order of Worship

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, 11:11 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany and Scout Sunday

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome

Pastor Mary Zajac

*Call to Worship

Claus Hicks Family

*Gathering Songs

Trading My Sorrows

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Scripture Readings

1 Peter 1:13-16, Philippians 2:1-5, 12-17

Jennifer Castino

Kid's Church!

Reflecting on the Word

Pastor Daniel Cochran

*Reflection Song

Lord, I Need You

Time for Giving

Blessing of the Scouts

*Sending Song

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Worship Notes

Announcements

Our sympathy to:

The family of Patricia Sullivan. Pat passed away on Jan. 29. Visitation will be on Feb. 21, at Hultgren's Carol Stream location, 565 Randy Rd., 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11:45 a.m.

Scott and Betsy Boyd on the death of Scott's stepfather, Roger, on Feb. 4.

Bob and Virginia Isgren on the death of Virginia's brother, John Dufour, on Feb. 5.

This morning, Sun., Feb. 8, 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.
- **Social Responsibility:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room, led by Rev. Dwight Stewart. We will explore some of the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman's thoughts and the implications for us today, based on the book, *The Inner Life and Social Responsibility*. No reading required.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. Today, Gary's Troop 35 will be providing cobbler. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

Semimonthly men's breakfast: Second and third Saturdays of the month, 7:30 a.m., Egg'lectic Cafe, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton. All men are invited. RSVP at garychurch.org.

Gary hosts Camerata concert: Sat., Feb. 14, 3 p.m., Sanctuary. Enjoy the Camerata Chicago Orchestra and Gary Church's very own John Plate on percussion. Use coupon code GUMC for a 15% discount at cameratachicago.org.

Grief & Glory, a musical Lenten anticipation: Sun., Feb. 15. Presented twice: 9 a.m. at Wheaton's First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton Ave. and 11:11 a.m. at Gary. The Festival Choirs and Orchestras of both churches will offer M. Roger Holland's *Tribulation Suite* and Donté Ford's *Three Gospelized Spirituals*.

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18. This marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of repentance and prayer that prepares us for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- 7-8 a.m. Ashes to Go, College Avenue Train Station
- 9-10 a.m. Ashes to Go, Gary Church Parking Lot
- 5:30 p.m. Family Worship and Activity, Commons
- 7 p.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Living Fully, Dying Well: Thursdays, starting Feb. 19, 2-3:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. (based on interest), Anderson Room, led by Rev. Fred Kelsey. This class is designed to assist in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. Register at garychurch.org.

Movie and Panel Discussion: Thurs., Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Activity Center. Advocates 4 Justice, a grassroots collective dedicated to empowering our communities, presents *No Other Lands*. Nominated for Best Documentary, this movie shows the alliance between a Palestinian activist and an Israeli journalist. A panel discussion will follow the viewing.

Camp Gary: Fri., Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gary. Looking for something fun for your kids to do on their day off from school? Kids will spend the morning playing, crafting, snacking, and hanging out with friends. And if you need it, you'll have access to a quiet workspace stocked with coffee and donuts. Registration is open to the public for preschool 3s-5th grade at garychurch.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

2026 Prairie Central Spring Lay Academy: Sundays, Mar. 1-22, 2-5 p.m., Schaumburg's Our Saviour's UMC. Register by Sun., Feb. 22 at garychurch.org.

Cultivating a Resilient Faith in a Turbulent World: Wednesdays, Mar. 4-Apr. 1, 7 p.m., on Zoom, led by Pastor Mary Zajac. Join this Lenten study over Zoom to learn spiritual practices that can serve as our guide-rope through turbulent times. No book needed. Participants will be asked to stay current with the news and engage in a practice during the week. Register at garychurch.org.

Be alert for scammers: If you receive a text or email from someone claiming to be a staff member, be sure it's coming from their email address or phone number before responding.

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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