GARY United Methodist CHURCH

Order of Worship

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
25th *Sunday after Pentecost*

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome
Pastor Daniel Cochran

Call to Worship

***Gathering Songs**
He Is
I Dream of a Church

Scripture Reading
Romans 12:3-5, 9-17
John-Marc Bilezikian

Kids' Church!

Reflecting on the Word
Pastor Jonathan Crail

***Reflection Song**
Bind Us Together

Time of Giving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**
May You Run and Not Be Weary (The Faith We Sing 2281)

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

Our sympathy to: Roberta Valent and Charlie Harrison on the death of Roberta's father, Anthony Valent, on Nov. 10.

This morning, Sun., Nov. , 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.
- **Altar Flowers are given by:** The Castino family in honor of Don Kenyon and in celebration of the United States Marine Corps' 251st birthday on Nov. 10.
- **Walking a Sacred Path:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join Rev. Barb Good as we explore the history and practice of pilgrimage, how it differs from tourism and how the simple act of journeying with intention can open us to God in new ways
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons.

Bountiful Love Thanksgiving Potluck: Today, Sun. Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., Commons. Main dish, coffee and lemonade will be provided. If you're able, bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share, plus place settings (reusable plates, cups, utensils).

Stewardship: We invite you to listen, love, lead and prayerfully consider how sharing your time, talents and treasure can reflect God's abundance in your life and have an impact at Gary Church and in the world. Fill out a stewardship card or go to garychurch.org to complete the online form.

Great East Window restoration: The stained glass window in the Sanctuary balcony has been removed and and will be restored over the next year to prevent glass pieces from falling out. Donations to the stained-glass window fund can be made at garychurch.org.

Christian Nationalism and Public Education: Sun., Nov. 15, 4 p.m., St. Matthew United Church of Christ, 1420 South Gables Blvd., Wheaton. Gary is participating in this ecumenical effort called West Suburban Christians Against Christian Nationalism. Join us in person or livestream to understand and better respond to the influence of Christian nationalism in our school districts. Details and registration at garychurch.org.

Anti-Racist Book Club: Wed., Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Commons, led by Elaine McCluskey. Read *When Trees Testify* by Beronda L. Montgomery on your own and register at garychurch.org.

Discount for Camerata concert: Sat., Nov. 21, 3 p.m., Sanctuary. All are welcome to this family-friendly sing-along Hallelujah Chorus. Use coupon code GUMC for a 15% discount at cameratachicago.org.

Advent Soup Suppers: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 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.

Cookie Walk: Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Commons. Joy Circle and the United Women of Faith invite you to their Christmas Cookie Walk to raise money for missions. Bakers of homemade cookies needed. Contact Ida Whitcomb or Suzy Wible (office@garychurch.org).

Christmas Sharing: Sat., Dec. 12. For over 50 years, Christmas Sharing has helped needy families in CUSD 200. Look for the angel tree and collection boxes in the Commons.

- **Eat out:** Tues., Nov. 17, 5-8 p.m., Portillo's, 235 North Ave., Glendale Hts. Portillo's will donate 20% of the proceeds from your purchase to Christmas Sharing. Pick up a flyer in the Commons for details.
- **Donate toys, coats and diapers:** Grab an ornament off the angel tree. Each ornament represents a need. Gifts for teens and diapers are especially needed.
- **Sign up:** Many volunteers are needed. Be sure to check the sign-up sheets in the Commons to see how you can help.
- **Give financially:** Monetary contributions will be used to buy food, sundry items and gift cards. Donations can be made through your offering or at garychurch.org/give.

Help with Outreach Senior Christmas Luncheon: Fri., Dec. 18. For many seniors, this luncheon is their only celebration. A $15 donation can be made at garychurch.org/give and will provide a senior a place at the table. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, greet, make potatoes, serve and clean up. Sign up in the Commons.

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.

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.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

