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SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 2025, 9 A.M. AND 11:11 A.M.

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.*

Prelude	Selected Christmas Carols arr. William Phemister	William Phemister, piano
	Once in Royal David's City (Henry J. Gauntlett), Now Tell Us Gentle Mary, (Trad. French carol) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Felix Mendelssohn)	

Welcome		Dan Lee
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Introit (9 a.m.)	Of the Father's Love Begotten Medieval plainchant tune	Charlie Castino, viola
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\*Opening Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Carol	Joy to the World	Hymnal 246
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Scripture Readings	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 (Hymnal 861)	Nancy Conger, 9 a.m. Stacey Lee, 11:11 a.m.
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Reflection	Joy and Praise	Pastor Mary Zajac
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A Celebration of Carols

Affirmation of Faith		Hymnal 885
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Sing We Now of Christmas  
Trad. French carol, arr. William Phemister

*Gifts can also be made at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give) or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.*

\*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Hymnal 94*

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Sending Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Hymnal 251*

\*Benediction

Postlude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High  
Trad. French carol, arr. William Phemister

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WORSHIP NOTES

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# Announcements

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## **Our sympathy to:**

The family of Ed Ewoldt. Ed passed away on Dec. 14. Visitation will be at Hultgren Funeral Home on Sun., Dec. 28, 1-5 p.m. On Mon., Dec. 29, friends and family are invited to visit with the family at Gary from 9:30 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 10:30 a.m.

Reg and Barbara Heeley on the death of Barbara's brother, Douglas Brian Clark, on Dec. 3.

## **This morning, Sun., Dec. 28, 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](http://garychurch.org).
- **Altar Flowers are given by:** Joshua Velez in appreciation of William Phemister and his gifts of music as one of our interim organists.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons. The Green Team invites you to bring your own small reusable cup with a lid.

**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](http://garychurch.org).

## **Donations to Gary Church:**

- **Budgeted income:** The month of December accounts for nearly 20% of our budgeted income. Your continued gifts and support are greatly appreciated. Contribute at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give).
- **Year-end Gifts:** If you would like to mail a year-end 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.

**Holiday Office Hours:** The Church Office will be closed on Thurs., Jan. 1.

**Donate to Heifer Project International:** A gift of farm animals helps families around the world become self-sufficient. Donate at [garychurch.org/give](http://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](http://garychurch.org/registrations).

**Recycle Christmas lights:** The Green Team would like to encourage you to recycle your holiday lights at municipal electronics collections (e.g., second Saturdays in Wheaton) and at SCARCE.

**Creative Writing:** Sat., Jan. 10, 10 a.m., Youth Rooms, led by Pam Connor. We will use a variety of poetic prompts to explore ways of creative expression. Journals and pens will be provided. Registration coming soon at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

**Love in Mission:** Sundays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Join us as we explore several missions supported by Gary and discover how they demonstrate courageous love to our neighbors. Hear from the People's Resource Center, Educate a Girl / Change the World, South Sudan Voices of Hope and Outreach Ministries.

**2026 Styrofoam recycling dates:** Sundays, Jan. 11, April 19, July 19 and Oct. 18, 8:45–10:30 a.m., South Driveway. If you miss the dates, feel free to drop off Styrofoam at Dart Container Corporation, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora.

**Forty Lenten devotions needed:** Before Thurs., Jan. 15. Our Lenten Devotional is a compilation of personal stories of God at work, sent to your email throughout Lent. We invite all children, youth and adults to participate. You're welcome to follow this format: title, Scripture, reflection, prayer, action. Email your devotion to Janet Mathis ([jmathis@garychurch.org](mailto:jmathis@garychurch.org)).

**Anti-Racist Book Club:** Wed., Jan. 22, 7 p.m. Commons A. Read James Baldwin's book, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, on your own and register for the discussion at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Winter Women's Retreat:** Fri., Jan. 30, 5 p.m.–Sat., Jan. 31, 4 p.m. at La Salle Manor Retreat Center, Plano. Gather for connection, reflection and conversation in a cozy lodge that is perfect for winter. Cost is \$175 per person. Register coming soon at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).



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