

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28, 2025, 9 A.M.

16th Sunday after Pentecost This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Prelude Andante Mark Edwards, organ

César Franck

Welcome Carey Williams Bebar

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory Hymnal 577

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-10, 14-15 Greg Perisho

*Gloria Patri Hymnal 70

Children's Time

Reflection Pastor JoAnne Chase

*Reflection Hymn Be Still, My Soul Hymnal 534

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Daniel Cochran

Offertory It Is Well with My Soul George Smith, voice Philip P. Bliss, Horatio Spafford

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

*Closing Hymn Standing on the Promises Hymnal 374

*Benediction

Postlude Chorale Prelude on God of Grace
Paul Manz

WORSHIP NOTES

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Announcements

Congratulations to:

Sarah, River and Oliva Williams on the birth of their son and brother, Nolan Frazier, on Sept. 8. Kyle, Andrea, James and Cooper Oren on the birth of their son and brother, Hudson James, on Sept. 15.

Our sympathy to:

Linda and George Masek on the death of Linda's brother-in-law, Nelson Meyer, on Sept. 20.

This morning, Sun., Sept. 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 <u>garychurch.org</u>.
- Altar flowers are given: In celebration of Deb Hafner's 30th Anniversary working at Gary Church.
- **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. for all ages.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m. in the Commons.
- **Redbird Mission Event:** 10 a.m. in the Commons. Purchase crafts to support Red Bird Mission School, which provides education to low income children in southeastern Kentucky. You can also donate at garychurch.org/give.
- Why I Am Protestant Book Launch and Signing: 10:10 a.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Dr. Beth Felker Jones. Join us as we discuss her new book, *Why I Am Protestant*. Books will be available for purchase and Beth to autograph during the class.
- Congregational input sessions: Today and Sun., Oct. 5, 10:10 a.m., in Commons A. The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to hear from you. What do you love about Gary? In what areas would you like to see growth? SPRC will compile and send the feedback to our district superintendent to help the bishop and cabinet decide who to appoint as our next senior pastor in July.

Next Sunday, Oct . 5, at Gary Church:

- World Communion Sunday: 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m. World Communion Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the universal church that Christ opens to people of all ages, nations and races. To celebrate this day, we will hear from a variety of languages.
- "Gather at the Table" a Gary Kids Event: 10 a.m., in the Lower Level. Kids (preschool 3s-5th grade) and their parents are invited to learn about Holy Communion with activities that explore the mystery of Christ's mighty works of salvation and celebrate the love of Jesus poured out for us all.
- **Pet Blessing:** 3-4 p.m. in the Courtyard. All people and their pets of all kinds (stuffed animals, too!) are invited to this service. The event will begin at 3 p.m. with prayer, Scripture and a brief reflection on our role as stewards in God's good creation. After worship, Pastor Daniel Cochran will offer individual blessings for each pet until 4 p.m. (weather permitting).

Wear nametags: With the new ministry year and new faces, let's wear our nametags. If you don't have one, you can find temporary nametags near the nametag cabinet. If you would like a nametag, contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Medicare 101: Thurs., Oct. 2, 11 a.m. or Wed., Oct. 8, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Brian Felker Jones. This educational class on the basics of Medicare will help you understand how it works, how it's organized, if you're eligible and more. We will have light refreshments and plenty of time for questions.

Donate/sign up for college care gifts: If you know of a college student who would love a pick-me-up from Gary Church this semester, share their information at <u>garychurch.org</u> by Fri., Oct. 10. If you'd like to donate money towards the cost of goodies and postage, go to <u>garychurch.org/give</u> or contact the Church Office.

Purchase wreaths from Troop 35: Troop 35 uses funds from wreath sales to buy equipment, subsidize campouts and more. You can purchase Christmas greenery at wheatontroop35.org by Mon., Oct. 20. Items will be delivered to your home the weekend of Nov. 22. To support Gary families with Troop 35 scouts, select Riley Hicks, Drew Oswald or Luke Oswald at checkout.

Donate items for birthday bags: Let's help make birthdays special for families in need. Each birthday bag donated to the People's Resource Center will include a disposable cake pan, cake mix, frosting and candles. Donate items in the box in the Commons or make a monetary donation at garychurch.org/give.

11:11 a.m. playlist: If you've been wanting a way to worship through singing at home or on the road, there is now a playlist of songs used in worship at 11:11 a.m. On YouTube or Spotify search "Gary Church: Collective Joy Playlist."

Music Ministry suggestion box: You are welcome to provide ideas, feedback, or requests for a favorite hymn, worship song, or piece of music, as our worship through music is an integral part of our shared community. Share your thoughts at <u>garychurch.org</u>.

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

Flowers for altar: If you'd like to give flowers on a Sunday, fill out the form on the registrations page at <u>garychurch.org</u>, or contact the Church Office (<u>office@garychurch.org</u>). Cost: \$35.

App issues: Our church app, administered through Shelby, has recently had technical issues. Some people report their directory has dropped, others say their name isn't populating when registering attendance. Shelby is working on these issues, which other churches are experiencing as well. Contact the Church Office (office@garychurch.org) for more information.

Lectionary readings:

- **This week:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31
- Next week: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10

