GARY United Methodist CHURCH

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Order of Worship

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026, 11:11 a.m.
1st Sunday of Advent

This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.

Welcome
Pastor Daniel Cochran

Advent Candle Lighting
Deb Rasper, Linda Tresner

***Gathering Songs**
He Who is Mighty, Christ Be Our Light

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance
Pastor Jonathan Crail

Scripture Readings
*Psalm 23, *Luke 1:46-55*
Nan Krull

Kids' Church!

Reflection
Bishop Dan Schwerin

***Reflection Song**
We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Time of Giving
George "Modavador g" Salter

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Song**
Until Jesus Comes

Blessing and Fellowship Time

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

Announcements

This morning, Sun., Nov. 29, 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.
- **Fifth Sunday Photos:** 10 a.m., Commons. Smile! Gary Church photographers will be set up to take your picture to update our online directory.
- **Special Blend Fellowship:** 10 a.m., Commons.
- **Embodied Light:** 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room. Expect hands-on participation in poetry, movement, music and visual art during Advent.

Fifth Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children: A special offering will be collected today, Sun., Nov. 29. Your gift will provide support for at-risk children, youth and families. You can also give at garychurch.org/give.

Advent Soup Suppers: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Commons. Enjoy soup and fellowship during Advent. Sign up to participate and/or to provide soup at garychurch.org.

Midweek Advent Series: Heaven and Earth: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Room, led by Rev. Steve Conger. We will study *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* by Will Willimon. Books are available for $10. Register at garychurch.org.

New Gary Church merch: You can get 15% off your order through Wed., Dec. 2, from the Gary Church Logo Store using the discount code GaryChurch15SH 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. It's not too late for cash donations or to take an ornament off the tree in the Commons. Donations can be made at garychurch.org/give.

Lessons and Carols: Sun., Dec. 13, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary. Advent lessons and music shape this unique family worship experience.

Outreach Senior Christmas Luncheon: Fri., Dec. 18. A $15 donation can be made at garychurch.org/give and will provide them a place at the table. Still need some bakers to make a mashed potato casserole (recipe provided) and to serve. Sign up in the Commons to help.

Longest Night Service: Mon., Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Traditionally held on winter solstice, this 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 Worship, Thurs., Dec. 24, Sanctuary:

- 4 p.m. Family Worship (bring a stuffed animal)
- 7 p.m. Traditional Worship
- 9 p.m. Worship with communion

Great East Window: The large stained glass window in the Sanctuary balcony has been removed for restoration. Donations to the stained-glass window fund can be made at garychurch.org.

Free items at Welcome Desk: Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Commons for free items received from The United Methodist Church at The Leadership Institute.

George "*Modavador g*" *Salter*, Rhyme 2 Reason, *Founder*

Modavador is an ordained minister, author, conference speaker, Bible story teller instructor and gospel hip-hop recording artist. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Modavador served as a ministry volunteer at the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice: Illinois Youth Center (IYC), St. Charles.

Currently, Modavador is conducting extensive research, programming and piloting a peer-to-peer story-telling curriculum for inmates at a maximum-security prison in collaboration with Sharing God's Love, Inc.

George received his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Gateway Seminary and his Bachelor of Science in Management Science. He graduated with honors from SUNY at Geneseo School of Business. George is a member of Second Baptist Church, Wheaton, where Rev. Kevin Williams is the Senior Pastor.

George and his wife, Nina, have three daughters and three grandchildren.

WORSHIP NOTES

