

ADVENT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Heifer Project Alternative Gift Program

Sundays, December 10 and 17, 10:00 a.m.

Donate an animal in honor of a friend or loved one and help families around the world to become self-sufficient. Look for the table in the Commons to make your donation and receive a card for the recipient of your gift.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Help a veteran this season by donating a \$25 gift card from a grocery or “big box” store. Cards may be brought to the Church Office no later than December 17.

Outreach Community Center's Senior Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 15

Brighten the Christmas season of the seniors served by the Outreach Community Ministries Older Adults program by volunteering at or making a donation toward their annual Christmas luncheon. See the display in the Commons. For many of the 150 low-income seniors expected to be served, this will be their only holiday celebration. See the display in the Commons for details.

CHRISTMAS WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Thursday, December 21

The Longest Night Service

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

This quiet, meditative worship service makes time for remembering those we are missing this year, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. If you or someone you know is struggling to feel the joy of the season or could use time to step aside from the hurried pace to remember departed loved ones, please join us for this special evening of worship.

Sunday, December 24

Advent Worship

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Gary Church
10:30 a.m. Winfield Church

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship at Winfield Church
7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship with music from the Chancel Choir
10:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion with music from soloists and instrumentalists



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Lessons and Carols

THE TREE OF LIFE

Second Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 10, 2017



Gary United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017 9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation reads bold print.

Congregational song book is the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.

Prelude

Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme
(Wake, awake, for night is flying)

Jacobus Kloppers

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Children are invited to worship with their families today. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers.

Childcare is available for newborn–2 yrs. from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the lower level.

Introit (9:00)

O Christmas Tree
Cherub Choir; Jennifer Whiting, director; Claire Austin, piano

German Carol

*O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, remind us of the Savior.
For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, our souls to save.*

(11:00)

Unto Us a Child Is Born / Away in a Manger
Friendship Choir; Allison Atteberry, director; Willey Lee, piano; Teresa Fraker, flute

arr. Laura Farnell

*For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n,
God is with us, Emmanuel,
For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n.
Alleluia! A savior has come!*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*He shall be called Emmanuel,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

A savior has come!

~from Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:23; "Away in a Manger," anon.

*The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The McCluskey Family (9:00)
The Keske Family (11:00)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make the paths straight. Valleys and mountains shall stand side by side. God's glory is about to be revealed to all humankind. We light the second Advent Candle as a sign of peace in a world broken by violence and injustice. God's Messiah is on his way. Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

ADVENT SPECIAL EVENTS

The Elizabethans Performance

Monday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Come enjoy an evening of Christmas madrigals and songs of the season with the Elizabethans. Their performance, followed by Christmas cookies and coffee in the Commons, is hosted by Gary's United Methodist Women. An offering of knitted items (gloves, hats, or mittens) will be given to the People's Resource Center.

Gary Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Austin's
Middle and high school students are invited to our annual White Elephant Christmas party for an afternoon of Elf-themed cheer!

Wheaton Christmas Art Walk

December 12–24 in downtown Wheaton
Walk through 12 stores, each hosting a fine art piece commissioned to tell the biblical story of Christmas. Docent-led tours begin at noon each day except Sunday from Suzette's Creperie (211 W. Front Street). Learn more at www.ChristmasArtWalk.com.

PLEASE NOTE

Kimmer's Supports Christmas Sharing

Today and December 17, 10:00 a.m. in the Commons
Order ice cream pies and cakes, and Kimmer's will donate to Christmas Sharing \$2 for pies and \$3 for cakes. Pick up on December 20 at Gary or at Kimmer's.

Styrofoam Recycling

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Save all the Styrofoam packing material from Christmas gifts and bring it to the South Driveway. Please separate packing material and rinsed food containers. No peanuts please; take them to UPS.

Stock Transfers

If you're planning a stock transfer to Gary Church, contact Dave Brewer through the Church Office. The transfer process takes 7 to 10 business days and must be complete by *December 31* to count for this year's tax credits.

OUR MISSION

Grow in faith, knowledge and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior

Serve our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News

OTHER DECEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Gary Youth Midweek

Wednesdays, December 13 and 20, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center
Middle and high schools students, join us to meet new friends and get plugged into Gary Youth ministries.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Commons E
All men are invited to join us as we begin a new topic, the Book of Ezekiel, on December 12.

The Lunch Group

Thursday, December 14, 12:00 p.m. in Gary's Commons
Pizza will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person.

Camerata Chicago Academy Concert

Saturday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Cost: \$15. Age 16 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets are available at the door or at cameratachicago.com.

Burning Bush Art Gallery Presents *Karma*

Through December 17
This show features the work of over 25 local artists, poets, and musicians.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office or order online by Sunday, December 10. Plants will be in our Sanctuary for the evening services on December 24 and may be picked up after the 10:00 p.m. service or during office hours.

Name_____

Phone_____ e-mail_____

Flowers given in honor / memory / other of_____

I will pick up poinsettia(s)_____ I will make the gift of poinsettia(s) for distribution among church friends and family_____

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. We invite you to complete the Welcome Card in the pew pocket and stop by the Welcome Desk on the main level outside the west Sanctuary entrance to receive a gift and more information about our ministries.

Hearing aid devices are available (including the neck loop for telecoil programs). Large print song sheets are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings

We invite you to include the lectionary readings in your devotion times. Readings for next week are Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24, John 1:6–8, 19–28.

FAITHFUL: A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

Advent is a time of anticipation, a time to focus our hearts and minds and to remember the stories of our faith. We invite you to join us on this journey as we prepare to celebrate God’s wonderful gift of love to the world.

SUNDAYS DURING ADVENT

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph | All-church Study

Today and December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Adults in the Chapel, led by Rev. JoAnne Chase
Preschool 3’s–4’s in the Preschool Room
Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Gamon Hall
Grades 6–7 in the Heritage Room
Confirmation (Grade 8) in the Jr. High Room
Grades 9–12 in the Sr. High Room

This week’s lesson — “Whose child is this?” — explores the importance of modeling love and mercy and shaping the next generation. Come see what we can learn about God from the story of a carpenter. Optional books are available for purchase in the Commons.

UMW Christmas Market

Stop by the Commons today for second chance to pick up handmade gift items with proceeds going to mission organizations.

9:00 a.m. Kids’ Church

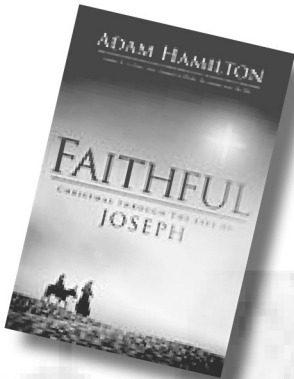
Gary Kids, ages Preschool Preschool 3’s–Grade 5, will be preparing for the coming Christ child through a variety of hands-on activities and lessons.

A Shepherd’s Tale: December 17
Happy Birthday, Jesus!: December 24

Caroling in the Commons

December 24, 10:00 a.m.

We will join our voices and sing our favorite Christmas hymns—songs of faith that speak to our hearts as we celebrate the miracle of Christ’s birth. Please bring your favorite Christmas treats to share.



The Bidding Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Beloved in Christ, let us prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the Magi, adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience, unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world: for peace and goodwill over all the earth, for unity within the Church that Christ came to build. And let us remember in Christ’s name the poor and the helpless; the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who do not yet know the loving kindness of God.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon a heavenly shore and in a greater light—that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Caroil O Come, All Ye Faithful 234
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

For the remainder of the service, we request that the congregation refrain from applause, in a spirit of reverent worship.

First Lesson From Genesis Chapter 2 Allison Updegrove
Maddie Westcomb

God places trees in the Garden of Eden

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

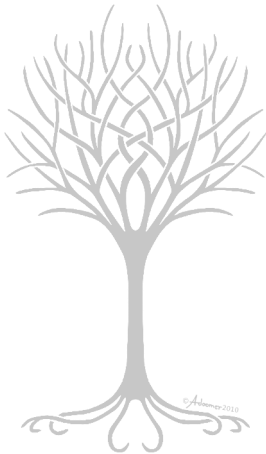
Carol Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French folk tune
Men’s Chorus; Mike Krueger, director Liturgy of St. James
Kevin Carlson, solo; David Rush, timpani arr. Craig Courtney
Lance Peeler, chimes; Kathy Kane, Anna Erickson, violin; Willey Lee, piano

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descending, from the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord Most High!



Almighty God, you wonderfully provided for our restoration through the work of your Son.

In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

And may the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—through his grace until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Postlude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her
(From heaven above, to earth I come)
Dr. Lance J. Peeler, organ

Max Reger

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters	Pat Davisson, Phyllis Bauler, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoe Bohmer, Audrey Cicmanec, Gray Cicmanec
Welcome Desk	Donna Trieschmann, Jeff Mousseau, Penny Gillen
Acolytes	Annie Macabobby, Chris Marra
Ushers	Dave Gaul, Ryan Shea, Carter Gaul, Ralph & Kathie Gehrig, Moyra Gorski, Andy Tooley, Teddy Tooley, Len Witte

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters	Bob & Fern Evelhoch, Jean Doyle, Phyllis Hamilton
Welcome Desk	Sally Bintz, Laurie Warfel
Acolytes	Jack Bianco, Mark Bianco
Ushers	Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Bethany Majernik, Luke Majernik, Dick Seloover

Worship Service Assistants: Mary Ellen Kolbe, Vickie Austin

Sound Technicians: Kevin Carlson, Phil Johnson, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Tony Venezia

Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Dr. Lance J. Peeler, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Shelley Bornstein, Rebecca Roell, Dave Brewer, Deb Hafner, Mike Capra

Congregational Care

Please remember these individuals and families in your prayers this week.

Jan Adair, Richard Boyd, Meridith Brand, Charlie Castino, Jim & Carol Eaton, Anna Gorski, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Judy Jay, Rod Irey, Ivan Kane, Mary Louise Lewis, Dan Meeks, Jeff Nankervis, Lenna Siens, Roger & Jan Sutfin, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today’s Altar Flowers are given by
Matt, Krista, Natalie & Luke Boba in memory of Lauren Elizabeth

Christmas Wreaths in the Sanctuary have been donated by Gary’s Boy Scout Troop 35. Thanks to the Gary Gardeners for decorating in the Sanctuary and throughout the church.

Adam and Eve eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
A Cappella Ensemble

Elizabeth Poston

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne’er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all: but now I see
’Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I’m weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

~ Anonymous

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning
Good News Ringers; Nancy Brunner, director

German Folk Song
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

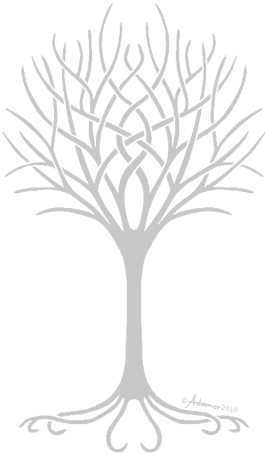
*When Christmas morn is dawning
In faith I would repair
Unto the lowly manger;
My Saviour lieth there.*

*How kind, O loving Savior,
To come from heaven above!
From sin and evil save us.
And keep us in Thy love.*

*We need Thee, blessed Jesus,
Our dearest friend Thou art;
Forbid that we by sinning
Should grieve Thy loving heart.*

Carol

Carol



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Massed Choir; Bill Phemister, Willey Lee, piano; Lance Peeler, organ
Altar Bells; David Rush, percussion

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Dan Forrest

God promises a Shoot out of the Stump of Jesse

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lo, How a Rose / The Rose
Chancel Choir
Cindi Copeland, Teresa Fraker, solos; Lance Peeler, piano

McBroom/Praetorius
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.

Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed;

Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.

Some say love, it is a razor that leaves your soul to bleed;

It came a Flow’ret bright,

Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need;

Amid the cold of winter,

I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed.

When half spent was the night.

*It’s the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance.
It’s the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance.
It’s the one who won’t be taken who cannot seem to give,
And the soul afraid of dying that never learns to live.*

This Flow’r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,

When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long;

Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev’rywhere.

And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong;

True Man, yet very God,

Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snow

From sin and death He saves us

Lies the seed that with the sun’s love, in the spring becomes the rose.

When half spent was the night.

~ Amanda McBroom
~ 15th Century German, trans. Theodore Baker

*Doxology

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

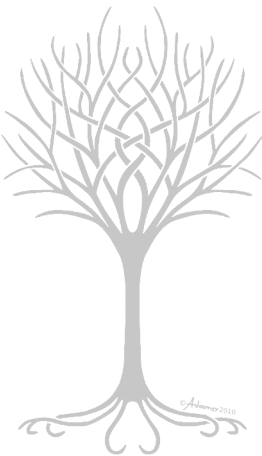
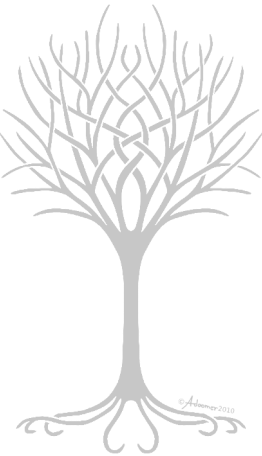
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**O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee, rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Carol

Joy to the World
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

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Fourth Lesson	From Luke Chapter 1	Bob and Carol Barnes Jim and Lynn Cohick	Sixth Lesson	From Matthew Chapter 2	Gerri Gray, Julie Francis
	<i>The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary</i>			<i>Magi seek the Christ Child</i>	
	This is the word of the Lord.			This is the word of the Lord.	
	Thanks be to God.			Thanks be to God.	
*Carol	My Soul Gives Glory to My God <i>(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5)</i>	198	*Carol	We Three Kings <i>(Stanzas 1 and 5)</i>	254
Carol	Advent Joy Altar Bells; Sharon Schmidt, director	BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN / HYFRYDOL arr. Brian Childers	Carol	O Little Town of Bethlehem Broken Together Youth Ensemble; Ellie Pentland, director; Linda Krueger, piano Maggie Shaughnessy, tuba; Leah Austin, flute; Emily McClelland, violin Alicia Cruz, Josh Keske, Sarah Termini, solos	Lewis Redner
	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion! Prepare the Way, O Zion! Your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley A level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story. O blest is Christ who came in God's holy name.</i> ~ Swedish hymn			<i>O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.</i> <i>For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth!</i> <i>We'll hang our faith on Christ's own tree, The branches firm and strong. He'll be our King, our everything; To him we shall belong. We hear the Christmas angels The great, glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel!</i> ~Phillipps Brooks (alt., Ellie Pentland)	
Fifth Lesson	From Luke Chapter 2	Luke Majernik, Andy Majernik Ben Bebar, Carey Bebar			
	<i>Christ is born, and the Shepherds hear the Good News</i>				
	This is the word of the Lord.				
	Thanks be to God.				
Carol	Cradle Hymn Women of Chancel Choir; Anna Erickson, violin; Lance Peeler, piano	Kim André Arnesen			
	<i>Hush my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed! Heavenly blessings without number Gently falling on thy head. See the kindly shepherds round Him, Telling wonders from the sky! When they sought Him, there they found Him, With His Virgin mother by. See the lovely babe a-dressing; Lovely infant, how He smiled! When He wept, the mother's blessing Soothed and hush'd the holy child. May'st thou live to know and fear Him, Trust and love Him all thy days; Then go dwell forever near Him, See His face, and sing His praise!</i> ~ Isaac Watts				
			Seventh Lesson	From John Chapter 15 and Revelation Chapter 22	Cliff Hill, Don Garlinger
				<i>The vine and the branches, and the Tree of Life</i>	
				This is the word of the Lord.	
				Thanks be to God.	
			*Carol	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice <i>(Stanzas 1 and 3)</i>	224