

Sharing the Story of Christmas

AGAIN, AFRESH, ANEW

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.

TODAY

Sharing the Story of Christmas | Adult Sunday School Class
 Sundays, December 1, 15, and 22, 10 a.m. in the Chapel
 Led by Dr. Michael Graves

In this series celebrating the joyous and wondrous season of Advent, we will explore the stories of those in Scripture who experienced the first Christmas: Mary, the Magi, and Jesus. We will learn about the world in which they lived and the special role each played in this amazing event. Above all, we will reflect together on how their stories intersect with the stories God is telling through our lives today.

- December 1: The Story of Mary (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56)
- December 15: The Story of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)
- December 22: The Story of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17; John 1:1-18)

A Gingerbread Christmas | Gary Kids Family Event
 10 a.m. in Gamon Hall

During the busyness of the season, it's important for families to come together to have fun while learning about the true meaning of Christmas. That's why we are offering this special event where families can play games, make gingerbread houses, and learn how God wants to make his home in us!

Gary Youth | 10 a.m. Sunday School
 Grades 6-7 meet in the Heritage Room
 Confirmation (Grade 8) meets in the Jr. High Room
 Grades 9-12 meet in the Sr. High Room



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

Our sympathy to

Today's altar flowers are given

In memory of Brian McIntosh on what would have been his 85th birthday

9 a.m. Service

Welcome Desk Cindy Plate, Kim Austin

Acolytes Andrew McCluskey, Zoey Bohmer

11 a.m. Service

Greeters Jeff, Kim, Connor & Hannah Shrigley, Phyllis Hamilton, Jean Doyle

Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab

Acolytes Delaney Ingbretson, Mia LaFratta

Musician: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal (Glory Ringers), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir), Anthony Quaranta (cantor)

Sound Technicians: John Brunner, Phil Johnson, Josh Keske, Marty Keske, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Ellie Phillips, Ethan Phillips, David Rush, Tony Venezia

Staff Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Kevin Lange, Carey Williams Bebar, Kim Austin, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Raven Larkin, Deb Evans, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

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

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

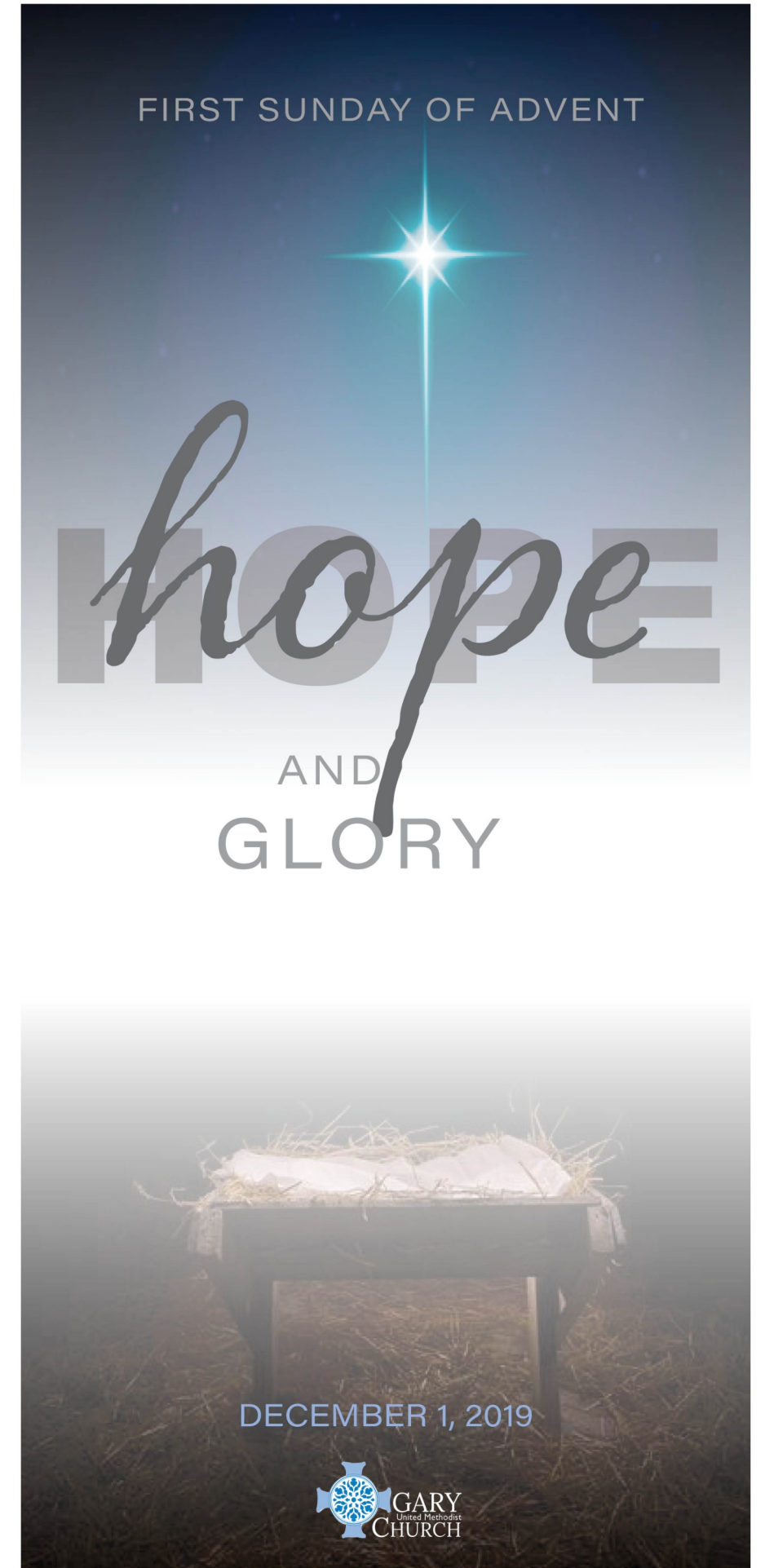
Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News



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Gary United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019 9 & 11 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

Congregation reads bold print.

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

Prelude (9 a.m.)	Noel	Louis-Claude D'Aquin
(11 a.m.)	Advent Carol (VENI EMMANUEL) Glory Ringers	arr. Hal Hopson

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

*Advent Candle Lighting

Reid, Carey, Nick, & Emma Moreland (9 a.m.)
Terry Balke (11 a.m.)

The God of peace calls us to this season of anticipation; the God of love summons us to this time of worship.

I was glad when they said to me: let us go to the house of our God.

Let all people and all nations bow together in praise. Let us wake from sleep to welcome our salvation.

Here we will seek the light God offers us; here we will prepare to walk God's path.

As we light this Advent candle, let us watch for the One who makes all things new.

We will equip ourselves as Jesus' disciples, watching and waiting and serving in Christ's name.

*Hymn	When Morning Gilds the Skies	185
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(9 a.m.) During the hymn, children Preschool 3's–Grade 3 are invited to come forward to proceed with their leaders to the lower level for Kid's Church. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the doxology prior to Communion.

(11 a.m.) Children are invited to worship with their families during this service. 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.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, make this the hour of your coming to us. Break into our routines, transform our vision, equip us to hear and see you at work among us. Take away our lust for dominating, that we may meet one another as equals in your sight. Remove our warring spirits, to open us to your peaceful ways. Send your light to illuminate our thinking and warm our responses.

Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 2:1–5	Pew Bible p. 567
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Readers: Joe Ruth (9 a.m.), John Whitcomb (11 a.m.)		
*Psalter	Psalms 122	845
Sermon	“Peace Be unto You”	Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
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, for ever. Amen.		
Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings		
(9 a.m.)	Advent Carol (VENI EMMANUEL) Glory Ringers	arr. Hal Hopson
(11 a.m.)	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Chancel Choir	Praetorius
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, When half spent was the night. This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us, And lightens every load. (tr. Theodore Baker)		
*Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	196
During the hymn, children Preschool 3's–Grade 3 will return to the Sanctuary to join their families.		

Invitation		
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.		
Prayer of Confession		
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving		13
Sharing the Bread and the Cup		
Communion Hymns		
The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns or to meditate silently.		
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence		626
There Is a Balm in Gilead		375
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light		206
More Love to Thee, O Christ		453
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast		339
*Hymn	People, Look East (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)	202
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
Chorale Prelude on “Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her” From Heaven Above to Earth I Come		Johann Pachelbel