

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 62:1–5, Psalm 36:5–10, I Corinthians 12:1–11, and John 2:1–11.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10 a.m.

New Reformation
Today–Feb. 3 in the Anderson Room, led by Christy Grace
Author of *New Reformation: From Luther’s World to Ours*, Rob Fuquay says that although “justified by faith” is not a new idea, the message is as revolutionary today as ever. Fuquay’s study series helps us take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches how to embrace reformation in our church and in our life today.

All of God’s Creation as Family: Exploring the Relationships Among Indigenous People, "Newcomers," and Nature
Today–Jan. 27 in the Chapel
In this study, we will explore Christian and Indigenous perspectives on the necessity for humans to be rejoined with nature, and to understand the implications of the Earth's gifts and our responsibility to reciprocate them. Cathy Mousseau and Elaine McCluskey will lead the study, with support from Rev. Adrienne Sparrow Strickerand Dr. Gene Green. We encourage participants to read *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, but it is not required.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Kids’ Worship

Preschool 3’s–4’s meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level

Kindergarten–Grade 3 meet in the Lower Level Lobby

10 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3’s–4’s meet in the Preschool Room

Kindergarten–Grade 5 meet in Gamon Hall

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

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Jessica Bianco, Heidi Brewer, Deb Connor, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dixie Hawthorne, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Betty Jeppsen, Bruce Keller, Chris Loken, Dan Meeks, Cubby Minauskas, Jennifer Ruth, Jim Trieschmann, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Congratulations!
Jay, Nicole, and Riley Krick on the birth of their son and brother, Benjamin Lee, on Fri., Jan. 4. Grandmother is Debbie Riley. Great-grandmother is Verla Jefferson.

Today’s altar flowers are given by
Barbara Holmes in loving memory of her mother, Florence Holmes.

If you would like to provide flowers on Sunday mornings, contact the Church Office.

Serving Today

9 a.m. Service
Greeters Phyllis Bauler, Bettye Montgomery, Kim Austin, Cindy Sennese
Welcome Desk Marjorie Merriman, Beverly Bassler
Acolytes Chase Mann
Ushers Dave Gaul, Stan Diddams, Carter Gaul, Faith Gaul, Andy Tooley, Teddy Tooley, Len Witte

11 a.m. Service
Greeters Mike & Terri Kinney, Bob Hawkins, George King
Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab
Acolytes Sydney Schilling, Natalie Boba
Ushers Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Luke Majernik, Bethany Majernik, Dick Seloover

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Bill Phemister (piano), Mike Krueger (Men’s Chorus), Beth Graves (piano), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

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, Kevin Lange, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Raven Larkin, Deb Evans, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

Mission Statement

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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A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

John Brownlow Geyer



Gary United Methodist Church		
First Sunday After the Epiphany January 13, 2019 9 & 11 a.m.		
<i>*Please stand as you are able. Congregation reads bold print. Congregational song book is the hard cover Hymnal found in the pew racks.</i>		
Prelude	To God Be the Glory	William H. Doane arr. John Carter
	Come Thou Fount	Repository of Sacred Music arr. John Carter
Mission and Ministry at Gary Church		
Dedication of the Steinway Grand Piano [†]		
We present this piano to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation in loving memory of Robert Geyer. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,		
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,		
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,		
and your faithfulness at night,		
to the music of the lute and the harp,		
to the melody of the lyre.		
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;		
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.		
Introit		
(9 a.m.)	Prelude in C, BWV 846, from <i>The Well-Tempered Clavier</i>	J. S. Bach
(11 a.m.)	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Men's Chorus	Inside Panel
*Call to Worship		
Come all who would hear the call to proclaim God's prophetic word. We are called to take light where there is darkness and despair.		
We are called to carry hope to lives where hope has been lost. We are called to share God's love so all might know true life itself.		
We are called to proclaim God's mercy and grace for all to hear. Blessed be the name of the Lord!		
*Hymn	The Church's One Foundation (Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)	545

Opening Prayer

Loving and caring God, you call us out of the waters, out of the fire, and through the breath of the Spirit. You call us to embrace our identity as your beloved, to let this identity shape our worship, and indeed our very lives. In trust, we open ourselves during this time of worship, that we might receive your transforming Spirit, and be touched by your never-ending love. As we are brought into intimate experience of you, help us to embrace our identity in you—that the world will know we are yours. Amen.

Scripture Lesson	Acts 8:14–17 *Luke 3:15–22	Pew Bible p. 916 Pew Bible p. 858
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Readers: Christa Tooley (9 a.m.), Vickie Austin (11 a.m.)		
*Hymn of Faith	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	420
Children's Time (9 a.m.)		
(9 a.m.) Children Preschool 3's–Grade 5 are invited to come forward. After the Children's Time, those in Grades 4–5 will worship with their families, while children Preschool 3's–Grade 3 may follow their leaders downstairs to Kids' Church.		
(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.		
Sermon	“Knowing Who You Are”	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.)	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Men's Chorus	Inside Panel
(11 a.m.)	Saints Bound for Heaven Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835 Chancel Choir	arr. Mack Wilberg
<i>Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by, our bondage it shall end, by and by; from Egypt's yoke set free; hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we'll return, by and by, by and by, and to Canaan we'll return, by and by. Our deliverer he shall come, by and by, by and by, our deliverer he shall come, by and by; and our sorrows have an end, with our threescore years and ten, and vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by, and vast glory crown the day, by and by. And when to Jordan's floods, we are come, we are come, and when to Jordan's floods, we are come; Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters he'll divide, and the ransomed host shall shout, we are come, we are come, and the ransomed host shall shout, we are come. Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice, then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice; shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice, and through all eternity we'll rejoice.</i>		
*Doxology		

Through north and south and east and west,
May God's immortal name be blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God's Kingdom come, God's will is done.
O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Hymn	We Know That Christ Is Raised	610
*Benediction		
Postlude	Etude, Op. 25, No. 12 in C minor (Ocean) <i>Please remain seated quietly during the postlude.</i>	Frédéric Chopin

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Williams/Hughes, arr. Jack Shrader

Please join in singing as noted below.

Men's Chorus:

Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliver, strong deliver, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

Congregation:

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee!**

[†]**Dedication of Gary's Steinway Grand Piano**

The Steinway Model B Grand has recently returned to Gary's Sanctuary. Piano technician Alan Zajicek thoroughly renovated the 50-year-old instrument in a process that required six months of intense work. Alan says, “The Steinway piano has over 12,000 parts. I replaced about half of the individual pieces in the entire instrument; I inspected, repaired and aligned the rest. All the parts have to work together in concert to allow harmonious sounds to emanate from the piano. I'm happy that this lovely instrument once again will provide the next couple of generations at Gary Church inspiring sound that will enhance spiritual growth.”

The cabinet was expertly restored to its original satin finish by Jose Torres of Classic Piano Repair in Peotone, IL.

Our congregation is indeed grateful to God for these skilled craftsmen, as well as for Phyllis Geyer whose kind generosity made this gift possible. “Sing a new song to God; play skillfully on the strings with a joyful shout!” (Psalm 33:3).