

Gary United Methodist Church

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 2018 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 Larry Visser
Chorale Preludes on “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”
Homage to Johann Sebastian Bach
I. In Organ pleno (after BWV 631) II. Ornamented Chorale (after BWV 654)

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit (9:00) Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Joshua Kramer
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
Altar Bells
(11:00) Trust in You Daigle/Farren/Mabury
Broken Together arr. J. Miller

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them

and who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord![†]

*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5)

Opening Prayer

God, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened, you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.

Prayer for Veterans

Scripture Lesson *Mark 12: 38–44 Pew Bible p. 848

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Readers: Jennifer Castino (9:00), Christine Grace (11:00)

*Hymn of Faith Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 427
(Stanzas 1–4)

(9:00) Children Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 are invited to come forward during the hymn. 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.

(11:00) 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.

Children’s Time (9:00) Carey Bebar

Sermon “The In Crowd” 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

(9:00) Trust in You Daigle/Farren/Mabury
Broken Together arr. J. Miller
(11:00) God of the Ages Roberts/Warren
Men’s Chorus arr. Howard Helvey

*God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
Thy love divine hath lead us in the past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
O, be our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine!
Alleluia!*

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought 128
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

*Benediction (9:00) God of the Ages Roberts/Warren
Men’s Chorus arr. Howard Helvey

*Postlude Larry Visser
Chorale Prelude on “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”
IV. In Organ pleno (after BWV 547)



**Wednesday,
November 21
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Dinner

All are welcome to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal *before our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service*. Whether you don’t have family in the area, don’t have the resources for a meal on your own, or would just like to share a meal with your Church family, we have a spot for you at our table!

RSVP through the Church Office by November 12, and if you are able, sign up to roast a turkey, bring a side, or help with clean-up. A sign-up sheet will also be in the Commons starting October 28.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Immediately following our Thanksgiving dinner, all are invited to gather together in the Sanctuary for this special service of thanks.

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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 1 Samuel 1:4–10, 1 2:1–10, Psalm 113, Hebrews 10:11-14 (15–18) 19–25, and Mark 13:1–8.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10:00 a.m.

All Good Things : Understanding Gratitude in the Season of Thanksgiving
Nov. 11 and 18 in the Chapel, led by Betsy Boyd
Join us for a look at Diana Butler Bass’ book *Grateful*, which explores why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice, offers practical suggestions for reclaiming it, and illuminates how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to greater connection with God, our world, and our own souls.

Great Figures Part II DVD Study
Through Nov. 18 in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Cliff Hill
Join Cliff Hill in this study as we encounter characters in the New Testament and take a fresh look at how these figures have been interpreted by both the secular culture and the church. *Today:* Jesus of Nazareth.

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

10:00 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

This Afternoon at Gary

Turkey Shuffle
4–6 p.m. in the Activity Center
Middle and High School students, come and celebrate with us by playing ridiculous Thanksgiving games! The winning team will take home the coveted Golden Turkey.

Songs of War and Peace
4 p.m. in the Sanctuary
This recital sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, commemorates 100 years after the Armistice of World War I. A free-will offering to benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans will be received.

Congregational Care

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

Jan Adair, Ryan Allen, Jessica Bianco, Dave & Heidi Brewer, Deb Connor, Jim & Carol Eaton, Jamie Grubb, Dixie Hawthorne, Barbara Heeley, Pat Hill, Bruce Keller, Gary Lloyd, Chris Loken, Dale McClelland, Dan Meeks, Lenna Siens, Neal Smith, Jim Trieschmann, Joyce Wahl, Bobbi Wheatley, Jack & Shirley Williamson

Today’s altar flowers are given by

Ed Ewoldt in memory of Karen Ewoldt Kruse

Serving Today

9:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Bud & Melissa Wheaton, Dan & June Hurd, Audrey Cicmanec, Gray Cicmanec
Welcome Desk Dick & Carolyn Raber, Kim Austin
Acolytes Natalie Boba, Chase Mann
Ushers Dave Gaul, Stan Diddams, Carter Gaul, Faith Gaul, Andy Tooley, Teddy Tooley, Len Witte

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeters Mike & Terri Kinney, Bob Hawkins, George King
Welcome Desk Dick & Julie Raab
Acolytes Zoey Bohmer, Andrew McCluskey
Ushers Bob Drake, Patty Affett, Vickie Austin, John Hamilton, Don Kenyon, Andy Majernik, Luke Majernik, Bethany Majernik, Dick Selover

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Sharon Schmidt (Altar Bells), Ellie Pentland (Broken Together), Mike Krueger (Men’s Chorus), Lesley Sharkey and Beth Graves (piano)

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, Dave Brewer, 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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