

Gary United Methodist Church

26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018 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 Concerto for Four Violins, I. Allegro Vivaldi
Camerata Chicago Academy
Soloists: Amelia Piscitelli, Kevin Shi, Tabitha Rea, Ananya Moses

Mission and Ministry at Gary Church

Introit Concerto for Four Violins, II. Largo e spiccato Vivaldi
Camerata Chicago Academy

*Call to Worship

Let us proclaim the source of our hope and strength.
Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.
There is no rock like our God.

Let us put our trust in God alone.
No one shall deceive us.

Let us worship the source of our hope and strength.
We will worship the living God.†

*Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past 117
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6)

Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings and endless possibilities, grant us the courage to reach out and claim the promises of your faithful love. As we pour out the deepest desires of our hearts, fill our souls with peace, for you alone are our hope and our salvation. Give us eyes to see the longing of our neighbors, and grant us the wisdom to offer words of comfort and assurance, that we might be instruments of your mercy and your grace.†

Sacrament of Baptism (9 a.m.)

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 10:11–25 Pew Bible p. 1006
*Mark 13:1–8 Pew Bible p. 849

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

Readers: Elaine McCluskey (9 a.m.), Tanner Isaac (11 a.m.)

*Hymn of Faith Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175
(9:00) During the hymn, children Preschool 3’s–grade 5 are invited to come forward to proceed with their leaders to the lower level for a Helping Hands mission project.
(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.

Sermon “A New and Living Way” 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.) Concerto for Four Violins, III. Allegro Vivaldi
Camerata Chicago Academy

(11 a.m.) I Rest within God’s Gentle Arms: Vater unser*
Chancel Choir, Kristen Stetzer, solo William Beckstrand

Vater unser. I rest within God’s gentle arms, a trusting child kept free from harm.
Our God is holy, rules all things. A trusting child, I freely sing to God
from whom all life is giv’n, whose will is done on earth and heaven. Vater unser.
O thou, who hast of thy pure grace made shine on us a Father’s face,
arise, thy holy name make known; take up thy pow’r and reign alone.
On earth, in us, let thy sole will be done, as angels do it still. Vater unser.
Each day the world is springing green, the seas, the mountains, and the plains.
The grains of wheat, the golden fields, for daily bread the harvest yields. Vater unser.
God gives us all so we can live, as we’re forgiven and we forgive,
and keeps the evil one away, with thankfulness and joy we pray! Vater unser. Vater unser.

~ Gracia Grindal and Martin H. Franzmann
*Vater unser (German) “Our Father”

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters 605

*Benediction

*Postlude Sonata No. 6 in D minor: Fugue Felix Mendelssohn
(based on Luther’s chorale VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH)

Today we welcome Camerata Chicago Academy

We are proud to recognize Camerata Chicago Academy as Ensemble in Residence at Gary Church. Founded in 2014, this orchestra provides a unique setting for high school musicians to perform in a professional atmosphere under the direction of an internationally known conductor, Maestro Drostan Hall.

Gary Church enthusiastically supports their mission and their service to the community. Our association with Camerata Chicago Academy expands the church’s reach to Wheaton and the surrounding suburbs, while contributing to the development of these fine young musicians. In return, the Academy brings inspiring music to our worship services several times each year.



Wednesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Worship 7 p.m.

All are invited to gather together for this special service of thanks. Rev. Barb Good will provide the message. Rev. Good served as Associate Pastor at Gary Church from 1996–2000 and is currently Senior Pastor at Palos United Methodist Church in Palos Heights.

This special service of thanks will include Holy Communion.

†Beu, B. J. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. Used by permission

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 2 Samuel 23:1–7, Psalm 132:1–12, Revelations 1:4b–8, and John 18:33–37.

Today at Gary Church

Adult Ministries at 10 a.m.

All Good Things : Understanding Gratitude in the Season of Thanksgiving
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
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:* The Christ of Faith.

Gary Kids & Gary Youth

9:15 a.m. Gary Kids Helping Hands Mission Project: PJs and Pancakes!

Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby to wrap donated pajamas for Christmas Sharing, followed by a pancake breakfast.

10 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3’s–Grade 5 meet in the Lower Level Lobby as PJs and Pancakes continues

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

11 a.m. Summer Mission Trip Information Meeting
In the Jr. High Room, led by Alexa Isaac
High school students (and those finishing grade 8) and their parents are invited to come learn about this summer’s trip to Kansas City.

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

Our sympathy to
The Family of Laura Crawford, former Director of Christian Education at Gary Church. Laura passed away on Nov. 13.

The Thanksgiving Altar arrangement was created from materials graciously donated by David & Carolyn Cattron of Alexander Farms, Geneseo, IL.

Serving Today

9 a.m. Service
Greeters Pat Davisson, Bettye Montgomery, Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoe Bohmer, Cindy Sennese
Welcome Desk Donna Trieschmann, Phyllis Geyer, Penny Gillen
Acolytes Lauren Updegrove, Travis Papievis
Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

11 a.m. Service
Greeters Diana Bernholdt, Kelly Heighway
Welcome Desk Bob & Madge Drake
Acolytes Zoey Bohmer, Lukas Schaafsma
Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

Musicians: Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Drostan Hall (Camerata Chicago Academy), 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, 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



For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Mark 13:8

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