Gilead Presbyterian Church October 31, 2021 Observing All Saints' Day

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

PURPLE HYMNAL #399 "God Welcomes All" God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRELUDE

"Pachelbel's Canon" Zoe Temple, piano by Pachelbel

OPENING SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:3-6

Leader: See, the home of God is among mortals. God shall dwell with us. We shall be God's people, and God's own being will be with us.

People: The God who dwells with us will wipe every tear from our eyes. Leader: Mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

People: Behold! God is making all things new.

Leader: From the beginning to the end, the water of life springs forth to those who thirst.

BLUE HYMNAL #262

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute

- 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 led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have turned upside-down the values you proclaimed to us. We have worshiped our own strength, power and individualism, been proud of our status in the world, and spent our life-energies chasing meaningless goals and earthly treasures. Gather us closely in your arms, that we may rely on you and your love; and securely, faithfully release the sins that hold us back from living as your children, full of joy, learning, and simple prayer. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

² Thus says the Almighty God who made the earth, God who formed it to establish it, whose name is Yahweh: ³ Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. *Jeremiah* 33:2-3

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. *Romans* 14:7-9

¹ See what love the Creating God has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it comes to light, we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. *1 John 3:1-2*

SERMON	"Halloween Surprise Party"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
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"Abide with Me"

Gilead Singers

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

MEDITATION

by Henry F. Lyte and William H. Monk

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #526

"For All the Saints" Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute

- For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" tune: "Ein' Feste-Burg" by Martin Luther; arr. by Thomas Chesterson Mary Temple, organ

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► The Food Pantry can use monetary donations, as well as all non-perishable foods and toiletries. Leave in the outside bin or call Martin for appointment.

▶ Prayer Zoom each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

▶ If you would like to build a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, find instructions

at https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

► Bible Study in the lounge and Zoom, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

[†] We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts.

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