

## Gilead Presbyterian Church January 2, 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas, Year C

Welcome to Gilead Presbyterian Church, a community of the universal love and light of Jesus 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.

OPENING MUSIC "First Noel" arr. by Gail Leven Pollack Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ trad. English Melody

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 100:4-5 Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise! **People: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name; for the Almighty is good.** Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever. **People: God's faithfulness extends to all generations.** 

PURPLE HYMNAL #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

With praise and thanksgiving we lift up our voices to you, O God. Joyfully we proclaim the birth of hope and joy in the world. On this holy morning, we commit ourselves anew to proclaiming this good news through our lives—our thoughts, prayers, and deeds. We believe in all things good, brought to glorious fruition through Jesus Christ, and we accept the comfort and challenge of receiving Christ and bearing Christ into the world. Joy to the World! SILENT PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE GLORIA, from "Angels We Have Heard on High" Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

# TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Psalms 100:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to Almighty God, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Almighty Beloved with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Almighty is God, the one who made us, and the one to whom we belong; we are the sheep in the Beloved Shepherd's pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name; <sup>5</sup> for the Almighty is good; God's steadfast love endures forever. God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

John 10:7-9

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

MEDITATION	"Away in a Manger" Gilead Bell Chimes	
SERMON	"Step Through the Gate"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
MEDITATION	"What Child Is This" Gilead Singers	English Ballad

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine, or any substance that feels appropriate; or prayerfully take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion Bread & Cup sets contain grape juice. INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP 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.

PURPLE HYMNAL #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"arr. by Gail Leven PollackPenny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organtrad. English Melody



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

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

Bell Chimes rehearse at 9:00am today to play in worship.

► Gilead Singers rehearse at 9:15am today to play in worship.

Thank you to our videographer, Stephanie Gould.

<sup>+</sup> We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, <u>www.gileadchurch.org</u>, 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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