



Gilead Presbyterian Church
December 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Day, Year A



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

OPENING MUSIC

"He Is Born"
Mary Temple, organ

Trad. French Melody
by Mary McDonald

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98, arranged by Pat McGeachy
(to the tune of *Joy to the World*)

**Sing to the Lord a brand new song, a song of victory!
God's ho-ly a-rm and ha-nd are stro-ng for all the world to see!
Make to the Lord a joyful sound, all the lands of earth!
Let lu-te and ly-re and ho-rns resou-nd, with unrestricted mirth!
Let every language sound its strains; let earth its songs employ,
While fields and flo-ods, rocks, hi-lls, and pla-ins repeat the sounding joy!
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Rejoice both age and youth!
Break in-to so-ng and sou-nd the dru-m, and hail the reign of truth!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN REQUEST

OPENING PRAYER

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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

HYMN REQUEST

ASSURANCE OF THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN REQUEST

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

“What Child Is This”
Juergen Tempel, cello

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN REQUEST

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:35-43

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
³⁶ When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

HYMN REQUEST

SERMON

“Jesus Baby”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

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.

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Wednesday Bible Study is on Christmas vacation. See you in 2023!

Join us next Sunday, New Year's Day, at 10:00 a.m. for worship and Holy Communion. Sunday, January 8 we will celebrate Epiphany. Singers will rehearse at 9:15.



† *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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