

GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

We welcome John F. Temple III, longtime Gilead member, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "Ave Verum" by W. A. Mozart
Della Temple, flute, and Juergen Tempel, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of the Almighty, let us gather as one community.

Congregation: We come together, bound by faith and love.

Leader: Today, we seek to understand the depth of love and the power of forgiveness.

Congregation: May our hearts be open to the teachings of Christ.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and gratitude for the love that surrounds us.

Congregation: We praise God's boundless love and grace.

Leader: As we gather, let forgiveness flow from our hearts, as it has from our Savior's.

Congregation: May forgiveness heal and unite us.

Leader: Together, we ask for strength to love unconditionally and forgive endlessly.

Congregation: Grant us, O Lord, the gift of love and forgiveness.

ALL: Let forgiveness reign in our hearts guided by God's grace. Amen.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we humbly come before you, acknowledging our shortcomings and the times we have fallen short of your perfect love. We confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. Grant us the strength to turn away from our wrongdoings and walk in your ways. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE GLORIA**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

ANTHEM

“Siyahamba (We are Marching)”
Gilead Singers

traditional Zulu song

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,^[a] forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.

Exodus 34:6, 7

SERMON

“Be Kind to Yourself”

John F. Temple, III

***PURPLE HYMNAL #286**

“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

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.

THE OFFERING

“Pie Jesu” by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Della Temple, flute, and Zoe Temple, piano

OFFERTORY

***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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***PURPLE HYMNAL #611**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” v. 1, 2, 4

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”
Gilead Singers

by John Thompson
and Randy Scruggs

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”
Mary Temple, organ

by Henry Purcell
arr. by Denis Agay

*The congregation is invited to stand. **BOLD:** Congregation responds/sings

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brenda Verdesi,
and our videographer, Paul Francis.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, October 22

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, October 23

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 25

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.

Thursday, October 26

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, October 27

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, October 29

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Lynn Boyer, preaching

Our October Mission is Guiding Eyes for the Blind- we invite you to support Deacon Redd Behan as they build a training structure for the puppies. Details can be found in the lounge.

Operation Christmas Child is coming! You are invited to join us in our annual collection of shoeboxes full of gifts for children across the world through Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes will be dedicated during worship and collected on **Sunday, November 12th**. For details on filling boxes, see the posters/flyers in the lounge or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512

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