

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, November 5th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Communion Sunday

We welcome Timothy Stan to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Once to Every Man and Nation" by Thomas Williams
Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE (From Deuteronomy 2:7)

Preacher: Surely the Lord God has blessed us.

People: God knows that we are going through this great wilderness.

Preacher: Throughout our years of wandering, God has been with us.

People: And God provides all that we need.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #263**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, We come before You today confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. We ask You to come into this place, and into our hearts. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. 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 "I've Got Peace Like a River" African-American Spiritual
Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *(The children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress; ⁷ God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ⁹ For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 107:4-9

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON "Wilderness" Timothy Stan

***PURPLE HYMNAL #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple
Gilead Singers arr. by B. Pulkingham

***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**

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, November 5 **Communion Sunday - Daylight Savings Time Begins!**

- 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, November 6

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- **CAT assessments due!**

Friday, November 10

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

Sunday, November 12

- 8:40 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Elder Paul Francis, preaching.
- **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due!** To be dedicated during worship

Upcoming:

- Gilead Session meets Tuesday, November 14
- Sunday, November 19: Bell chimes play during worship; Deacon's bake sale
- Tuesday, November 21: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Gilead, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 26: Congregational meeting to present the results of the CAT at noon. Brunch will be served beforehand.

Our November Mission is collecting new children's winter coats and accessories for Putnam Community Action Program. You can find good deals at Kohls and Marshalls. If you would rather donate money towards purchasing coats, you can write a check out to Gilead, with "November Mission" in the memo line, and Redd Behan will do the shopping. Any amount helps. Thanks!

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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