

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 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

We welcome Elder Paul Francis to the pulpit today!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Congregation: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Congregation: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart! Amen.

*GRAY HYMNAL #356 "Under His Wings"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, please hear our plea, as we confess our sins. We have failed to follow the path that you light for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have turned from the hardships and violence of the world and hidden from hard discussions and choices. We have placed our faith in our own abilities and things of this world and forgotten your word and promise. Restore us oh Lord, bring us closer into your presence and open our hearts to your searching and loving gaze. In Christ's 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

“Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven”
Gilead Singers

by Pepper Choplin

DEDICATION OF SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say on that day: “Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Isaiah 12:2-6

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there

will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“But I Ain't Got No Talent”

Elder Paul Francis

***GRAY HYMNAL #347**

“Be Still, My Soul!”

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

OFFERTORY

Gilead Singers

***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

***GRAY HYMNAL #561**

“We Gather Together”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” by John Bacchus Dykes
Mary Temple, organ

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Penny Cameron,
and our videographers, Stephanie and Alexis Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, November 12 **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due!**

- 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 13

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:30 p.m. Session meeting in the lounge

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- **CAT online surveys due** (extended deadline)

Friday, November 17

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

Sunday, November 19

- 8:40 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse to play during worship
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Elder Duane Stroud-Boutté, preaching
- Deacon's bake sale after worship. Please bring your homemade treats!

Upcoming:

- Sunday, November 19: bell chimes play during worship; Deacon's bake sale
- Tuesday, November 21: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Gilead
- 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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