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 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

We welcome Elder Duane Stroud-Boutté to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Now Thank We All Our God" Gilead Bell Chimes by Martin Rinkart

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song. Congregation: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name; Congregation: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART "The Five Kernels" SONG "This Little Light of Mine" The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

"This Little Light of Mine"

Duane Stroud-Boutté

*PURPLE HYMNAL #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

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

"Make Me a Blessing" Gilead Singers by Ira Wilson and G.S. Schuler

*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 #612

"We Praise You, O God"

*BENEDICTION

- *CHORAL BENEDICTION "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African-American Gilead Singers Spiritual
- POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord" by Ellen Jane Lorenz Penny Cameron, piano, and Mary Temple, organ

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

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Roxanne Roth, and our videographers, Stephanie and Alexis Gould.

Our chancel flowers today have been given with thanksgiving for God's blessings by Margery Amato

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, November 19

- 8:40 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee, fellowship, and a bake sale in the lounge.

Monday, November 20

• 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, November 21

- 6:00 p.m. Gilead Bell Chimes
- 6:30 p.m. Gilead Singers
- 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Gilead. Please bring non-perishable goods for the food pantries of Gilead and Patterson Community Churches. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving Blessings to All!** Friday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 26

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational meeting to review the results of the CAT. Light brunch prior.
- Session to meet following the congregational meeting.

Upcoming:

Sunday, December 3: Harp concert by Alyssa Reit, to benefit Gilead, 12:00 p.m. Light brunch prior. Sunday, December 17: Carol singing, 3:00 p.m. All are welcome! See Mary Temple for more info.

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, <u>www.gileadchurch.org</u>, or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512

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