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, January 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Elder Leslie Palmieri to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Ludwig van Beethoven Mary Temple, organ

During the opening music, let us quiet the noise from outside, cease our conversation with the world, and begin listening for the music of God's voice.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you;

Congregation: You are our God; we will extol you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

*GRAY HYMNAL #585 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Heavenly Father, You are a God of love and Your care for us knows no bounds. And yet, we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life. When our personal situations seem to be spinning out of

control, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by anxiety. We confess our lack of trust in your faithfulness towards us. Forgive us for our impatience and instead help us to see where You are already at work in our lives. Steady our minds and fix our hearts upon Your promises and goodness. Fill us with Your joy and encouragement as you renew our thinking. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus, Our Savior. 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

"Jesus Loves Us' medley Gilead Singers

music by Bradbury, Root, and Bliss

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Psalms 23:1-6

¹ For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

SERMON

"Words, Words, Words"

Elder Leslie Palmieri

*GRAY HYMNAL #270 "Wonderful Words of Life"

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 "Amen, Amen" African-American Spiritual

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 #18 "Come, We that Love the Lord" v.1, 4 & 5

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Amen, Amen" (reprise)

POSTLUDE "O, How I Love Jesus" traditional American melody

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, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.

The Chancel flowers are given today in honor of Carol Laufer from her sister, Leslie Palmieri

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, January 21

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.
- Secret Pal Reveal Party and Cookie/Recipe Exchange. If you are interested in participating this year, please join us!

Monday, January 22

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 28- Elder José Ojeda, preaching.

- 8:45 a.m. Gilead Bell Ringers rehearse; will be playing for Worship today.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

<u>Upcoming:</u>

Sunday, February 4th- Elder David Burpee will be preaching.

Sunday, February 11th- "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday- lunch following worship. Please sign up in the lounge to bring a pot of soup, a favorite loaf of bread, or a beverage.

Wednesday, February 14th- Ash Wednesday service; time TBA.

Sunday, February 18th- Annual reports due in preparation for our annual Congregational meeting (3/3/2024). All teams/committees please submit yours to Mariah Warren at gaelcat@comcast.net.

Our January Mission is collecting gift cards to local groceries so our Food Pantry families can have enough to eat through the month. A box is in the lounge for you to place the gift cards in.

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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