

# 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 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

*We welcome Elder José Ojeda to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

Prelude on "Boylston"  
"A Charge to Keep Have I"  
Mary Temple, organ

by Gordon Young

*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: Rejoice in the Lord always!

**People: All thanks and praise to God!**

Leader: Do not worry about anything.

**People: We trust in God who provides for us.**

Leader: Let the peace of God settle among you.

**People: We will share God's peace with all.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Dearest Lord, we confess that we have not always listened to your call. We have blocked out the song of your Word with the noise of the world, and we have believed the false prophets of fear, anger, materialism, acquisition, and worldly gain. We have not lived joyfully, mercifully, or graciously. Please help us to hear you singing in our hearts, that we might be set free to be the children of grace you created us to be. In the name of Jesus 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

"Footsteps of Jesus"  
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Asa B. Everett  
arr. by Barry Braman

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

Lucy Ojeda

SCRIPTURE

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous – and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion. You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book.

*Psalms 139:13-16*

In the morning, as he was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry, and noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to the tree to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, "Never bear fruit again!" And soon, the fig tree withered up. The disciples were utterly amazed and asked, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" Then, Jesus told them, "Truly, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can say to this mount of olives, 'Move over to the ocean,' and it will. You can get anything – anything you ask for in prayer – if you believe"

*Mathew 21:18-22*

SERMON

"Tooting My Own Horn"

Elder José E. Ojeda

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #687 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

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 "Sing Glory to the Name of God" (Psalm 29) text: David Gambrell  
Gilead Singers Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang 1623

**\*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 #634 "To God be the Glory"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Amen, Amen" (reprise)

POSTLUDE "Postlude on "Diademata" by George J. Elvey  
(Crown Him With Many Crowns)  
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, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

*The Chancel flowers are given today in celebration of Lisa Temple's birthday and  
in memory of Carole Sciallo by Mary Temple.*

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, January 28

- 8:45 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 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, January 29

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 4- Elder David Burpee, preaching.

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

### Upcoming:

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>- "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 14<sup>th</sup>- Presbyterian Women's Ash Wednesday Retreat at Holmes, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP with Diana Drake Behan or email her at [diana.pwhrp@gmail.com](mailto:diana.pwhrp@gmail.com).

-Ash Wednesday service; time TBA.

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>- 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](mailto: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 the cards. Thank you for your help!

This year's per capita remains the same as last year, \$39.70 per member. The Per Capita Apportionment is a share of the expense of the ecclesiastical/administrative work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at each governing level (the General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery of Hudson River).

*We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://www.gileadchurch.org), or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512*

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