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, February 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Elder David Burpee to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. by Olive Nelsen Russell 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: In a world longing for justice, the prophet Isaiah cries out: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the fetters of injustice, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

People: Come, then, brothers and sisters, to worship the God who calls us to be lights in the world, shining compassion and offering hope to those in need. Amen.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #136 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. 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 Feel the Spirit" Gilead Singers by David Eddleman

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.⁴ You fast only to guarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Isaiah 58:3-12

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"A Jesus Shaped Life"

*PURPLE HYMNAL #291

"Spirit"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

"Adoration" Jeurgen Tempel, cello by Florence Price

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine or any substance that feels appropriate; or take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion sets contain juice; in the trays the red is wine and the yellow is juice. INVITATION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Amen, Amen"

POSTLUDE "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" with" KumBaYa" arr. by Olive Nelsen Mary Temple, organ

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

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren, and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould. The Chancel flowers are given today in celebration of Ben Warren's birthday and in memory of his birthday twin. Joan Francis. by John & Mariah Warren.

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, February 4

• 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, February 5

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 7

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

11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class •

Friday, February 9

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

Sunday, February 11- Elder Mariah Warren, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- "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.

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Tuesday, February 13th- Regular Session meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Wednesday, February 14th- 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.

-Ash Wednesday service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 18th (First Sunday in Lent) - 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.

This year's per capita remains the same as last year, \$39.75 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).

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