

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 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
The Transfiguration of Our Lord, Year B

We welcome Elder Mariah Warren to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "Prelude on "Boylston (A Charge to Keep I Have) by Gordon Young
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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

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

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house,

People: and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

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

***PURPLE HYMNAL #673 "Jesus, Light of Joy Surround Us"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when you call us to hope and to act with great boldness, we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see for your greatness unveils our weakness, your justice unveils our brokenness, and your holiness unveils our stained past. O Lord, hear our prayer. Giver of all grace, forgive us our sins. Give us the strength to renounce that which hides you from us. Give us the wisdom to execute justice and righteousness. Give us the courage to uncover our hearts that we might see the grace of your Son and not lose heart. 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

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"
Gilead Singers

by Graham Kendrick

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:1-12

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *Mark 9:2-9*

SERMON

"Transfigured: Called to Shine"

Elder Mariah Warren

***PURPLE HYMNAL #729**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

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

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"
Gilead Singers

by G.H. Day & T. Troeger

***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

PASTORAL PRAYER

***PURPLE HYMNAL #193**

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude on "Diademata" (Crown Him with Many Crowns) by G. Young
Mary Temple, organ

*The congregation is invited to stand. **BOLD:** Congregation responds/sings
*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Tina Annunziato,
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

*The Chancel flowers are given today in honor of Laura Amato
by her mother, Margery.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, February 11

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for our “Soup-er” Bowl Sunday lunch in the large classroom.

Monday, February 12

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

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

Thursday, February 15

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday in Lent- Elder Duane Stroud-Boutté, preaching.

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

Upcoming:

Sunday, February 25th (Second Sunday in Lent) – Elder José Ojeda, preaching.

- Gilead Bell Chimes to play during worship.

Sunday, March 3rd- Annual Congregational Meeting.

Our February mission is collecting winter accessories for the homeless/low income clients at Arms Acres outpatient center. Please add yours to the clotheslines in the lounge!

Requests for dedicated Easter Lilies (\$16 ea.) will be taken until March 10th. Please see Margery Amato after church to place your order.

We accept offerings via the “Online Giving” link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or by mail.

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