

### This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, September 22

- 8:20 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse to play in worship.
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, September 23

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Wednesday, September 25

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.
- 6:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearse. New voices welcome! Next week, we will return to Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Friday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 29

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Perry Wootten, preaching.
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study. All are welcome!
- 7:30 p.m. Concert Committee meets via Zoom.

### Upcoming:

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>- Gilead hosts singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine in concert at 3:00 p.m. Bobby Jo's songs, detailing his personal journey as a person identifying as both Christian and gay, have helped foster compassion, understanding, and acceptance for individuals and families nationwide. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$5 for Gilead members. We're asking everyone to invite 2 people. Tickets for the public can be purchased using the link <https://bit.ly/BobbyJoGilead>. This is a concert for everyone, with heartfelt songs that reaffirm: God loves us as we are.

**September Mission:** The Gilead Food Pantry needs boxes of cereal and so we will be having a cereal box domino challenge this month. Stay tuned for more details!

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# 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, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.**



**Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

*We welcome Elder Paul Francis to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

"I See the Light"

by Alan Menken  
and Glenn Slater

*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 (from Psalm 1)**

Leader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked. Nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**All: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**All: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

\*GRAY HYMNAL #560

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

MESSAGE

"What in God's Name are You Doing?"

Paul Francis

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Creator, we confess that we, like leaves, fall. We fall from the tree of Your Word, drifting on the passing pleasures of this world. Our souls shrivel and turn brittle as we let greed, anger, and apathy dry them like the cold dries the earth. We fail to remember that You remain with us, Your roots reaching out to call us back to be renewed, awaiting the new year's growth. Help us to cling to Your presence, and forgive us for straying from Your love. In Your Blessed Name 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

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>18</sup> It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup> But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. *Jeremiah 11: 18-20*

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." *Mark 9:30-37*

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #277**

**"The Church's One Foundation"**

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.**

**CONG. RESPONSE (PURPLE HYMNAL #469) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"  
Gilead Singers

by Cleavant Derricks

**\*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.**

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #479**

**"Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"  
Mary Temple, organ

Irish Folk Melody

\*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.*

*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given by the Gilead Singers  
in celebration of the life of Warren Behan.  
"We miss you, good friend and Choir Member."*