# This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, November 3 Communion Sunday Daylight Savings ends (fall back)

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse for worship.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study meets.

### Monday, November 4

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

# Wednesday, November 6

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

## Thursday, November 7

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal.

## Friday, November 8

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

### Sunday, November 10

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Michael McK. Meade, preaching.
- 11:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting.

November Mission: Putnam Community Action Program is collecting NEW children's winter coats. Please leave the store tag on them. You can bring the coats to church or give money to me, and I will purchase the coats. Thank you for supporting this important mission project for the children of our community! -Redd Behan, Youth Deacon

## Upcoming:

Sunday, November 24- Join us as we green the church in preparation for Advent!

Tuesday, November 26- Joint Thanksgiving Service at Patterson Community Church, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to sing with our combined choir (practice TBA). Please bring non-perishable goods for our food pantries.

# **GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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.



Communion Sunday
Sunday, November 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

We welcome Rev. Martha Louise Harkness to the pulpit today!

**OPENING MUSIC** 

"Be Thou My Vision" Penny Cameron, piano Traditional Irish Melody arr. by Lorie Line

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 146)**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

Leader: I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Happy are those whose help is the

God of Jacob,

All: whose hope is in the LORD their God, who keeps faith forever.

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #26 "Earth and All Stars"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)
O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in You. Yet always in the midst
of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in
the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and
the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against
Your Spirit. O Trinity of Love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us
that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may also be makers of
peace.

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 "Softly and Tenderly" by Will L. Thompson
Gilead Singers arr. by Frederic York

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he, and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives: the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die-there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Ruth 1:1-18

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other': <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the

understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'-this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

\*\*Mark 12: 28-34\*\*

SERMON "The First and Second Commandments" Rev. Martha Louise Harkness

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Only This I Want" arr. by Daniel Schuyler

Penny Cameron, piano

\*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.

# 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 TO THE TABLE

BREAKING OF BREAD – COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

#### 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"

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

ON Threefold "Amen" "A Song of Joy"

by Ludwig von Beethoven

Penny Cameron, piano

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation is invited to stand. **BOLD**: Congregation responds/sings.



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