

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Paul Francis
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, January 5

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.
- We invite you to take home your poinsettias today!
- Please stay and help us “de-green” the church today, if you can.

Monday, January 6 **Epiphany**

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

- 10:45 a.m. Food Pantry pick-up at 526 Gage Road, Brewster (by Green Chimneys)
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 11:15 a.m. Help needed to unload our cases of food for the Food Pantry.
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal. New members welcome!

Friday, January 10

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

Sunday, January 12

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Michael McK. Meade, CRE, preaching.
- Secret Pal party after worship, where we'll reveal our 2024 pals and choose new ones for the coming year. Bring a treat to share. All are invited to join this fellowship in 2025!

Tuesday, January 14th- Stated Session meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the manse.

Sunday, January 19th- Deacon's meeting following worship.

Sunday, January 26th- Our Bible Study, “Love Carved in Stone” (on the Ten Commandments), resumes following worship. We invite all to join us- see Mariah Warren if you're interested.

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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, January 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas; Epiphany, Year C; Communion Sunday

We welcome Elizabeth Murphy, CRE, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"March of the Kings"
Mary Temple, organ

Traditional

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: What gift shall we bring to treasure and honor King Jesus who honors us with the gifts of love and grace? Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of Love.

All: Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Jesus Christ our King.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #151**

“We Three Kings”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Christ Jesus, we yearn for your grace to fill our lives. We yearn to accept your love so fully that our hearts might overflow with love for your world. Gift us, not just with your mercy and grace, but with an openness and confidence to receive your gifts. Shine through our hearts, our lives, and our actions, that others may find us generous friends of grace and love. May our prayers and our actions bring your light and love to the world. 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 "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" Marty Haugen
Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. ⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. ⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. ¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. ¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. *Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14*

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *Matthew 2: 1-12*

SERMON "The Gift of Grace" Elizabeth Murphy

*PURPLE HYMNAL #152 "What Star is This, with Beams so Bright?"

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY "On This Day, Earth Shall Ring" *Piae Cantiones, 1582*
Mariah Warren Lyrics by Jane M. Joseph

*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 TO THE TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC "Love Came Down" Irish melody
Mary Temple, organ arr. by Benton Price

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 #744 "Arise, Your Light has Come!"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "We are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)"

POSTLUDE "Ye Holy Angels Bright" (Darwall's 148th)
Mary Temple, organ arr. by Sharon Elery Rogers

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