

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, January 12

- 8:30 a.m. Bell Chime rehearsal for new ringers.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.
- Secret Pal reveal and new pals given out after worship. Come join the fun in the small classroom!

Monday, January 13

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the manse.

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal. New members wanted and welcomed!

Friday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 19

- 8:30 a.m. Bell chime rehearsal for new ringers.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Martha Louise Harkness, preaching.
- Deacon's meeting following worship.

Upcoming

Sunday, January 26th- Bell Chimes to play during worship.

- 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.

Monthly Mission: Our January-February mission will be to support a Habitat for Humanity program near us, in either Danbury, CT or Dutchess County. Habitat's belief is that every family deserves an affordable, safe place to call home. Families chosen by Habitat participate in the building of their future homes. Please support this mission so that all of our neighbors have a home. A donation box is in the lounge.

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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 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

We welcome Michael McK. Meade, Certified Lay Preacher, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Song for the New Year"

by Rob Roy Perry

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 (Psalm 29: 1-4, 10-11)

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***GRAY HYMNAL #163**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God, you tell us that we are new creations, but we still have the same problems. You tell us the old has gone, but we're still in the same circumstances. So help us to see our world with new eyes, Your eyes. Give us new love to bring to our strained relationships. Give us new energy for our tired hearts in the midst of stress and anxiety. Give us new hope to face a world that is inundated with fear and misinformation. Help us in this fresh start to produce good fruit to nourish the hungry world around us. And show us how to wake up each day

and commit to being your new creation, turning from our sins to new life in you.
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

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Gilead Singers with Michael McK. Meade, cello

music by Gustav Holst
text by Christina Rossetti

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. *Acts 8:14-17*

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

ANTHEM

"Khabel"
Michael McK. Meade, cello

Ancient Persian Melody

SERMON

"New Beginnings"

Michael McK. Meade

*PURPLE HYMNAL #69

"Here I Am, Lord"

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

"This is the Day of New Beginnings"

Gilead Singers

music by Carlton Young

arr. by Chris Shelton

***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

*GRAY HYMNAL #138

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

"Another Year is Dawning"

Mary Temple, organ

by Mary McDonald

tune: "Aurelia" by Sam Westley

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Roxanne Roth
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

*We are still searching for our next Flower Coordinator!
Please see Mariah Warren or Mary Temple if this is you!*