

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, January 26

- 8:20 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse to play during worship.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.
- Our Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone" meets following worship in the large classroom.

Monday, January 27

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 2 **Communion Sunday**

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Elizabeth Petito preaching.
- Deacons meet following worship in the large classroom.

Upcoming

Sunday, February 9th- Joint Elders and Deacons meeting following worship.

Sunday, February 22nd- 11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting has been called for the purposes of sharing staff/committee reports in review of Gilead's activity in 2024, presentation of the 2025 budget as approved by Session, confirming/adopting the slate presented by the Nominations team for new/returning officers, and taking nominations from the floor for said team.

Monthly Mission: Our January-February mission is supporting 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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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.

The Spirit
of the Lord
is Upon Me



Sunday, January 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

We welcome Elizabeth Murphy, Certified Ruling Elder, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. by H. Percy Smith
Penny Cameron, piano & Mary Temple, organ & Don Hustad

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: The Voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

People: We are here to answer God's call.

Leader: The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

People: We are here to answer Christ's call.

Leader: The voice of the Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

All: We are here. Send us, we pray!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Almighty God, we are a people of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips. We are more accustomed to spreading gossip than we are to singing "Holy, holy, holy." Yet we long to be made new and whole this day. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us and call us to follow you once more. As the disciples left their fishing boats, may we leave the comfort of familiar shores. Work through us in the power of your Son, that all people might be brought to your glory. 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

“Higher Ground”
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Charles Gabriel
arr. by Linda Lamb

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the

Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

“The Spirit of the Lord”

Elizabeth Murphy, CRE

*PURPLE HYMNAL #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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

“Spirit, Open My Heart”
Gilead Singers

trad. Irish tune “Wild Mountain Thyme”
lyrics by Ruth Duck

***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

*PURPLE HYMNAL #66

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

POSTLUDE

“Allegretto”
Penny Cameron, piano & Mary Temple, organ

by Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. by Rob Roy Henry

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Roxanne Roth
and our videographer, Josh Steinberg.*

*Our chancel flowers today have been given by Mary Temple
in celebration of the birthday of Lisa Temple.*



Announcements of Note

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