

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, March 9 ***Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks ahead!**

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes new ringers rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Ordination/installation of new ruling elders.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, March 10

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, March 11

- 7:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the manse.

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Patterson Community Church. Dine in or take out. Price: \$17 pp, Seniors \$15, Children (under 12) \$5.

Sunday, March 16

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes new ringers rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Martha Louise Harkness, preaching.
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study meets. All are welcome to join us!

Upcoming

Sunday, April 6- Team 9-pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament to benefit PRPH. For more information, see the poster in the lounge. Registration at noon; bowling 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. To sign up, see Mary Temple.

Thursday, April 17- Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Sign up in the lounge.

Friday, April 18- Joint Good Friday Tenebrae service at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Monthly Mission: Our March/April mission is collecting toiletries for the Putnam Community Action Program (CAP). These will be distributed to local families in need. If you would prefer, you can give a monetary donation and we will purchase the needed supplies. Thank you for your donations! -Redd Behan

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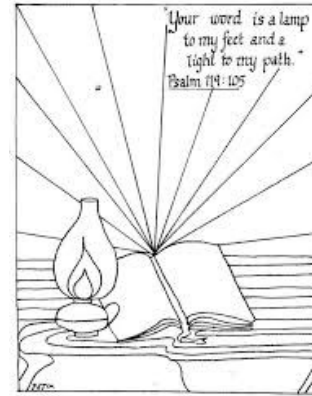
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GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, March 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday in Lent, Year C

We welcome Certified Ruling Elder Edgar Hayes to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Near to the Heart of God" by Cleveland Boyd McFee, 1901
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

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,

People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. [Remember the words of the Lord].

People: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation

*** PURPLE HYMNAL #352 "My Lord, What a Mornin'!"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that sometimes when others have what we do not have, we burn! We begin to tell ourselves and others around us that life has been unfair to us. We fail to rejoice in the blessing others have received, and we fail to rejoice in the unique blessings we have received. We instead covet someone else's blessing for ourselves, and in doing so fail to acknowledge that all good things come from You.

Teach us and move in our hearts to love You and to love our neighbor as we ought, and to forsake this sin of envy. May it be far from us, Lord. Through the power of Christ working in us we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PURPLE HYMNAL #477 “We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.” (2x)**

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

“Round the Riverside”
Gilead Singers

arr. by Sandra Berry Musser

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

For the Class of 2027: Diana Drake Behan and Elizabeth Ojeda-Petito, Elders.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” *Romans 10:8b-13*

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels

concerning you, to protect you,’” ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *Luke 4:1-13*

SERMON

“It is Written”
Edgar Hayes, CRE

***PURPLE HYMNAL #458**

“Thy Word”

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

“What Wondrous Love is This?”
Gilead Singers

***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

“Prepare Thyself, Zion”
Mary Temple, organ by J. S. Bach

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

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

*Our Sanctuary flowers today have been given by Mary Temple
in celebration of Lucy and Jenny Temple.*