

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, February 22

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearsal for those who want extra practice. Will ring on 3/1.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with reception of new members.
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational meeting, called for the purposes of: presentation of the Session-approved budget for 2026, approval of the pastor's revised terms of call, reports on 2025 activity at Gilead, and the nomination/election of officers for the class of 2028.

Monday, February 23

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

Sunday, March 1 **Communion Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse to play during worship.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Upcoming

Thursday, April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Seder dinner, 6:30 p.m. More info and sign-up coming soon.

Friday, April 3rd- Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

Our current mission is supporting Putnam Humane Society. Please help the cats and dogs they care for by bringing in items from their wish list, which is posted in the lounge.

Calling all public speakers! If you would like to help lead our worship as a lay reader, we have a sign-up sheet in the office. We make lay reading easy by providing a script that you can check in advance to be sure there's no crazy names in the Scripture reading! Choose the Sunday(s) that you'd like to read and thank you in advance!

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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, February 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday in Lent, Year A

OPENING MUSIC "Adoration" by Florence Price, African-American composer (b.1887-d.1953)
Juergen Tempel, cello arr. by Marcus Martin

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

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

All: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

All: We worship the Lord our God alone.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #339**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER & INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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.**

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*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

ANTHEM (#458)

"Close to Thee"
Gilead Singers

words by Fanny Crosby
music by Silas J. Vail

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. *Matthew 4:1-11, NRSV*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Summer Sattora

* **PURPLE HYMNAL #819**

"Be Still, My Soul"

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lauren Reilly, Robyn Reilly, Roxanne Roth, and Walter Roth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

CONG. RESPONSE (PURPLE HYMNAL #469) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"His Song" *excerpt*

from "In The Bottoms; a Characteristic Suite for the Piano"

by Canadian-American composer of African descent, Nathaniel Dett (b.1882 - d.1943)

Duane Stroud-Boutté, 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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***PURPLE HYMNAL #729**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Amen"

African-American Spiritual

POSTLUDE

"O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Mary Temple, organ

Gaelic melody

arr. by Tom Fettke

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brenda Verdesi
and to our A/V team: Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould, and Josh Steinberg.*

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