

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, October 11

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Please join us in the lounge following worship for coffee hour!

Monday, October 12

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- No Bible study- we will resume next week (the 19th)

Tuesday, October 13

- 11:00 a.m. No Bible study- we will resume next week (the 20th)
- 6:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the lounge.

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Friday, October 16

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

Sunday, October 18

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Doug Phillips, preaching.

Upcoming

Sunday, October 25th- Church brunch in celebration of Mary Temple. More information to come!

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. During worship, we will remember our loved ones who have returned home to Jesus this past year. Please email the name(s) of your loved one(s) who passed away since November 1st, 2025, to Rev. Summer by Thursday, October 29th.



*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren,
and to our A/V team: Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould, and Evan & Robyn Steinberg.*

***All bulletin announcements are due by Wednesday of each week to Mariah Warren at gaelcat@comcast.net. Thank you!

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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, October 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

Daniel Basiletti, piano

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: You have been called to the banquet.

All: This is the feast.

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

All: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: We have come to the banquet that has no end.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER & INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to 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
TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Gilead Singers

Following the Young at Heart time, children through grade 10 may leave for Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) continued to speak to them using stories such as this one: “Creator’s good road from above is like a chief who prepared a wedding feast for his son. When the feast was ready, he sent out trusted messengers to gather the ones who had been invited, but no one came. So he sent out others with this message: ‘I am serving my best meat fresh from the herd. So come, the wedding feast for my son has been prepared!’ But some ignored the messengers and returned to their work, while others mistreated them and even killed them. When the chief found out what they had done, he was filled with rage and sent his warriors to kill those murderers and burn their village to the ground. Then the chief told his messengers, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but the ones invited have proved they have no honor. Waste no time, go out into the village pathways, and invite all you find to come to the feast.’ So they went and did as they were told and gathered as many as they could find, whether honorable or bad-hearted. So the lodge was filled with many wedding guests for his son. When the chief came in to see the guests, he saw someone who was not wearing the proper regalia *that was provided for the guests at the wedding feast*. He said to the guest, ‘How did you get in here without the proper regalia? *Why have you dishonored my son by not wearing the outfit provided for you?*’ There was nothing the man could say. The chief called his warriors and said to them, ‘Bind him with leather straps from head to foot and throw him outside into the darkness, to weep and grind his teeth in anger.’ So you can see,” Creator Sets Free said, “many are invited, but few accept his invitation.”

Matthew 22:1-14, First Nations Version

SERMON “RSVP” Rev. Summer Sattora

***PURPLE HYMNAL #770 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” (v. 1, 2, & 4)**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)**

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare

that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v. 1, 4, & 6)**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Daniel Basiletti, piano

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



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