This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, November 8
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Please join us for coffee hour in the lounge following worship.
- We need some help following worship assembling care kits for the women at Taconic-Bedford Correctional Facility. We can get this done quickly, together. If you can help, see Leslie Palmieri.

Monday, November 9
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Tuesday, November 10
- 6:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the lounge.

Wednesday, November 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.

Thursday, November 12
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Friday, November 13
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, November 14
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

Upcoming

Tuesday, November 17th- Hudson River Presbytery meeting, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. All are invited to learn more about what our Presbytery is doing, in our churches, communities, and beyond. See Mariah Warren if you're interested in attending.

Sunday, November 22nd- Greening of the church following worship. Join us as we get ready for Advent! There will be a hot chocolate bar, courtesy of the Worship committee, to warm our bodies while the promise of Christmas warms our souls!

Tuesday, November 23rd- A Service of Thanksgiving at Patterson Community Church, Route 311 in Patterson, 7:00 p.m. Join us as we offer gratitude to God for our blessings. The offering taken tonight will benefit our food pantries as they serve our neighbors in need.

***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, November 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

OPENING MUSIC Daniel Basiletti
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: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.
All: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
One: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
All: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
One: We come together to worship the living God.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #349 ""Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us" (v. 1 & 2)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

SILENT PRAYER
ASSURANCE OF PARDON Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**

***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 Gilead Singers with Daniel Basiletti, piano

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
Following the Young at Heart time, children 10th grade and younger may leave for Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE
[Jesus said,] Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight they were roused by the shout, "Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!" All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Then the five foolish ones asked the others, "Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out." But the others replied, "We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves." But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, "Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!" But he called back, "Believe me, I don't know you!" So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

Matthew 25:1-13, New Living Translation

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

SERMON "*Are We Prepared Yet?*" Rev. Summer Sattora

***PURPLE HYMNAL #175 "Seek Ye First"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-9.55)
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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"

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP

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**
We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Daniel Basiletti, piano

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

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