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 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Fifth 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: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
One: Let us worship together this day!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #612 "We Praise You, O God"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. 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 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
Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last- dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, "Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more." The master was full of praise. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, "Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more." The master said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, "Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back." But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it." Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:14-30, New Living Translation

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

SERMON "*What Are You Afraid Of?*" Rev. Summer Sattora

***PURPLE HYMNAL #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Declaration of Faith)
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not

exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.

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

INVITATION TO 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 grace and God of glory, we dedicate these gifts given this day to your work in the world. May these gifts bring hope and light to all who need it. Amen.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Daniel Basiletti, piano

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

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Thanks to our Lay Reader,
and to our A/V team: Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould, and Evan & Robyn Steinberg.

**portions of today's service were written by Tara W. Bulger*
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WHAT IT COSTS TO KEEP OUR CHURCH RUNNING EACH WEEK

GILEAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Our church relies on the generosity of our congregation. Here's how your support sustains our ministry.

WEEKLY INCOME

AVERAGE WEEKLY DONATIONS:

$2,176

(Includes Pledged & Non-Pledged Contributions)

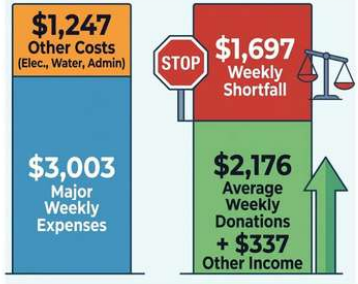
MAJOR WEEKLY EXPENSES

Pastor Salary & Benefits	$1,735
Liability Insurance	$493
Music Director & Organist	$334
Custodial Services	$160
Church & Manse Gas	$144
Snowplowing	$137

(yearly cost distributed weekly)

TOTAL MAJOR EXPENSES: $3,003

WEEKLY EXPENSES vs. SHORTFALL



YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

OPERATING DEFICIT (As of 10/31/26):
$56,313

PROJECTED YEAR-END DEFICIT: OVER
$70,000

What Does 2% More Giving Mean?

CURRENT GIVING	2% MORE
$50.00 / MONTH	$51.00 / MONTH

$50/month → 2% more = $51.00/month

That's $1.00 more each month, or $12 more per year.

$50/month → 2% more = $51/month
$1 more each month, or $12 more per year.

$100/month → 2% more = $102/month
$2 more each month, or $24 more per year.

$200/month → 2% more = $204/month
$4 more each month, or $48 more per year.

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, November 15

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

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

- 10:00 a.m. Hudson River Presbytery meeting. 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.

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 22

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Edgar Hayes, CRE, preaching.
- 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!

Upcoming

We've been selected to partner with the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program during November! Whenever a reusable community bag is purchased at the Stop & Shop in Mahopac, $1 will be donated to the Gilead Food Pantry. This is an amazing opportunity to support the food pantry and the families we help feed every week! So if you find yourself or someone you know doing some grocery shopping at the Mahopac Stop & Shop, grab a reusable community bag or two and know that you are helping an important mission that means a lot to this church and our community.

Tuesday, November 24th- A Service of Thanksgiving, here at Gilead and led by David Frost, Pastor of Patterson Community Church, 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. Please bring cookies/brownies/hand-held desserts for our time of fellowship following the service.

Saturday, December 5th- Gilead Open House for Holiday on the Lake, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Once again, we will welcome parade goers and participants with hot drinks, baked goods, and live music. If you can help out with set-up, hosting, or clean-up, please see Mariah Warren. Baked goods sign up in the lounge!

Sunday, December 13th- Pageant Sunday

Monday, December 21st- Longest Night Service, 6:00 p.m.

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

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