This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, November 22
- 9:20 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!

Monday, November 23
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Tuesday, November 24
- 7:00 p.m. A Service of Thanksgiving, here at Gilead and led by David Frost, Pastor of Patterson Community Church. Please bring cookies/brownies/hand-held desserts for our time of fellowship following the service.

Wednesday, November 25
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.

Thursday, November 26 **Thanksgiving Blessings to All!**

Sunday, November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

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 Advent season we will be reading the book *Witness to the Light: An Advent Study with the Prophets* by Erin Wathen. There are two chances to join us: Monday nights at 6:00 on Zoom starting November 30th and Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in person in the lounge. Please have the Introduction and opening section on "Reveal" (pp. 1-19) read before our first class. Feel free to share this with a friend! See Pastor Summer if you have questions or for more details.

Tuesday, December 1st- Consent Agenda items (committee reports, information, etc.) due for Session meeting (12/8)!

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 & Pajama Sunday! Our kids and youth will be putting on a Christmas pageant and to help celebrate the theme of Joy on the third week of Advent, you are invited to wear your pajamas or comfy clothes to church on this day! Christmas jammies are encouraged, but not required.

Monday, December 21st- "Waiting Together for the Dawn: A Blue Christmas Liturgy", 6:00 p.m. All are invited to join us for this contemplative service that does not attempt to fix grief or manufacture hope but instead creates room for people to bring their whole selves before God. We acknowledge that the seasons of our lives do not always match the celebrations on the calendar. Instead, this liturgy offers a different kind of Advent hope: Christ enters the darkness and meets us there.

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

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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 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday, Year A

We welcome CRE Edgar Hayes of Freedom Farm Community to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by William Croft
Duane Stroud-Boutté arr. by Fred Bock

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 *(Psalm 99:1-9)*
One: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
All: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples
One: Let them praise your great and awesome name.
All: Holy is He! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
One: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.
All: Holy is He!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #363 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
INVITATION TO CONFESSION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord I live and walk amongst a sinful people. My own sins are red like scarlet. I am not worthy to be in Your presence. I defy You when I put my trust in the deceit of the world. Purify me like refining gold. Wash me clean with burning coals from Your altar. Lead me to Your throne of grace so that I may become a new creation in You.

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 "Like a River Glorious" music by James Mountain
Mariah Warren, vocals, & Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano words by F. R. Havergal

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
1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. **2** Therefore thus says
the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my
flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,
says the Lord. **3** Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. **4** I will raise up shepherds over
them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the
Lord. **5** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he
shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **6** In his days Judah
will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our
righteousness." *Jeremiah 23:1-6, New Revised Standard Edition*

9 I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on
the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. **10** I was in the spirit on the
Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet **11** saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send
it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to
Laodicea." **12** Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden
lampstands, **13** and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and
with a golden sash across his chest. **14** His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes
were like a flame of fire; **15** his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the
sound of many waters. **16** In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged
sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. **17** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last **18** and the Living One. I
was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. **19** Now write what
you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this." *Revelation 1:9-19, New Revised Standard Edition*

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

SERMON "*The End is Just the Beginning*" Edgar Hayes, CRE

***PURPLE HYMNAL #354 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
This is the good news which we received, in which we stand and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Mary, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. 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 "Something Worth Living For" by Dale Oldham & William F. Gaither
Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano arr. by Fred Bock

***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**
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Blessed be God for ever.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You Til We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" by John Dykes
Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano arr. by Fred Bock

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

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Thanks to our accompanist today, Duane Stroud-Boutté,
our Lay Reader, Lucy Ojeda,
and to our A/V team: Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould, and Evan & Robyn Steinberg.