

# A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

**CHIMES** (As one body, let us now pause in silence to focus on worship)

**PRELUDE** "Meditation on 'Morning Star'" Charles Callahan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Heather Reylek

**INTROIT** "There's a Song in the Air" Karl P. Harrington

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**People:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Leader:** Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**People:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Leader:** For he shall rescue the poor O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**People:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**\*HYMN** "As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 150

**CALL TO RENEWAL** Marianne Baird

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose Image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image as we make our confession before God and each other.

**PRAYER OF RENEWAL (IN UNISON)** Marianne Baird

**Holy God, You promise us a joy that is deep and abiding, a joy made complete in Christ. Yet we confess how often we settle for lesser joys that fade. We allow worry to quiet our gratitude, fear to dim our hope, and weariness to steal our song. We fail to abide in Your love, and our joy grows thin. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us. Fill us again with the steady joy of Your presence—joy that shines in darkness, strengthens the weary, and bears good fruit for the world. Make our joy full and complete in You, now and always. In Christ's name, Amen.**

### **SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS** Marianne Baird

God's abundance extends to God's forgiveness. Receive that plenteous gift of grace. Be blessed by God's pardon and be changed by God's favor. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and amen.*

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us greet each other saying; 'May the peace of Christ be with you.'

**OFFERTORY** "Star Over Bethlehem" Robert J. Powell

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## WE LISTEN FOR CHRIST'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 60: 1-5; Matthew 2:1-12

**RESPONSE** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "The Gift of the Magi" Heather Reylek

**ANTHEM** "O How Beautiful the Sky" (Danish Folk Melody) Nikolai F.S. Gruntvig

## WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S WORD

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

**\*HYMN** "We Three Kinds of Orient Are" No. 151

**\*BENEDICTION** Heather Reylek

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "What Star is This, with Beams So Bright" Puer Nobis Nascitur

**POSTLUDE** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Johann Christoph Bach

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\*Please stand if able

# Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas

## SERVING TODAY

**Usher** – Debbie Speeches

**Liturgist** – Marianne Baird

## PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson;

Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Jackie Tuttle; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; Andrew Ogar; Barbara Preston; Albert Cyr;

For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Linda Bonaccorso

*We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m.*

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### **Session Team - Church Elders**

Class of 2025: Laurie Fanelli

Class of 2026: Heather Reylek/ Laura Nelsen/ Pamela Jackson

Class of 2027: Marty Kappauf / Gary Kagawa / Ellen Gove

### **Deacons Team**

Class of 2025: Marianne Baird/ Alison Binder/

Sharon Donno/ Lynn Thomson

Class of 2026: Roswitha Wissemann/  
Brenda Bergman

Class of 2027: Dana Hallman / Katherine Roberts / Colleen  
Smith

### **Congregational Nominating Team**

Class of 2025: Heather Reylek / Lynn Thomson /  
Cindy Griffin / Lynne Weikart

### **This Week**

Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	No Bible Study	10:00
Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Food Pantry	10:00-1:00

### **Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:**

“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community -- a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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