

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 5, 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 "Poco Allegretto" C. Franke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God, into the light of Christ.

People: We once were blind, but now we long to see.

Leader: The scales of fear and silence cannot keep us from God's truth.

People: The Spirit of Christ opens our eyes to justice and love.

Leader: In the face of oppression and the reign of false powers—

People: We look to Jesus, the Light that no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who opens our eyes.

People: We will worship the Lord, for the Light has dawned!

***HYMN** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 32

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only)

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, and this will cure you."

Let us confess our sins to God and one another...(James 5:16)

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (In Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that too often we have walked blindly in the ways of fear. We have closed our eyes to the cries of the oppressed. We have turned away from hard truths, preferring comfort to courage, illusion to reality.

Like Saul, we have mistaken zeal for faith, and strength for righteousness. Forgive us, Lord.

Remove the scales from our eyes. Open us to see the world as You see it—to recognize Christ in the faces of the suffering, to resist the idols of power and control, to walk in the light of Your mercy and justice.

By Your Spirit, heal our sight. Set us free to live as children of the day, and guide us in the way of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

As far as the east is from the west, so have our sins been separated from us. They have been thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, and there, they are remembered no more.

Our thanks be to God!

***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 with the peace of Christ.

OFFERTORY "Ave Maria" F. Burgmuller

***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 Acts 9:1-19

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 "When the Scales Come Off" Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM "I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up" F. R. Toure

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 450

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "Bouree" G. F. Handel
Karen Hunkele, Flute Soloist

* Please stand, if able

SERVING TODAY

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; Andrew Ogar; Barbara Preston; Bob and Leah White; 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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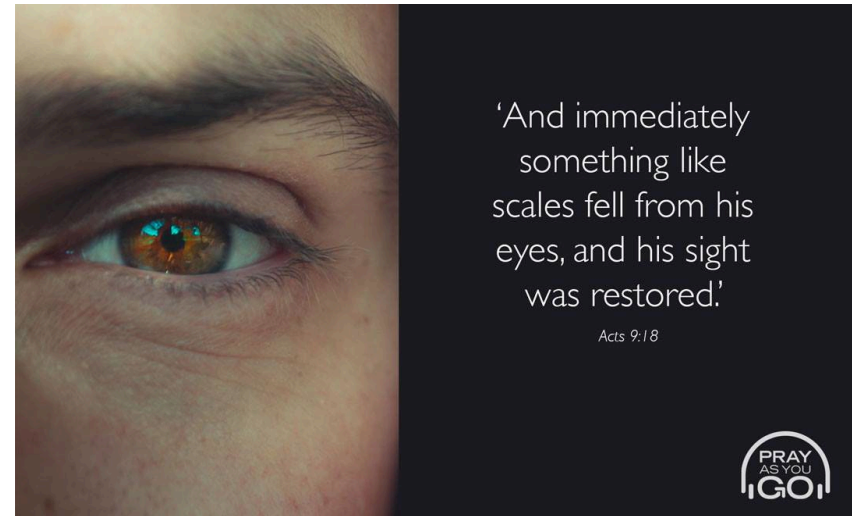
This Week

Oct. 6 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Better World Book Club	3:00
Oct. 7 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Oct. 8 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Oct. 9 th	No Bible Study	
Oct. 10 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Food Pantry	10:00-1:00

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

October 5th, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Communion



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 spiritOual 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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