

# A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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September 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 "Prelude on *Converse*" Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT "O Sing to the Lord" Gerhard Cartford

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Come, people of God, bringing all that burns within you—your anger, your hurts, your restless fire.

**People:** We come, holding hot coals, longing for release.

**Leader:** Christ meets us here, not to shame us, but to transform our fire into light.

**People:** We come to lay down our burdens, to place our anger in God's hands.

**Leader:** The Spirit of God is like refining fire—burning away what destroys, igniting what gives life.

**People:** We come seeking the flame that heals, the holy fire that purifies and renews.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the God who turns hot coals into holy light, and anger into the energy of love.

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit! Set our hearts aflame with peace, that we may walk in the way of Christ.

\*HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" No. 1

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only) Heather Reylek

"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 (Responsive) Heather Reylek

**Leader:** God of truth and mercy, you know the fires that burn within us— our anger, our resentments, our wounds. So often we cling to them like hot coals, hurting ourselves and others.

**All:** Forgive us, Lord. Heal us. Take from our hands the coals we carry.

**Leader:** When anger blinds us to compassion, open our eyes to see your image in others. When rage tempts us to harsh words or cruel actions, guide our lips and hands toward gentleness.

**All:** Forgive us, Lord. Heal us. Take from our hands the coals we carry.

**Leader:** When anger reveals injustice, give us courage to act with wisdom and strength. When anger uncovers our own hurt, help us seek your healing love.

**All:** Forgive us, Lord. Heal us. Take from our hands the coals we carry.

**Leader:** By your Spirit, transform our anger into passion for justice, our bitterness into compassion, our fire into light for the world.

**All:** Through Jesus Christ, who overcame evil with love, we release our anger into your hands, and open our hearts to your peace. Amen.

## SILENT MEDITATION

### GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Heather Reylek

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 "Chorale" Allan Mahnke

\*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 Ephesians 4:26-27

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 "Don't Carry Hot Coals" Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM "Psalm 117" Timothy Shaw

## 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 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 442

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" Meredith Wilson

POSTLUDE "Postlude on *God is My Strong Salvation*" Gordon Young

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\* Please stand, if able

# Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**SERVING TODAY**

**Ushers** – Dana Hallman

**Liturgist** – Heather Reylek

**Coffee Hour** – Marianne Baird & Ellen Gove

**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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<b>Session Team - Church Elders</b>
Class of 2025: Laurie Fanelli
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Class of 2027: Marty Kappauf / Gary Kagawa / Ellen Gove
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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
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Class of 2025: Heather Reylek / Lynn Thomson / Cindy Griffin / Lynne Weikart

<b><u>This Week</u></b>		
Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study	10:00
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</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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