

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

David Hegarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT

“O Sing to the Lord”

Gerhard Crafted

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, “I am the true Vine, and my Father is the gardener.”

People: We are the branches, rooted in Christ.

Leader: Apart from him, we cannot bear fruit.

People: In him, we bloom with life.

Leader: The Gardener prunes what is living—

People: So that love may grow deeper.

Leader: The Spirit ripens fruit within us—

People: Love, joy, and peace.

Leader: Patience, kindness, and goodness.

People: Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Leader: Come, abide in the Vine who tends our souls.

People: We open ourselves to the pruning grace of God.

Leader: Let us worship the One who shapes us to bloom.

People: We worship with grateful and willing hearts.

*HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

No. 36

CALL TO RENEWAL 1 John 1:9

Lydia Brigham

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his neighbor is still in the darkness.” Let us confess our sins to God and to one another...

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (IN UNISON)

Lydia Brigham

Gracious Gardener of our souls, You plant us in Christ, the true Vine, and you long for us to bear fruit that gives life. Yet we confess there are branches in us that cling to fear, habits that choke compassion, attachments that keep us small.

We resist your pruning. We prefer comfort to growth. We hold tightly to what must be released.

Prune us with your mercy. Cut away what is selfish. Trim what is brittle with pride. Remove what keeps love from ripening.

Let your Spirit bloom within us—love that is steady, joy that endures, peace that outlasts fear.

Grow in us patience and kindness, goodness and faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Keep us abiding in Christ, rooted in grace, trusting your careful hands. Until our lives blossom with fruit that nourishes the world. Through Jesus, the true Vine, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Lydia Brigham

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 saying; ‘May the peace of Christ be with you.’

OFFERTORY

“Chorale”

Flor Peters

***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

John 15:1-12; Galatians 5:22-24

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

“Pruning and Blooming”

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

“Take My Life”

No. 697

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple

POSTLUDE

“Prelude & Fugue in G”

JS Bach

*Please stand if able

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist – Lydia Brigham

Coffee Hour – Peter Vielbig

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; Barbara Preston; Albert Cyr; Sharon Gibbs; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Carol Hallman Taplin, Andrew Ogar, Paul Surerus, and 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

Feb. 23rd Nutrition Program 7:00-1:00

Feb. 24th Food Pantry 4:00-6:00

Feb. 25th Meals on Wheels 7:00-11:00

Feb. 26th Bible Study 10:00

Feb. 27th Nutrition Program 7:00-1:00

Food Pantry 10:00-1:00

Mar. 1st Annual Congregation Meeting 11:00

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



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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