

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHIMES

PRELUDE "I Need Thee" arr. Janet Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord" Jacques Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.

People: We come seeking truth, guided by the Spirit of Christ.

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: We come to love one another, as God has first loved us.

Leader: No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us.

People: God's love is perfected in us as we worship together.

All: Come, let us worship the God who is truth and love!

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 366

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only) Lynn Thomson

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) Lynn Thomson

God of truth and love, you call us to test the spirits and to walk in love. Yet too often we believe falsehoods and follow lies. We are swayed by fear, pride, or selfishness. We have failed to love one another as you have loved us. Forgive us, Lord. Root us in your Spirit of truth and fill us with your Spirit of love. Teach us to speak with honesty, to act with compassion, and to live in such a way that others see your love made real in us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS Lynn Thomson

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 "Offrande" 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 1 John 4:1-12

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 "Testing the Spirits, Living in Love" Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM "Immortal, Invisible" arr. Gordon Young

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 Are One in the Spirit" No. 300

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go With Us, Lord" Thomas Tallis

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Paul Frey

* Please stand, if able

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

September 21st, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVING TODAY

Ushers – Dana Hallman **Liturgist** – Lynn Thomson

Coffee Hour – Roswitha Wissemann

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

<u>This Week</u>		
Sept. 22 nd	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Sept. 23 rd	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Sept. 24 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Sept. 25 th	Bible Study	10:00
Sept. 26 th	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 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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