

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

John L. Bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With our tongues we can praise the Lord,

People: **And with our tongues we can wound our neighbor.**

Leader: Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing,

People: **But this should not be so among God's people.**

Leader: Come, let us bring our voices before the One who spoke creation into being.

People: **We come to bless the Lord with words of gratitude and songs of joy.**

Leader: May our lips be guided by truth,

People: **And may our hearts be filled with love.**

All: **Together, let us worship the Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer!**

*HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 610

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only)

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)

Merciful God,

You have given us tongues to sing your praise and speak your truth. Yet too often our words are careless and cruel. We have gossiped, we have exaggerated, we have spoken in anger. We confess that our tongues have sometimes set fires of hurt and division.

Forgive us, Lord. Tame our tongues with your Spirit, so that our words may be life-giving and peace-bearing. Teach us to speak with honesty, gentleness, and compassion, that we may bless others as you have blessed us.

In Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we pray. 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

“Chorale”

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

James 3:1-12

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

“Taming the Tongue”

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Robert Lowry

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 462

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

African American Spiritual

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on ‘Foundation’”

Jason D. Payne

* Please stand, if able

SERVING TODAY

Ushers – Ron & Marji Cyr

Coffee Hour – Linda DiOrio

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; Maria Wippick; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; Andrew Ogar; Barbara Preston; 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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Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

September 14th, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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. 15 th Nutrition Program 7:00-1:00
Sept. 16 th Food Pantry 4:00-6:00
Sept. 17 th Meals on Wheels 7:00-11:00
Sept. 18 th Bible Study 10:00
Sept. 19 th Nutrition Program 7:00-1:00 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00
Sept. 20 th Friends of Music Concert 6:00

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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