

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 3, 2025

9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

CHIMES

PRELUDE “In God, My Faithful God” Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT “O Sing to the Lord” Brazilian Folk Song
arr. Gerhard M. Cartford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, beloved of God, and fix your eyes on Jesus, the One who humbled himself and walked the path of love.
People: We come to learn the ways of Christ, to follow his steps of mercy and grace.
Leader: Christ calls us to forgiveness and compassion, to serve rather than to be served.
People: We come to imitate his life of self-giving love, trusting that his Spirit guides our hearts.
Leader: Let us worship the One who shows us the way, the risen Lord who goes before us.
People: We lift our voices in praise, and we offer our lives as living examples of Christ’s love.

*HYMN “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” No. 33

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only)

Holy God, you allow us to boldly proclaim Your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of Your call. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image of Divine Love as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (In Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we often seek to imitate the world instead of imitating Christ. We are quick to defend our own interests and slow to serve others with humility and grace. Forgive us, Lord. Clothe us with the mind of Christ —His compassion, His gentleness, His strength, and His love. Transform us by your Spirit so that our lives reflect his mercy and our hearts beat with his joy. In Jesus’ name, 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 “All Glory Be to God on High” Andreas N. Vetta

*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 Matthew 4:18-20; Ephesians 5:1-2; 3 John 1:11

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 “Who Are You Imitating?” Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM “Break Thou the Bread of Life” Mary Ann Lathbury/William Fisk Sherwin

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST’S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” No. 546

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Amen”

POSTLUDE “My Inmost Heart Now Raises” Johann Christoph Bach

* Please stand, if able

SERVING TODAY

Coffee Hour – Cindy Griffin, Lynn Thomson, & Debbie Speeches **Usher** – Lynn Thomson

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; 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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Congregational Nominating Team

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

This Week

Aug. 4 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Aug. 5 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Aug. 6 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Aug. 7 th	Bible Study	10:00
Aug. 8 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Food Pantry	10:00-1:00

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

August 3rd, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion Sunday



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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