

SERVICE NOTES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS: The Faith We Sing, Girdwood Chapel's
CCLI Basic #: 11038417, CCLI Streaming License #: CSPL155734, NRSVue: New
Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Worship Helpers—Greeter: Vicky, Tech Helper: Gus, Liturgist: Terry, Peacher:
Pastor Hyunghee

Announcements:

- **Girdwood Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** 10:00 a.m. I Thursdays I at our church parking lot
- **Women's Bible Study:** 6:30p.m. I Mondays I in the Green Room I with a book, *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker I Contact Terry for the details.
- **2027 Giving Drive:** As we prepare for 2027, please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Girdwood Chapel. Your generosity supports our worship, ministries, community outreach, and the upkeep of our church facilities. Thank you for helping us continue sharing God's grace in Girdwood!
- **Sightings of God & Sightings of Grace: Where have you encountered God or noticed grace this week?** Write your sighting on the board and share it with our church family.
- **Christmas Pageant Volunteers Needed:** Our **Community Christmas Pageant** will be held on **December 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Alyeska Resort.** We are looking for a coordinator(s) and volunteers who can arrive at **4:00 p.m.** to help with costumes, children's activities, and preparation. If you'll be in town and can help, please contact **Loretta.**
- **Leadership Board Meeting:** Nov.10(Tue.) I 7 p.m. I via Zoom

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All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 I Sunday Worship I 9:30 a.m.

** Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus says,

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

All: We bring our grief into the presence of God.

One: With the saints who have gone before us, we give thanks for God's faithfulness.

All: We remember their love and the faith they shared.

One: Christ gathers us in our need and meets us with grace.

All: We come with our questions, our differences, and our hope.

One: Let us worship the God who calls us to mercy and peace.

All: We open our hearts to God and to one another.

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

UMH #711

(verses 1, 2, 4, & 6) lyrics on the screen

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you know what each of us carries into this room.

**We bring the names of people we miss, the concerns of this week,
and our need for your mercy.**

Thank you for the saints whose lives have helped us know your love.

Hold us as we remember them.

Give us room to grieve and freedom to give thanks.

**As we face the decisions of the coming week,
keep us attentive to our neighbors.**

**Help us listen when understanding is difficult
and speak truthfully without contempt.**

Open our hearts to the words of Jesus.

Let your grace meet us here

and shape the way we care for one another.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVue)

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will
be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “Blessed Before Anything Else.”

WE RESPOND

A Time for Reflection

Terry Sherwood

*During the song, take a quiet moment to reflect on today's Scripture,
message, or prayers. You are welcome to close your eyes, pray, or simply
listen. Notice a word or thought that stays with you, and bring it before
God.*

Invitation to Generosity: Offering baskets are available on the side/back of
the sanctuary. Or Mail your check: PO Box 1068, Girdwood, AK 99587, or
give online; *scan QR code*→



Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

Please join me in offertory prayer:

We offer these gifts in response to your grace.

Receive them, along with the time and care we give.

Continue through us the generosity of those who have gone before us.

May this church offer food to those who hunger,

companionship to those who are lonely,

and care to those who grieve.

Guide us to use what you have entrusted to us

for the good of our neighbors.

Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Prayers and Celebration & The Lord's prayer

Concerns: “God in Your mercy” | **Response: “Hear our prayer”**

Joys: “Thanks be to God” | **Response: “Alleluia”**

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE & SERVE

*Closing Hymn

“Blest Are They”

TFWS #2155

lyrics on the screen

*Benediction

*Sending Forth Song “On Eagles Wings” (CCLI Song #3127)

It is the tradition of the Girdwood Chapel UMC to form a circle, hold hands,
and sing ‘On Eagles Wings.’

Our Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. year-round

Our vision

At Girdwood Chapel, we envision a community of grace
where every person belongs.

Rooted in Christ and grounded in prayer,
we embody dignity and neighborliness
through listening, service, hospitality, and shared life.

We gather around real bread and real stories,
uniting across differences in worship, study, and daily living.

Together, we lift one another in joy and in grief,
cultivating hope when the world feels unhopeful.

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