

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: Wendy, Tech Helper: Betsy, Liturgist: ,
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**.
- **First Sunday of Advent:** Nov. 29th

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November 22, 2026 | Sunday Worship | 9:30 a.m.

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

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to Worship

One: Christ calls us together in grace.

All: We come to worship the One who knows and loves us.

One: Our King meets us among people who hunger, strangers who need welcome, and neighbors who need care.

All: Open our eyes to your presence among us.

One: We bring what we can offer and the burdens we cannot carry alone.

All: Teach us to give with love and to receive with trust.

One: Let us worship Jesus Christ, who reigns in mercy.

All: Shape our lives by your grace, and send us to love our neighbors.

Opening Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
lyrics on the screen

UMH #327

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you have brought us together, and we thank you for this time to worship. Quiet the concerns that pull our attention away, and help us listen to your Word. Forgive us for the needs we have noticed and passed by. Free us from indifference, and help us recognize the care we can offer. Give us humility to receive help when we need it. As we worship Christ our King, let his mercy shape our choices, so that what we receive here finds expression in the way we live this week. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVue)

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’
 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?
 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’
 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’
 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer,
 ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’
 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’
 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “When the Gathering Ends.”

WE RESPOND

A Time for Reflection

Terry Sherwood

uring 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: Gracious God, you have given us much, and we give today with grateful hearts. Accept these gifts and use them through the work of this church to feed our neighbors, offer welcome, and sustain care for people in need. Teach us to share our time and attention as willingly as our money. May our giving become part of a life shaped by your grace. In Jesus’ name. 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 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH #402

lyrics on the screen

*Benediction

Terry Sherwood

*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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