

**Kids on Sunday:** Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where they hang out. PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> start in worship and go to classes after the Children's Message. (Communion Sundays they start in their classrooms.) Ask any usher for help in finding the right resource for your child.

**Visiting?** Thanks for joining us for worship today. We hope you enjoy the service and that it hits a chord deep in your soul. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex by the front door and join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information about the church or to hear from our pastor please let a deacon or usher know. They will be glad to help answer any and all questions.

**Chancel Altar Flowers:**

In celebration of Roxana Terwilliger's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
(The Altar/Flower Chair for December is Beverly Nightingale)

**Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith**

**December 6:** In memory of Shirley and Clarence Norcross and their son Howard.

**December 6:** In memory of my mother, Olga Toledo Smith, on her birthday. Frank and Ann Smith.

**December 6:** To remind us of your continuing outreach to the community of Harwich and beyond, Patricia Robbins.

(To light the steeple please see Carolee Wentworth at coffee hour.)



**Large print bulletins,** and a hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Handicap parking is in the rear parking lot and off of Route 28 and Pilgrim Rd. Access ramps from all parking areas are available. An accessible unisex restroom is off the hallway at the right front of the sanctuary.

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## *The Second Sunday in Advent: The Season of Hope!*

**Chimes** *(The chimes begin our service. Please turn off/silence cell phones.)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** *The Advent Star* Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

+**Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Pilgrim #104

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we who claim the inheritance of being your people, know in our hearts that we do not deserve it. We follow our own desires. We stray from your ways. Send your Holy Spirit to turn us back to you, O God. Help us to turn from our own pursuits back to the ancient call to prepare the way of the Lord. May this be our Advent goal. In the name of him who we await we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Advent Wreath Lighting** ~ *The Candles of Peace & Hope*

**Prayer:** As we prepare for your coming, O Lord, help us to let go of the frantic pace of this season. Help us make our preparations be truly about your coming, O God of hope. Then help us rest in the assurance you are with us, feeding us with your spiritual nourishment, today & always. Amen.

### **Gifts and Tithes**

#### **Invitation**

**Offertory Anthem** *He Shall Come Down* C. McCormick

**Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Response** *Threefold Amen*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:5-24a (N.T., pg. 56)

**Sermon** Hope Forgotten Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Pilgrim #288

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Communion Prayer**

#### **Sanctus**

#### **Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** (We use juice, not wine.)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** We thank you God for life in the Spirit of Jesus; for love that cannot die; peace the world cannot give; joy in the company of friends; the glory of creation; and the mission of justice you have made our own. Amen.

+**Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Pilgrim #107

#### **Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be  
With God our creator, children all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

**Postlude** *The Golden Trumpet* Edward Broughton

**Head Usher:** Al Eaton **Lay Reader:** George Wailgum

**Greeter:** Ray Rivard

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Peggy O'Connor

**Music Director/Organist:** Fred Drifmeyer

**Team Izzy needs:** Men's size 10 work boots; size 10 ½ men's boots 2 pairs; size 12 men's boots; size 8 wide ladies' boots. Large microwave.

**The Mission Committee** thanks all the generous donors who helped to dress eight live dolls for the Salvation Army. The gifts were delivered on Monday and thankfully received. Some extras were added like pajamas, scarves and toys. A very big, **thank you!**

**Pilgrim Women's Fellowship Tea & Concert** – The PWF Board invites all the women of the church to our annual holiday tea on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Harwich Community Center in the Multipurpose Room. The Monomoy Regional High School Select Choir will perform a special concert at 2:45. Please join us for this festive event! Friends are welcome!

**Thom Dutton presents his annual Celtic Harp Concert 'Christmas Americana'** – on Friday, December 11 at 7 pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Main Street Route 28 in Harwich Port and Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm at the Wellfleet Senior Center, 715 Old King's Highway in Wellfleet. The program features traditional and contemporary American Christmas music with readings from the letters, diaries and journals of everyday American citizens. A suggested donation of \$7 will be accepted at the door. For more information call 508-945-9525 or email [capesidemusic@comcast.net](mailto:capesidemusic@comcast.net).

**Prayer cards** – Call the church office or drop off your prayer requests by noon Friday to get them in the Sunday Bulletin.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Marion and Pam Marsh, Caleb Green, Joe Langway, Joyce Brooks.

## **This Week at Pilgrim Church– December 6**

<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Coffee Hour Advent Dinner
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	<b>Church office closed</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Team Izzy Team Izzy Monbleau Hall Nurse Thrift Shop Deacons Meeting
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Dance Thrift Shop Advent Discussion Evensong Cooking Epiphany Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shop Joyful Prayer Christian Ed Meeting Scouts Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shop Wedding Rehearsal Harp Concert
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Thrift Shop Wedding

**Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> will be a Hymn Sing.**

We never get to sing Christmas Carols enough! This is your chance to sing your favorite one more time or to get it in if we missed it. It is also a chance to sing any other hymn you love. Fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. We will try to incorporate them all. If there are too many we will try to include them in other services...especially the non-Christmas ones.

Hymns:

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