

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where they hang out. PreK - 6th start in worship and go to classes after the Children's Message. (except for Communion Sundays when 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 loving memory of Pearl Fish by her son Al Eaton, Barbara Prindle Eaton and family.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for December is Beverly Nightingale)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

(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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***Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ***



**Sunday December 7, 2014
Second Sunday in Advent**

Pilgrim Church Mission Statement

The mission of this Church is to provide a warm, safe, non-judgmental, and welcoming environment for all who wish to worship God; to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to celebrate the sacraments; to experience Christian fellowship and unity with all members of this Church family and the greater community; to render loving service toward all humankind; and to strive for righteousness, peace, and justice in the world. (Church Council Nov 2011)



***The Second Sunday in Advent
The Season of Joy!***

Welcome to Pilgrim Church. Thank you for being with us today.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Arr. Chuck Marohnic

Call To Worship

+Gathering 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 that inheritance. We follow our own desires and stray from your ways. Come into our hearts and minds and help us turn back to you O God. Then 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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ *The Candles of Hope & Peace*
Sunday School Scholars and their Teachers

Song *Advent Candle Song* vs 1 & 2 (see insert)

Prayer: As we prepare for your coming O Lord, help us find ways of letting go of the frantic-ness that comes with Christmas. Help us make our preparations reflect your coming, God of promise. Then help us rest in the assurance you are with us, feeding us with your spiritual nourishment, today and always. Amen.

Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *O Come, O Come Emmanuel-13th* C. Plainsong

Response *We give you but your own, whatever it may be,
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Pastoral Prayer

Response *Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a-new,
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8 (N.T., pg. 34)

Sermon "Ray of Hope" Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Hymn *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed* Pilgrim #281

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.)

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

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.

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 *And the Glory of the Lord* Arr. Lani Smith

Head Usher: Mike Sekerak **Lay Reader:** Nicki Palmer

Acolyte: Liam Mawn

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Potluck Luncheon, Crafts & Carols for ALL at noon, today. Please bring a dish to share, dessert & beverage will be provided.

The Pilgrim Women's Fellowship Christmas Tea and Concert
2 PM Tuesday, Dec 9, at the Harwich Community Center multipurpose room. Refreshments and performance of the Monomoy Regional High School Select Choir. *All women of the church are invited.* Donations of socks and underwear for the homeless would be appreciated.

Team Izzy needs: Twin Electric blanket, 3 queen comforters for men, queen blankets; 2-3x mens coats, 3x ladies coat; dvd player; toasters, microwave. We appreciate any winter wear. **Please no summer clothing!**

The Troubadour Harper's Christmas Card Concert Celtic Christmas will be held on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 P.M. at Pilgrim Church. Thom Dutton – The Troubadour Harper. \$7.00.

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!**

Hands of Hope Food Pantry Food Donations for Christmas: Help fill Holiday Food Packages. Bring any of the following to church: canned yams, crackers, relish, olives, stuffing mix, brownie or corn bread mix, cranberry sauce, canned gravy, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, chicken or turkey broth, canned corn, a gift card for a turkey. Looking ahead for the winter season, soup, hamburger, chicken or tuna helper, peanut butter, stew, ketchup, mustard, mayo, coffee, tea.

Hands of Hope Outreach Center Holiday Toy Drive: Suggestions for New, unwrapped Christmas gifts to bring to church include:
INFANTS: Toys, hats & mittens, board books; **CHILDREN:** trucks cars, Educational toys (supply batteries if needed), Legos, dolls, craft sets, crayons/markers with drawing pads, art sets, board games (NO Checkers), books, sporting equipment; **TEENS:** Gift certificates for CDs, books, or clothing stores; flannel pajama bottoms, fleece jackets sweatshirts, nail polish, makeup kits, art supplies, sporting equipment. *Please, no jigsaw puzzles or toys pertaining to war or violence!*

This Week at Pilgrim Church– December 7

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| <u>Sunday:</u> | 11:00 AM 12:00 PM | Coffee Hour Advent Luncheon |
| <u>Monday:</u> | Church office closed | |
| <u>Tuesday:</u> | 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM | Team Izzy Nurse Thrift Shop Trustee Meeting |
| <u>Wednesday:</u> | 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | Dance Evensong Cooking Thrift Shop Church Council Epiphany Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:45 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM | Thrift Shop Home Bound Worship/Lunch Joyful Prayer Music Committee Christian Ed Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| <u>Friday:</u> | 10:00 AM 7:00 PM | Thrift Shop Harp Concert |
| <u>Saturday:</u> | 10:00 AM | Thrift Shop |

Prayer cards – To have your prayer requests included in next week's bulletin call the church office by noon on Friday or leave your request in the office on Sunday or during the week.

Please remember in your prayers: Ross Hall, Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Jean Traver, Laurieann Galer's daughter Kate and granddaughter Eva, Christian Antoine, Priscilla Davis.

Sunday December 28th 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:
