

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where the little ones hang out. Children PreK - 6th start in worship and then 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 George and Eunice Bartlett from George and Carrie Bartlett Wailgum.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for February is Janet Cymbala)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

February 1 – In memory of Shirley and Clarence Norcross from Howard Norcross.

February 1 – In memory of my dear friend BJ Lewis, from Janet Cymbala.

(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. Dorcas Room has a wheelchair lift.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ



February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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)



Welcome to Pilgrim Church

Founded in 1854, Pilgrim Church is dedicated to seeking a deeper understanding of God through study of and belief in Jesus Christ and through Christian service. Through worship, education, music, and fellowship we share with others God's love. Thank you for being with us today.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* arr. Robert Thygeron

Call To Worship

+Gathering Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers* Pilgrim #365

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God of all eternity, as we follow the Magi, help us to be more like them. Help us to trust in you completely. Give us courage to search for your son daily. Give us faith to see your hand in the cycles of life. Free us to celebrate our faith. Then help us to weave these things into a strong rope of faith that binds us to you, your church, and one another. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrating Pilgrim Church's First Service on February 1, 1855
(Please see insert)

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *I Love the Lord* Douglas E. Wagner

Offertory 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 Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pg. 2)

Sermon Celebration Rev. O'Connor

A New Creed United Church of Canada, 1980 see Insert

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 (unison)

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

+Hymn *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* Pilgrim #272

Benediction

+Benediction Response *Go Now In Peace*
Go now in peace...Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you.
Everywhere...everywhere...you may go.

Postlude *Toccata in C Major* Lani Smith

Please join us for refreshments & fellowship following our service.

Head Usher: Al Eaton **Acolyte:** Logan Routhier

Lay Reader: Nicki Palmer

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

A New Creed

We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

This Week at Pilgrim Church– February 1

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Souper Bowl Lunch
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
	10:00 AM	Nurse
	7:00 PM	Scouts
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance Class
	7:00 PM	Chimes Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir R.

“Coming! A new Search Committee questionnaire next week in your email via Survey Monkey – watch for it. Please complete by February 26th. If you need a paper questionnaire, please let the office or Sally Hayes know.”

Today, February 1 – Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon. Join the Youth Group after worship in Monbleau Hall for their annual tradition celebrating the Super Bowl (go Patroits!) and helping out our local food pantry. In lieu of charging for lunch, we are asking people to bring cans of soup, or other canned goods, to donate to the Food Pantry. If you prefer we will have canisters for monetary donations. On the menu: Chicken noodle soup, Minestrone, and a mystery soup (sure to be delicious!), bread, salad and sweets, (courtesy of the coffee hour crew). We hope to see you there!

Valentine Dessert & Card Party Tuesday, February 17th at 12:30 PM in Monbleau Hall. Bring your cards or game of choice. Coffee, tea, and finger desserts provided. \$7.00 per person. Forms available in the February issue of Pilgrim's Progress, on the back hall table and in the narthex. Deadline is February 14th to sign up.

Is Pilgrim Church in Your will?

No? See the article in February's Pilgrims Progress newsletter for information about some of the ways you might consider doing this.
Yes? Thank you from the PCC families of the future.

Prayer cards – Call the church office by noon on Friday with your prayer requests or leave your request in the office on Sunday or during the week. They will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Tommie Moore, Laurieann Galer's granddaughter Eva, Christian Antoine.

**A CELEBRATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
FIRST SERVICE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
HARWICH PORT, MASSACHUSSETS
ON FEBRUARY 1, 1855**

Litany of Remembrance

One: For the worship of God in prayer and praise,
for the preaching of the Word, for the celebration
of the holy sacraments.

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For the comfort of those who mourn,
for the help of those who are perplexed,
for the guidance of those who seek strength,

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For the support and nurture of families,
for the guidance of children,
for the calling of youth to a life of service.

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For guarding against evil,
for fostering faithfulness,
for promoting peace and justice in all the earth,

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For the opening of minds to your truth,
for the care of the needy,
for the giving of hope and courage,

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For the unity of all believers in Christ,
for the carrying of the gospel into all the world,
for the furtherance of unity of all people,

ALL: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

One: For the consecration of life and service, in grateful
remembrance of those who have gone before us,
and in gratitude for our life together in this church,

**ALL: We give thanks to you, O God, for Pilgrim Church
and its past and we pray for your continued
blessing and guidance. Amen.**

Historical Remembrance

Beverly Nightingale
Church Historian

**Unison Prayer: Eternal God, we offer thanksgiving and
praise to you on this day of remembrance.**

**We give you thanks for all those who responded to your
call to establish and build this church.**

**We are grateful for the continuing ministry and mission
of our church throughout its 160 years.**

**We thank you for all that our church has meant to its
members and to all those its ministry has touched.**

**In tender memory, we rejoice at the inspiration which
has been found here, through the preaching of your
word, through the singing of hymns to your praise, and
through the sharing of life-sustaining sacraments.**

Look upon us this day with mercy, we pray.

Bless us as we reconsecrate ourselves to you.

Sanctify our lives and our work through this church.

Help us to preserve the best of our past.

Help us to be open to new vision.

**Holy God, grant that Pilgrim Congregational Church
may long continue to be a sign of your Spirit and a
witness to Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**