

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 gratitude for all Pilgrim Church members and friends as we start the New Year 2016 with joy and anticipation.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for Sunday 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



January 3, 2016

Second Sunday After Christmas



Our Mission Statement

*We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ
to care for one another
to grow in spirit and
to serve others with compassion and love.*

Welcome to our service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. Fred Bock

Gathering Hymn *Rock of Ages* Pilgrim #358

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, we followed the star to the stable to see your new born Son. Now we follow the Magi to claim our relationship with you through Him. We love these yearly journeys but long to go further in our faith. Help us to welcome your Holy Child into our lives more fully than ever today. Transform us into your faithful servants. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *Christmas Song* arr. Gustav Holst

**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

Prayer Response *Three-Fold Amen*

Scripture Matthew 2:1-13, 16, 19-21,23 (NT pg. 2)

Sermon Discovery Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Communion Hymn *All Are Welcome* vv (1) Insert

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.)

Communion Hymn *All Are Welcome* vv (2&3, 4&5)

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; and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Amen.

+Hymn *Lord I Want to Be a Christian* Pilgrim #353

Benediction

+Response *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 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* arr. Lani Smith

Thank you for worshipping with us. May God bless you this week.

Head Usher: George Wailgum

Lay Reader: Beverly Nightingale

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Annual Epiphany Concert – Today at 3:00 P.M. Directed by Fred Drifmeyer. Ecumenical Choir with Guest Soloists: Carol Wiley, Alice Drifmeyer, Thom Dutton, Gil Stone and Misao Koyama – Organist/Pianist. The Pilgrim Church Bell Choir directed by Thom Dutton. Free Will Offering with proceeds to benefit The Champ House and Homeless Not Hopeless.

Leadership Rally for Church Board and Committee Members Tuesday, January 5th at 6:00 P.M. in Monbleau Hall. Dessert & beverages will be served. Call Carol to RSVP: 508-432-1668.

Pledge Envelopes – 2016 pledge envelopes are available in Monbleau Hall. If you did not request envelopes and would like them, please contact the Treasurer's Office.

Team Izzy needs: Men's and women's boots, all sizes; men's black pants 42x32, microwave ovens, 40-cup coffee maker.

SOCK SUNDAY – January 24th. Please bring in new or gently worn socks (preferably white). Sock boxes are located in the narthex and outside of Monbleau Hall. The Sunday School children will present the socks to Izzy's Team on January 24th. Thank you for your support.

The Thrift Shop will be open, beginning January 2, from 11:00 – 3:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays during January, February and March.

Jesse Nash, - the little 5 year old boy from Chatham who has been on our Prayer Chain, is now out of treatment and in remission.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Joyce Dutton, Marion Marsh, Cape Cod Hospital, Joe Langway, Ed Jaworski

This Week at Pilgrim Church – January 3, 2016

Sunday: 11:00 AM Coffee Hour
3:00 PM Epiphany Concert

Monday: Church office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Team Izzy
6:00 PM Leadership Meeting
7:00 PM Scouts

Wednesday: 9:30 AM Dance Class
NO Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 3:30 PM Joyful Prayer Group
7:00 PM Scouts
7:00 PM Handbell Choir R.