

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 Eleanor Belmont, Betty VanDusen and Marilyn Clarke.

Flowers are needed for January 24 & 31. Please see/call Beverly Nightingale at 508-430-1892.

(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 10, 2016
Baptism of Christ**



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 *Carol of the Bells* trad. Ukrainian
(Robyn O'Neill, Randy Sacht & Debi Rilea, Bell Trees with Flute Sextet)

+**Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Pilgrim #263

Unison Prayer: O God, we rejoiced at the gift of Christmas and were excited at the arrival of the Magi. For two weeks you and the birth of your Son filled our lives. But now the pressures of life crowd you out. Obligations and desires steal our attention. We are less happy; less at peace. Help us, we pray, to discover ways of holding onto your every day. Help us to know that we too are your beloved children so we may claim you as Father. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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.

Children's Time Rev. O'Connor

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory *Go Tell It On the Mountain* Spiritual

+**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.

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response:

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

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15&16, 21&22 (N.T., pg. 60)

Sermon Identity Confirmed Rev. O'Connor

Installation of Lay Leaders Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Pilgrim #115

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 & live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Postlude *Finding My Place in the World* Michael W. Smith

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

Head Usher: George Wailgum

Lay Reader: Roy Terwilliger

Acolyte: Sean Gould

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Guest Organist: Jayson Newell

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.

Please Note – Marjorie Welsh R.N. will no longer have “office hours.” Call her at 508-432-2415 if you have any questions. She will continue to provide literature and forms for handicapped drivers at the “welcome station” in Monbleau Hall. She will also be available for Red Cross Blood Drives and Life Line Screening.

Wednesday, January 13 “Loving and Using Your Bible” class presented by Nicki Palmer. This will be a monthly class, with “homework” given for the time between classes. We will learn a lot about the writing of the Bible, ways to find your way around it, use of Bible resources, different ways to read and use the Scriptures. Bring a lunch if you wish, and **DO BRING YOUR BIBLE...**or we can get you one from the library.

Pilgrim Women’s Fellowship meeting & outreach will meet on Wednesday, January 20, at 12:30 PM in Monbleau Hall. We will be creating Prayer Beads for shut-ins. Please bring a sandwich; drinks & dessert will be provided.

Team Izzy needs: Men’s and women’s boots, all sizes; twin sheets, winter coats and jackets, silverware.

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.

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

Opening and Affirming...Join us for A Year of Dialogue and Learning – we want everyone to be involved! How can you participate? Fill out the questionnaire that is inserted in this bulletin and in the weekly email. Please plan to be at worship and the community luncheon on Sunday, January 31, where we will hear from our guest preacher Chuck Wildman, a retired UCC pastor who engaged his congregation in the ONA process more than a decade ago. We welcome all viewpoints. Please join us.

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, Muriel Colthart, Roxana Terwilliger, Jesse Nash, Joe Langway, Ed Jaworski.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – January 10, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
	9:30 AM	PWF Board
	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance Class
	12:00 Noon	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	5:30 PM	Christian Ed. Committee
	7:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop
<u>Saturday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop

Installation of Lay Leaders

The installation of lay leaders is a good time to remember that to be a Christian is to be a servant. All ministry in the church is Christ's ministry. In union with Christ and in partnership with each other, Christians are called to serve according to the gifts given to them.

Ldr: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving but the same God is served.

Ldr: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

All: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all.

Ldr: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

All: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Ldr: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All: All of us are Christ's body and each is part of it.

Affirmation:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you in every way that we can.