

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.

Chancel Altar

(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 24, 2016



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 worship 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 *How Great Thou Art* arr. Marianne Kim

+Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Pilgrim # 30

Unison Prayer: Holy God Creator, we your children, come to you in prayer both humbly and with joy. We know we do not merit your constant love but we rejoice in it. While we all too often fail to be faithful servants, we continue to want to do better. Lead us to help one another discover the gifts you have given each of us. Then inspire us to use those gifts in service to you. Help us, we pray, to find ways of being the people you made us to be. Help us to fully claim you as our Father. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. 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 Christian Education

Ordination of Deacons See Insert

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

**+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 *Three –Fold Amen*

Scripture Reading Luke 4:31-37 (N.T., pg. 62)

Sermon The News Spreads Rev. O'Connor

+Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* SHIP # 1607

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 *In Christ There Is No East Or West* arr. G.M. Martin

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

Head Usher: George Wailgum

Lay Reader: Linda Cacciapouti

Acolyte: Sarah Babb

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Flowers needed Jan. 31, call Bev Nightingale 508-430-1892.

R.N. Hours – Marjorie Welsh R.N. is no longer having “office hours.” Call her at 508-432-2415 if you have any questions. She will still have 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.

Team Izzy needs: Sweat pants men’s and woman’s all sizes; ladies blazer size 16 long; boots all sizes; men’s and women’s; men’s shoes size 15; coats & jackets men’s and women’s size large; microwaves; yarn any color; silverware.

The Thrift Shop is open 10–3, Fridays & Saturdays, Jan - March

Opening and Affirming... A Year of Dialogue and Learning – We want YOU to be involved! How? Fill out the questionnaire in this bulletin & in the weekly email. Come to worship & the community luncheon on Sunday, January 31, to hear our guest preacher Chuck Wildman, a UCC pastor who engaged his congregation in the ONA process more than a decade ago. We welcome all viewpoints. Please join us.

February 7th - Super “Book” Sunday-In lieu of the Youth Group’s regular soup event, we are collecting books, games and puzzles for our Habitat for Humanity bookshelves. Bookshelves and information about the families (with a list of book ideas) will be set up at coffee hour between now and then. Feel free to buy from our idea-list, be creative, or bring your own favorites (please only new or very gently used items. Monetary donations gladly accepted-we will choose a book or game for you). Get a raffle ticket, for each donation, to place in the jar of the team you think will win the Super Bowl! We will pull a raffle ticket from the winning team’s jar (prize is an adult coloring book, markers, and a Barnes & Noble gift card)!

Contact: Brooke or Tim Canada with any questions or for more information: youthdirector@pcchp.org or call 508-246-6029

Please remember in your prayers: Thom Dutton and family, Marion Marsh, Muriel Colthart, Jesse Nash, Joe Langway, Ed Jaworski, Margot Lamparelli at Spaulding Rehab.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – January 24, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Dance Class Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Joyful Prayer Group Webelos Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Thrift Shop Pinewood Derby set up (Monbleau Hall)
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pinewood Derby (Scouts) Thrift Shop
<u>Sunday:</u> 1/31/16	10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Worship (Rev. Charles Wildman) Congregational Lunch

Ordination of Deacons

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

People: To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Today we recognize the particular call to be a deacon and we celebrate all those who have responded to that call to serve. More specifically, we, today, recognize those who will serve this church as deacons in 2016.

These brothers and sisters in Christ have been called by God to serve as deacons. They have accepted their call and stand here before us in witness to their willingness to serve the church.

Affirmation: We, the members and friends of Pilgrim Church, celebrate your call to be our deacons. We promise to love, honor and assist you so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men. Through this act we ask the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry they need to fulfill their call.

Now, we lay hands upon Linda Cacciapouti, Molly Chapman, Jeanie Kahus, Marion Mangels, Beverly Nightingale, Dona Webber, Bruce Wellnitz, and Dave Brown in abstentia, for the position of Deacon.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the people of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce that you are recognized and affirmed in your ministry as Deacons of this church.