

**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 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 our parents, Vic and Helen Minich and Jim and Grace Smith, from Dick and Sally Smith and family.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for January is Sally Smith)

### **Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith**

**Sunday January 25:** In memory of Shirley and Clarence Norcross from Howard Norcross.

(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 25, 2015**

**Third 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, we are a Christian congregation 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**      *What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright*      (15<sup>th</sup> C.)

## Call To Worship

+**Gathering Hymn**      *Holy, Holy, Holy!*      Pilgrim #251

## Unison Prayer

**Holy God of every beginning and ending and all the in-between times, we give thanks for your constant presence. Help us to know you are ever with us with every step we take. Help us to trust in you completely. As we follow the Magi, help us to be more and more like them. Give us curiosity that spurs us to search for your son every day. Give us faith strong enough to ask questions. Give us hearts open to hearing the whispers of your Holy Spirit. Then help us to weave all these things together into a life line binding us to you, your church, and one another. In Christ's name 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**      Sock Sunday      Izzy Thompson  
(Children go to classes following a message.)

## Gifts and Tithes

**Offertory Solo**      *He Is Exalted/Great Is The Lord*      Arr. Joel Raney  
(Linda Kidd, flute)

## 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

**Prayer Response**      *Breathe on Me, Breath of Life*      Pilgrim #234  
*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      (N.T. pg. 2)

**Sermon**      Cycles      Rev. O'Connor

**Affirmation of Faith**      (see insert)

+**Hymn**      *O God, Above the Drifting Years*      Pilgrim #297

## 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**      *The Lord Reigneth*      Lani Smith

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

**Head Usher:** George Wailgum      **Lay Reader:** Alice Drifmeyer

**Acolyte:** Sarah Babb

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Peggy O'Connor

**Music Director/Organist:** Fred Drifmeyer

