

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 my mother and father Arthur and Irene Durity, from Beverley Suyematsu.

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

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

January 1

Happy New Year to Carly, Jack, Lily, Leo, Zosia and Maxwell!
Gramma Ann and Grampy Frank

(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***



January 4, 2015

Second Sunday After Christmas

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 *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. John Purifoy

Call To Worship

+**Gathering Hymn** *Rock of Ages* Pilgrim #358

Prayer of Confession

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 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* arr. R. Jacques

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 Readings Matthew 2:1-12 & John 1:10-18 (NT pg. 2, 91, 92)

Sermon On This I Stand Rev. O'Connor

The Apostles' Creed see 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* Insert

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

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 *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. H. Turner

Please join us for refreshments & fellowship following our service.

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: Eileen Long, Alice Drifmeyer, Thom Dutton and John Murelle. Misao Koyama – Organist/Pianist. The Pilgrim Church Bell Choir **directed by Thom Dutton**. Free Will Offering with proceeds to benefit Pilgrim Church’s Cape-Wide Missions Outreach.

Leadership Rally for Church Board and Committee Members – Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 P.M. in Monbleau Hall. Supper will be served. Please call Carol in the office at 508-432-1668.

Pledge Envelopes – Please pick up your 2015 pledge envelopes in Monbleau Hall as soon as possible. If you did not request envelopes and would like them, please contact the Treasurer’s Office.

Is Pilgrim Church in Your will?

No? See Ray Rivard for more information.

Yes? Thank you from the PCC families of the future.

SOCK SUNDAY – January 25th. Please bring in socks (preferably white) may be new or gently worn. Sock boxes are located in the narthex and outside of Monbleau Hall. The Sunday School children will be presenting the socks to Izzy’s Team on January 25th. Thank you for your support.

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 daughter Kate and granddaughter Eva, Christian Antoine.

This Week at Pilgrim Church– JANUARY 4

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Coffee Hour Epiphany Concert
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Team Izzy PWF Board Meeting Nurse Leadership Supper/Meeting Scouts (Conference Room)
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance Class NO Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	9:30 AM 3:30 PM 4:45 PM 5.30 PM 7:00 PM	Care Committee Joyful Prayer Group Music Committee Christian Education (Snow Parlor) Handbell Choir R.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
on the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.