

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask any usher to show you where little ones hang out. PreK–grade 6 start in worship & go to classes after a Children’s Message (Communion Sundays they start in their classrooms).

Visiting? Sign our guest book by the front door and join us for refreshments and fellowship. For info about the church or to hear from our pastor, talk to a deacon or usher or fill out a prayer card.

Chancel Altar Flowers: The cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is associated with Thanksgiving and is filled with an assortment of the Earth’s harvest. It is a symbol of gratitude for the gracious abundance from God, for all that we have and all that we wish to share.

Narthex: In honor of Ray Hecht on the occasion of his 97th birthday November 23, with love from his Pilgrim Church family.

(The Altar/Flower chair for the month of November is Beverly Nightingale).

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

November 22 : In celebration of Frank Cacciapouti’s birthday!

November 23: Ninety seven rays of light, shining from our steeple bright, with all our wishes intersect beam Happy Birthday to Ray Hecht.

November 25: In Thanksgiving for all God’s wonderful blessings.

November 26: The annual lighting of the Steeple is in memory of Jan Kalicki 1922 – 1953, beloved father, mathematician, philosopher and fighter in the Warsaw Resistance.

(To light the steeple please see Carolee Wentworth at coffee hour.)

Large print bulletins & hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Access ramps are available from all parking areas. An accessible unisex restroom is off the hallway at the right front of the sanctuary.

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November 22, 2015
Thanksgiving Sunday



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.*

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

Welcome, Announcements

Introit *Sing to the King* Arr. Craig Curry

+**Litany of Gratitude** Psalm 95:2, 4-7

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: In God's hands are the heights and depths of the earth;

All: The sea is God's as is the dry land for God made them.

One: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: For this is our God,

All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand. Thanks be to God!

+**Gathering Hymn** *We Gather Together* Pilgrim # 21

Unison Prayer: Scripture tells us to continually give thanks for everything to God and to serve and love each other as Christ loves us. These words inspire us. We aspire to live them. But despite our intentions our failures outnumber our successes. And so we pray for your Holy Spirit to enable us to more clearly see what is good, right, true and pleasing to you. Then inspire us to embrace these things every day. 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 Rev. O'Connor

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Let All Things Now Living* Trad. Welsh

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:

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.

+**Hymn** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Pilgrim # 460

Scripture Reading John 6:1-15 (N.T., pg. 97)

Sermon Thankful In All Circumstances Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* Pilgrim # 29

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 *Come Thou Almighty King* Arr. Edward Broughton

Lay Reader: Jeanie Kahus **Acolyte:** Liam Mawn

Head Usher: Dona Webber **Greeter:** Louise Moline

Interim Minister: Reverend Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

A Happy and Joyful Thanksgiving to all!

Thanksgiving Food Collection –The Harwich Food Pantry truck will pick up our donations today. If you can, please carry a bag or two to the back lot following worship. Thank you all.

Missions/Outreach needs your help – Each month on the 3rd Friday, we make, deliver and serve a meal for the Faith Nutrition Meal in Hyannis. If you can help please contact Marjorie Welsh.

Neighbors in Need Offering – This year’s Neighbors in Need Offering will go to the Council for American Indian Ministries. For more information see the flyers and envelopes on the table opposite the copier.

Youth Group Pies: If you ordered an apple or pumpkin pie from the Youth Group please pick it/them up after worship. And thank you for supporting our Youth Group!

Advent Devotional Luncheon –Join Rev. Peggy for lunch and discussion of our Advent Devotional Booklet in Monbleau Hall for the 4 wks of Advent beginning on Wednesday, December 2, Noon – 1:30 PM. Bring a brown bag lunch. Devotional Advent booklets are available in the back hallway and in the narthex.

Dress a Live Doll: Thank you to everyone who has already brought in their gifts. Please keep them coming in – the deadline is Sunday, November 29th.

New Members – Want to join the church? Contact the church office at 508-432-1668. What a great way to start a new year!

Team Izzy needs: Warm winter coats, hats, gloves and boots for men and women, including one 4x coat for a man and one 4x coat for a woman; men’s and women’s jeans; one pair of men’s 11 ½ footwear (any kind); one large and one small microwave oven; one toaster; one coffee maker; one upright vacuum cleaner; two twin electric blankets.

The Thrift Shop Committee will set the Silent Auction in Monbleau Hall during the Harwich Port Christmas Stroll on Friday, December 4. We will also have tables with a “Buy Now” tag. If you have items for the Silent Auction or the Buy Now, please contact Frank Cacciapouti as soon as possible.

Our Thrift Shop will be closed on the following dates:
Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24 and 25;
Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27

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

Remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Marion Marsh, Laurieann Galer’s granddaughter Eva, Rev. Anne Gilson, Caleb Green, Joe Langway, Joyce Brooks, Jan & Bill Wilson.

This Week at Pilgrim Church November 22

Sunday: 11:00 AM Coffee Hour

Monday: Church Office Closed

Tuesday: Thrift Shop Closed
9:00 AM Team Izzy
10:00 AM Nurse
6:30 PM Epiphany Rehearsal
7:00 PM Council Meeting
7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: Thrift Shop Closed
9:30 AM Dance

Thursday: Church Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday: Office/Thrift Shop Closed

Saturday: 10:00 AM Thrift Shop Open