

**Kids on Sunday:** Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where the little ones hang out. PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> start in worship and go to classes after the Children's Time. (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 for refreshments and fellowship following the service. 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**

The cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is associated with Thanksgiving and is filled with a 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.

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

**November 27:** Annual lighting of the steeple on Thanksgiving Day as well as other charitable activities at Pilgrim Church are made possible in perpetuity by a gift 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**, 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***



**Sunday November 23, 2014**

### ***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 your cell phone.*)

### Welcome & Announcements

**Mission Moment** Joyce Phillips

**Introit** *Thanksgiving Prayer* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

### Call To Worship

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

### Unison Prayer

**God of abundance, we give thanks for the bounty of creation. Through it you provide the world with all it needs. And yet we we know that many go hungry, are cold and without shelter. Help us, we pray, to keep those who have less in the forefront of our minds. Give us hearts of generosity and spirits of advocacy. Help us to find new ways of reaching out and alleviating the burdens of the poor. Help us to be true to your Son's ministry, which is now our own. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

**The Lord's Prayer:** (in unison)

**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** (Children go to classes following the message.)

### Gifts and Tithes

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

### 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** Psalm 23 (O.T., pg. 501)

**Sermon** *Preparing a Table* Rev. O'Connor

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

### Benediction

### +Benediction Response

*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** *O Worship The King* Arr. Franklin Ritter

*Please stay for the postlude. If you must leave please do so quietly.*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

**Head Usher:** Molly Chapman

**Lay Reader:** Dick Ash **Acolyte:** Ashley Hunt

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

**Music Director/Organist:** Fred Drifmeyer

**A Funeral Service for Clarence Norcross** will be held today at 2:00 P.M. at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

**Team Izzy needs:** Men's and women's warm footwear; men's and women's jeans and sweatpants including one pair of ladies 3x sweatpants; 2x ladies robe; used boxers; new underwear; winter gloves and mittens; twin electric blanket; one 3x7 or 5x8 rug; 1 crossword puzzle book; shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, deodorant.

**Is Pilgrim Church in Your will?**

**No?** See Ray Rivard for more information.

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

**Pilgrim Thrift Shop** telephone number is: 508-246-0212.

**Potluck Luncheon, Crafts & Carols for family & friends at noon, Sunday Dec. 7.** Please bring a dish to share, dessert & beverage will be provided.

**Please join us for the Sunday School Open House:** today after the church service for coffee hour, tours of the Sunday School area and a special musical presentation by the children.

**I would like to thank everyone:** for the extreme kindness and generosity that has been given to the residents of the hospitality housing program and the assistant manager of Eve's house who all got housing recently. It was heart-warming to see all of our churches and volunteers came together to set up the new homes with furniture and supplies. It was also very gratifying to know that society in general is helping to transition people out of homelessness. You have left a memory in all of us that with support and love of others, people truly can make it. Caroline Corrigan, Volunteer Coordinator, Cape Cod Council of Churches.

**Hands of Hope Food Pantry Food Donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas:** To help fill Holiday Food Packages, please consider bringing to church any of the following food items: canned yams, crackers, relish, olives, canned gravy, boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, bread mixes, canned fruit or cranberry sauce, chicken or turkey broth, canned corn, coffee or tea; a gift card for a turkey.

**Hands of Hope Outreach Center Holiday Toy Drive:** New, unwrapped Christmas gift suggestions to be brought to church include: FOR INFANTS: Toys, hats and mittens, board books; FOR CHILDREN: Educational toys, trucks and cars (if batteries required, please supply them), Legos, dolls, crayons and markers with drawing pads, art sets, crafts sets, board games (except Checkers), books, sporting equipment; TEENAGERS: Gift certificates for CDs and/or books, for clothing stores; flannel pajama bottoms, fleece jackets or sweatshirts, nail polish or makeup kits, art supplies, sporting equipment.

*Please, no jigsaw puzzles or toys pertaining to war or violence!*

**The Cookie Walk Sale at the Christmas Stoll is coming.** Monbleau Hall will have tables full of homemade cookies from which to choose on Dec. 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. But first we need bakers! If you haven't been asked yet, please call for details about baking 3 dozen cookies for delivery on Dec 4th or 5th. Carrie Wailgum 508-430-8138 and Sally Smith 508-432-1519 or email [carriewail@comcast.net](mailto:carriewail@comcast.net) or [skaysmith@comcast.net](mailto:skaysmith@comcast.net). Thank you!

**Missions:** In the pews are flyers for your donation to "Neighbors in Need." This is a yearly request from the UCC and their mission work. This is one of the two programs that your Mission Committee supports. This is a special offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries and the other two thirds supports a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Please read the flyer in your pew and give as you are able. Thank you.

**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:** Ross Hall, Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Jean Traver, Laurieann Galer's daughter Kate and granddaughter Eva, Christian Antoine, Priscilla Davis.

## **This Week at Pilgrim Church– November 23**

**Sunday:**            11:00 AM            Coffee Hour  
                             2:00 PM            Funeral Service  
   Clarence Norcross

**Monday:**            **Church office closed**

**Tuesday:**            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:**        9:30 AM            Dance

**Thursday**        **THANKSGIVING DAY! The Church is closed.**

**Friday:**            10:00 AM            Thrift Shop

**Saturday:**            10:00 AM            Thrift Shop