

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: In loving memory of our grandparents, Mildred and William H. Butler III, by their grandchildren.

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

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

November 24, 25, 26, 27: With hope and prayers for greater peace in the world, Sam and Suzy Blodgett.

November 28: In loving memory of Phillip Marsh from his family.

November 29: with thanks for the wonderful activities of your church that bring joy to so many, Patricia Robbins.

November 29: In memory of Shirley and Clarence Norcross and their son Howard.

(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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Interim Minister: Reverend Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy - for the family of Marion Marsh on the recent death of her son, Phillip.

Harwich Port Christmas Stroll December 4th 5 – 8p.m. Our Thrift Shop will be open; a Silent Auction; the Pilgrim Café, Cookie Walk, all will be held in Monbleau Hall. Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. at Doane Park.

Advent Dinner: Sunday December 6, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish to share, crafts for all ages followed by carols in the sanctuary. Beverages and dessert provided by C.E. Committee. Sign up board outside of Monbleau Hall.

The Thrift Shop: Will be open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in December. The Thrift Shop will close December 23rd and will reopen sometime in March.

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.

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.

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.

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.

This Week at Pilgrim Church November 29

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
<u>Monday:</u>	Church Office Closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
	9:30 AM	PWF Board Meeting
	10:00AM	Thrift Shop Open
	10:00 AM	Nurse
	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Open
	6:30 PM	Epiphany Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	9:30 AM	Care Committee
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Open
	12:00 PM	Worship/Luncheon Homebound
	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Open
	5 - 8PM	Harwich Port Stroll
<u>Saturday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop Open

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT –NOVEMBER 29, 2015

CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Hanging of the Greens* arr. C.E. Walz

CALL TO WORSHIP: REV. PEGGY O'CONNOR

LEADER: Today we begin our preparations for the birth of our Savior.

PEOPLE: **Today we prepare to welcome God's only Son, Jesus.**

LEADER: Today we begin the holy season of Advent, the season of preparation for the birth of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Let us renew the special meaning of Advent, the season of reflection and anticipation.**

LEADER: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Christ.

PEOPLE: **Let us honor this holy birth by adorning our church for the coming of our Savior.**

LEADER: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to God's glory and the incarnation of God's love in the world.

PEOPLE: **For God loves us so much that God sent us the Prince of Peace. Now more than ever we need to follow Christ's peaceful ways, so that the world may live with justice and peace.**

WELCOME: DOUG WHEELER

OPENING PRAYER: DOUG WHEELER

God, by your mercy, guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, in hope and in love. May the decorations we use and the traditions we follow engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: 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.

HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1 & 2)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive
Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer, Our spirits by
thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain

THE COLOR OF ADVENT ANTEPENDIUM: JANET CYMBALA

HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 3 & 4)

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things,
Far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one
heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

Refrain:

EVERGREENS: BRUCE WELLNITZ

HYMN: *O Christmas Tree* (vs. 2, 3 & 4)

**O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much please dost thou bring me!
For ev'ry year the Christmas tree,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure dost thou bring me!**

**O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are they branches!
Not only green when summer's here
But in the coldest time of year.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
How lovely are they branches!**

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How sturdy God hath made thee!
Thou bids't us all place faithfully
Our trust in God, unchangingly!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How sturdy God hath made thee!

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES: REV. PEGGY O'CONNOR

Hymn: *Jesus the Light of the World* (vs. 1)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Refrain: We will follow the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

GIFTS AND TODAY'S OFFERING

Offertory *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* arr. Greg Gilpin
Response
Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Response: *Threefold Amen* Robert Ramsey

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA: DOUG WHEELER

HYMN: *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesus's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.**

THE NATIVITY/CRÉCHE: DONA WEBBER

HYMN: *Away in a Manger*

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord
Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**THE CRISMON TREE: BEVERLY NIGHTINGALE &
MOLLY CHAPMAN**

MUSIC: JEANIE KAHUS

HYMN: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CLOSING: REV. PEGGY O'CONNOR

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 *Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices* arr. D. Cherwien