

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, November 19, 2023

Our Mission Statement:

We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ,
to care for one another,
to serve others with compassion and love.

Welcome to our Worship Service

An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand if you are able.

Prelude “Peal Con Brio” arr.: Karen Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: We are pulled in many directions.

All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

One: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives!

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “We Gather Together” #421

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

Prayer Response

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things we want to do.

All: Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock.

One: We think we are ready for all events that will come our way.

All: But we are rarely ready for you.

One: We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives.

All: Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event.

One: We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars.

All: Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us.

One: Help us learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way.

All: With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost, we are not lost to God. God calls us to be ready for God's new kingdom. In all this, God is with **All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Bell Choir Anthem "Lord of the Dance" arr.: Jason Krug

Scripture Lessons Matthew 25:1-13 NT Page 28

Sermon "Keep Awake" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** "Come, O Thankful People, Come" #422

Call to Offering

Offertory "Whispering Hope" Patti Drennan

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

**Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation" #425

***Benediction**

Postlude "Let All Give Thanks and Praise" Richard Robertson

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The church office is open Monday – Friday, 9am-2pm.

To make an appointment with Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere,
please contact her at revamie@pcchp.org.

Our Sexton, Ted Flynn, can be reached at 508-274-9425.

A weekly email is sent out on Fridays to members and friends.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Director of Music: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Worship Leader: Carolee Wentworth

Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Missions Committee

Today's altar flowers are given by Gregory Winston and Doug Heywood
in memory of Wendy Eaton.

The steeple will be lit on November 19 by Jennifer and John Geurtsen in
honor of their grandchild, Maya Geurtsen; **the steeple** will be lit on
November 21 by Judy Egan for her beloved husband, Philip;
the steeple will be lit on Thanksgiving Day by Jan Kalicki
on the anniversary of his father Jan's death in 1953; and **the steeple**
will be lit November 24-26 in loving memory of
MaryJane Miller-Puckett from her family.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Sunday, November 19	11am Thanksgiving Lunch
Tuesday, November 21	10am Izzy's Team 2:45pm Afterschool Gym No Choir
Wednesday, November 22	No Awe Walk
Thursday, November 23	The office is closed.
Friday, November 24	The office is closed.

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“The Gift of Being Present”
Advent and Christmas 2023

Being Present with **Hope** 12/3 at 10am
Being Present with **Peace** 12/10 at 10am
Being Present with **Joy** 12/17 at 10am
Being Present with **Love** 12/24 at 10am
~ featuring “The Promise,” a Christmas pageant
Being Present with **Light** Christmas Eve 12/24 at 7pm
~ featuring a candlelight service

Service of Comfort and Peace 12/13 at 7pm

Advent Book Study “Right Here, Right Now”
(identical sessions each week, offered at three times)

Mondays 11/27-12/18 at 5-6pm on Zoom

Hosted by Rev. Debbie Duval

High Street Congregational, Auburn, ME

Wednesdays 11/29-12/20 at 7-8pm on Zoom

Hosted by Rev. Diane Seaborn

Storrs Congregational Church, Storrs, CT

Thursdays 11/30-12/21 at 9-10am on Zoom

Hosted by Rev. Amie Giguere

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The
Hanging
of the
Greens

Pilgrim

**Congregational
Church**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29
12noon – 2pm**

DECORATE

Prepare our church for
Christmas guests

LAUGH AND SING

with friends and family as
we celebrate the beginning
of this holiday season

EAT

Enjoy a light and festive
salad lunch together

Please sign up to attend and
donate a salad ingredient.

Christmas Cookie Volunteers Needed!



We need volunteers to bake sprinkled sugar cookies, undecorated gingerbread cookies, or chocolate chip cookies for this year's Christmas Stroll on Friday, December 1st.

Deliver your cookies on trays to the church between 10am and 3pm on
Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1.

We also need volunteers to meet bakers in the parking lot on delivery days, decorate gingerbread men, bag the cookies, and sell the cookies on the night of the Stroll. If you can help, call Sally Smith at 508-432-1519.