

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts

The word "Charis" is written in a colorful, hand-drawn style. Each letter is filled with a different color and has a textured, sketch-like appearance. The letters are: C (blue), h (red), a (green), r (blue), i (yellow), and s (red). The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a 3D effect.

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

*We come together to grow in faith
and joyfully share God's love with all.*

Welcome to our Worship Service

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

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” arr.: Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

We acknowledge one another with a nod, wave, or “Peace be with you.”

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: Take delight in the Lord,
who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**All: Commit your way to the Lord
and trust in God’s actions.**

One: Be still before the Lord
And wait patiently for God.

**All: The Lord is our salvation
and our refuge in times of trouble.**

One: Let us worship our God.

Lighting the Christ Candles and Peace Candle

***Hymn** “O Day of Radiant Gladness” #66

Opening Prayer

**All: God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good,
sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach
us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to**

answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response

#743

Call to Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Jesus promised us that God is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked, even to us. Trusting in God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways

One: or have not trusted your promises.

All: We love only those who love us;

One: we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;

All: we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord.

One: Fill our hearts with your selfless love.

All: Change our lives by your matchless grace.

Time of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure – spilling out and running over.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do

not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

All: Amen.

Choir Anthem “Come Heavenly Dove” arr.: Stan Pethel

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 45:3-11,15 (Old Testament page 42)

Luke 6:27-38 (New Testament page 64)

Sermon “Grace in Action” Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian” #454

Call to Offering

Offertory “Softly and Tenderly” arr.: Mark Hayes

***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**

All: Gracious God, we offer these gifts in response to your call to love and give abundantly, just as you have blessed us. May these offerings reflect your generosity and compassion, serving those in need and furthering your kingdom of justice and peace. We give knowing that our ministries return even to us – pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing with your grace. Amen.

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Prayers of the 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "Great Is Your Faithfulness" #423

***Benediction**

Postlude "Recessional in F" David Paxton

The Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held
today after worship service.

The agenda will include the adoption of the Minutes from the
November 17, 2024 Annual Meeting, and
the adoption of the 2024 Annual Report.

Please stay for this meeting.

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For an appointment, please contact Rev. Amie –
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To receive our weekly church email, please contact the office.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Music Director: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Heidi Nelson

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Derry Winch for Robin and Bill Crowell. "Friends are like flowers, they bring color to your world." (Anonymous)

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, February 25	10am Izzy's Team 2pm Afterschool Gym 5pm Choir
Wednesday, February 26	3pm Joyful Prayer Group 6pm Sound Dunes Rehearsal
Thursday, February 27	9am Study Group 11am Coffee and Conversation 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, February 28	11am Stitch Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am

Trustees' Meeting: 2nd Thursday at 3:30pm

Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 2:30pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 8:30am

Vision Team Meeting: 2nd Wed. at 5pm and 4th Sun. at 11:30a



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Mardi Gras Celebration

Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 10am

Please join us on the Sunday before the start of Lent
for a grand celebration here at Pilgrim Church!
We will have a New Orleans-style Jazz Band during worship,
followed by a Pancake Breakfast in "Fat Tuesday" style!
Everyone is welcome.

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This service will also be live-streamed at www.pcchp.org.

Bring Your Friends!

Ash Wednesday Service



**March 5, 2025 at 4pm
at Pilgrim Congregational Church**

with First Congregational Church of Harwich
Everyone is welcome – invite a friend.
Also live-streamed at www.pcchp.org