

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, January 26, 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**      “The Lord's My Shepherd”      arr.: Lyndell Leatherman

## 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:      God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**All:      God calls us to be builders as well.**

One:      God calls us to build our lives:

**All:      to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

One:      God calls us to build our community:

**All:      to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

One:      God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**All:      to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.**

## Lighting the Christ Candles and Peace Candle

\*Hymn      “God Is Here! As We Your People Meet”

#70

## Opening Prayer

**All: Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teaching, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Sung Prayer Response

#769

### Call to Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**One:** In contrast to God's clear word, our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves. Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts, for God's mercy is as wide as the heavens.

### Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**One:** God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you,

**All: we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and of your love.**

**One:** We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: Forgive us, heal us and restore us to our relationship with you.**

## Time for Silent Prayer

## **Assurance of God's Grace**

**One:** God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own Jubilee.

**All:** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Choir Anthem**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Sean Paul

## **Scripture Lessons**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Old Testament page 436)

Luke 4:14-21 (New Testament page 61)

## **Sermon**

"Eyes Fixed on Jesus"

Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

## **\*Hymn**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

#395

## **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory**

"Reflection on Beach Spring"

arr.: Ryan Jones

### **\*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: Loving God, as Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed, we offer these gifts with hearts open to your mission of justice and mercy. May our**

**collective giving result in healing, hope and restoration to those in need. Our giving is a faithful response to the Spirit of the Lord that is upon us. All praise to you! Amen.**

*Copyright © 2025 David S. Bell. Reprinted with permission from [www.DavidSBell.org](http://www.DavidSBell.org)*

### **Prayers of the People 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**                    "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"                    #42

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                    "Grand Choer"                    T. Dubois

**Note:** The Missions and Outreach Committee's Fellowship Luncheon scheduled for today has been cancelled.

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

533 Route 28, P.O. Box 247, Harwich Port, MA 02646  
(508) 432-1668 • [office@pcchp.org](mailto:office@pcchp.org) • [www.pcchp.org](http://www.pcchp.org)

For an appointment, please contact Rev. Amie –  
[revamie@pcchp.org](mailto:revamie@pcchp.org)

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:** Linda Kidd

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Colleen and Barry Springer

## This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Sunday, January 26	11am Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, January 28	10am Izzy's Team 2pm Afterschool Gym 5pm Choir
Wednesday, January 29	3pm Joyful Prayer Group
Thursday, January 30	9am Study Group 11am Coffee and Conversation 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, January 31	11am Knitting and Crafts Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10am

Trustees' Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 3:30pm

Church Council Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:30pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30am

Vision Team Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at 5pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. at 11:30am

## **Thrive in '25 and Beyond**

On Saturday, January 18, your church leaders - the members of Church Council, Trustees, Deacons and Missions - met to set a course to achieve our vision for the next three years at Pilgrim Church. After devotions, centering ourselves on where God is leading us, we reviewed and reflected on the final draft Vision Statement to be presented to the congregation at our February Special Congregational Meeting. There was strong consensus that the statement strikes the right tone, is achievable, and will be a powerful tool for bringing the church together and pulling in the same direction! Deb Watson then rolled out a three-year visual timeline for the action plan and everyone present was invited to post their ideas on the timeline.

Now the work begins! Each group met to discuss the meaning of the Vision Statement for their work over the next three years. Then we gathered as a whole to review the next 12 months of church life at Pilgrim, so that we can have a coordinated calendar.

The timeline and the calendar remain posted in Monbleau Hall for everyone to review and add your contributions. The Vision Team will be concluding its work by preparing the vision action plan over the next few weeks, then Church Council will oversee activities and monitor progress toward achievement of our goals. We look forward to hearing your thoughts, and more importantly, are eager to see how YOU see yourself fitting into the plan!

## **Do you have Church Policies in your folders?**

Have you been on a committee or board that worked on church policies in the past? Do you have electronic or hard copies in your 'folders?'

A subgroup of the Trustees has been formed to develop a process for managing church policies - developing, reviewing and storing. There have been many good efforts in the past to create or update church policies and those policies may not have made it to the church office. Please send along any electronic policies to Laura at [office@pcchp.org](mailto:office@pcchp.org), or drop off hard copies at the office. Thank you.



The Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on

**Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 11:30am.**

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 join us!



# Valentine Tea Party



The Missions and Outreach Committee of Pilgrim Congregational Church invites you to this special event to benefit "Team Izzy" and their outreach in serving people who are homeless on Cape Cod

**Sunday, February 16, 2024, from 2-4pm**  
**Monbleau Hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church**

The guest speaker will be  
Heidi Nelson, recently retired CEO of Duffy Health Center

♥ Tea, sandwiches, fruit, and dessert will be served ♥

**In lieu of a ticket cost, please bring suggested donations of cash, checks, or \$10 Dunkin' Donuts or Cumberland Farms gift cards**

**Sign up at the Welcome Center or RSVP to Midge Dey at (508) 237-4199**