

# **Order of Worship** January 5, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Second Sunday after Christmas and Communion Sunday

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Hymnals and Bibles may be found under the pew in front of you. The asterisk (\*) in the order of worship indicates when the congregation may stand.

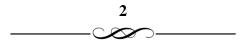
## Mission

Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith, which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

## Vision

Pilgrim is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.

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#### **Prelude**

"Prelude on Cradle Song" Michael R. Lindsey "Creator of the Stars of Night" Wilbur Held Susan Winckler, organist Hymn #254\* "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn Welcome **Parish Concerns** Dr. Horn **Call to Worship** Dr. Horn

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" L. Wolfe Introit Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel the mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

#### Invocation \*

Mr. Jon Olson

Mr. Olson

Gracious God, You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, that we may live as Your adopted children and witness to Your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

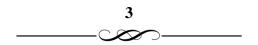
#### Gloria Patri \*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

John 1:10-18

#### Lesson One

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept Him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.



#### Lesson One (continued)

<sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

#### Youth Message

(The youth are invited to attend Sunday School following the Lord's Prayer.)

#### The Lord's Prayer (debts)

As men of old have sung. It came, a flower bright,

Amid the cold of winter

2) Isaiah 'twas foretold it,

The Rose I have in mind: With Mary we behold it,

The virgin mother kind.

When half-gone was the night.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Mark Hayes			
Carolyn Wilson, mezzo soprano				
1) Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming	To show God's love a	right		
From tender stem hath sprung!	She bore to men a Say	vior		
Of Jesse's lineage coming	When half-gone was t	the night.		

3) This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us

And lightens every load

Hymn #227*	"The Friendly Beasts"	ORIENTIS PARTIBUS	
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Horn	
Prayer Response	"Amen"	DANISH	
Offering		Dr. Horn	
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Mr. Olson

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"Pieśń nad Kolebka Dzieciecia" (1812-1867) Carolyn Wilson, mezzo-soprano

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Sleep, precious one, lully, lully! Now dream without trouble. Sleep, my darling boy, sleep. Dream about your poor mother. Don't let the anger of the people disturb you nor the blade of the weapon frighten you; for your mother protects you from suffering, torment, and pain. Sleep, my dear, sleep.

#### **Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer \***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Lesson Two

#### Jeremiah 31:7-14

Mr. Olson

Wiktor Kazynski

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord. (*New Revised Standard Version*)



#### **Meditation**

"A Celebration of Eternal Joy"

Dr. Horn

#### Service of Communion

Dr. Horn and Mr. Olson

Hymn of Access (Congregation seated) Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heavenly table spread for me: Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

#### The Words and Prayer of Institution

**The Distribution of the Bread** (The bread is taken together after the hymn.)

Hymn (Congregation seated and singing as the diaconate returns to the table.)

Break Thou the bread of life,	Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
Dear Lord, to me,	To me, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves	As Thou didst bless the bread
Beside the sea:	By Gailee;
Beyond the Sacred page	Then shall all bondage cease,
I seek Thee, Lord;	All fetters fall,
My spirit pants for Thee,	And I shall find my peace,
O Living Word.	My all in all.

#### The Bread Taken Together in Remembrance

#### The Distribution of the Cup

(The cup is taken individually before the completion of the hymn.)

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Hymn (congregation seated and singing as the diaconate returns to the table)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine; Now hear me while I pray Take all my guilt away O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

**Communion Prayer** 

Closing Hymn #245\*

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm and changeless be, A living fire!

"The First Noel"

Dr. Horn "God Be with You"

#### THE FIRST NOEL

Hymn #672

**Benediction** \*

**Congregational Response**\*

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you, With his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

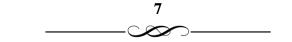
arr. Mary McDonald

Postlude

"The First Noel" Susan Winckler, organist









# The WORD became flesh and LIVED among us ...

John 1:14, NRSV

#### Thank you for joining us today for worship service! Please join us for fellowship following the service.

Today's Theme: The Reality of Eternal Joy

Color: White

**Organist:** Susan Winckler

Hymn Leaders: Carolyn Wilson and Nancy Rodewald

Videographer: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

**Flower Dedication:** This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Ben and Sue Selters. For Sierra Whyte and Charlotte Selters, baptized in this Sanctuary, (31) years ago, (1-9-94). The Selters family.

**Boutonnieres:** January boutonnieres: Lovingly provided by the Vanyo and McCormick families: "In loving memory of Christine's sister, Jeannine L. Delcambre. You are dearly loved and missed." (4/21/1960 to 1/29/2022)

**Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:** White symbolizes purity, innocence, and birth. It is associated with the brightness of the heavens during daytime and was used to symbolize the purity of heaven and the angels. It also came to be associated with joy, celebration, and peace. White is the Liturgical color of Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter.

## **Meeting & Event Reminders**

Today

11am – 12:00pm, Jubilee Townhall Directive 11:30 am, GGMT Meeting

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting & Program 5:45pm, - 6:45pm, Twilight Bible Study

> Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, Church Council Meeting

**Thursday, January 9th** 10:00 am to Noon, Joyful Endeavors

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am, Diaconate Meeting Noon to 1:00pm Knit and Crochet Class

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