



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

November 2025



**PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

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WELCOME HOME!

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

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9am to 4:30pm
Appointments are recommended.

Worship Service:

Sundays at 10am ~ In-person or Online

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Senior Minister's Message



Apathy and Hopelessness

*"And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones
who cry to him day and night?
Will He delay long in helping them?"
Luke 18:7*

By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Jesus told the parable of a widow who relentlessly pleaded to an unjust judge about her unjust circumstances. There was very little hope that she would receive a satisfactory remedy since the judge did not really care about her or her circumstances. However, she was persistent. She kept going to see him as often as she could. Finally, she wore the judge down and he gave her justice so that he might get some peace.

Jesus told the story as an example of faith to his disciples. The point is not to wear God down. The point is to faithfully and persistently cry out to God for the help that you need.

As with most parables, there are several complicated elements to the story. The fact that the judge in the story neither fears God nor cares about any person highlights the hopelessness of the widow's plight. She had no reason to hope. And yet she persisted.

Sometimes I think our apathy is fed by our hopelessness. We look at the world. We see the violence. We see the hate. Peace, Goodness, and Justice often seem like a pipe dream, pie in the sky by and by. In the story, the judge really is an awful person. The widow had good reasons to give up her pleading and fall into apathy and hopelessness. We, also, have very good reasons not to hope.

But the way of faith is persistence. We keep praying. We keep worshipping. We keep serving. All of this we do, even when we have good reasons not to hope. Our faith is not ultimately determined by our good reasons. Our faith rests on God and comes through the Spirit of God.

When we practice our faith, God's love and mercy becomes alive in us. When faced with a hopeless world, apathy has no place in us because the source of goodness, justice, and life itself is God.

Associate Minister's Message



Miner's Musings

In October, I experienced one of the best days of my life officiating the wedding of my daughter, Rachel, and her new spouse, Jake. I preached out of John 2, the wedding in Cana, where Jesus takes the vessels that held water for purification and uses them to bring new wine to the festivities. Jesus not only turns water into wine but redefines the purpose of the vessels.

God has consistently used my ministry to create new possibilities for those who have lost their joy or have never found joy in the Christian faith. The wedding reminded me of that calling as person after person, Christian and non-Christian, came up to me afterwards and thanked me for a beautiful ceremony.

As I reflect on the work of that day, I notice two foundations of opening the gospel to new souls: Letting go of control and bending tradition to meet those we seek to invite in.

The morning of Rachel's wedding, I shared with her my concern that their added vows (in addition to the traditional ones) would make the ceremony clumsy. She said she wanted them there. I wasn't about to argue with my daughter on her wedding day. I let it go. Their words mattered to them. Watching their smiles and tears as they spoke those special vows affirmed I was right to let go.

Next, I bent tradition. In a wedding ceremony, the officiant asks those who have come to witness the event to affirm their willingness to walk with the couple in their new life together. There are formal words for that moment. Instead, I leaned into their Renaissance theme and had their guests speak a short litany together, saying

We pledge our fealty to this union.

To lend our strength and counsel in times of hardship, that their castle walls may never fall.

To share our laughter and merriment in times of joy, that their feast hall may never be empty.

To stand as a bulwark against all who would wish them harm, protecting them in word, deed, and spirit.

Rachel and Jake were filled with joy as their family and friends, dressed in Renaissance gear, jubilantly spoke their promises to them using language that brought them delight. I still had them speak the traditional vows; I still used traditional worship language; I still preached about God's love. But, in addition, I let go of my need to control all parts of the ceremony and bent the holy ritual to meet the people God loves. That day, I was of use to God. Plus, I got to celebrate my daughter's love with her family and friends. Best day ever!

So today, I'm asking you to join me in the effort to let go of constructs that control us and listen to the one who sets us free, our Lord, Jesus Christ. I'll end this epistle with how I ended my "sermon" for the wedding.

When you are in a place that feels dry

Or in a place that feels like too much

Both in life and in your marriage because, now, those two things are intertwined.

Please Ask the one who waits in the background

The one who is and was and evermore will be...

Ask Jesus In. And then look for the miracle—something changing within you or around you that fills that empty thing with new joy. Believe, like the wine that filled the jars in Cana, the best is yet to come.

Rev. Heather Miner

Moderator's Message

Rise Up and Renew Your Faith

On November 2, 2025, our church will participate in Consecration Sunday. You all might know, I'm still a newcomer by Pilgrim standards compared to some generational families who have been members for 30, 40 and 50 years. I can't hold a candle to that...yet. Even though I was married in Pilgrim Church years ago, I didn't become a member until January 2020, and three months later we were experiencing a world-wide pandemic.

That following Spring I was fully invested in the Pilgrim family and I was honored to be a Consecration speaker in 2021. When I was asked if I could speak, I remember thinking I didn't actually know what "consecration" was and what it meant to Pilgrim. During my talk that year, I brought a dictionary to show the congregation I had researched the meaning of the word and here's what Webster tells us:

Consecration is the act of dedicating something to a sacred purpose, such as a person, place, or object. It involves separating something from a common use and making it holy, often through a religious ceremony or rite.

But even learning the dictionary definition I didn't completely comprehend how sacred a time this is for our church. In my 2021 speech, I shared how I had come to love Pilgrim Church and the people who welcomed me. I realized that the church is made up of people with a shared faith and shared commitment not to just the building, but also to our beliefs and each other. It was then that I experienced the importance of dedicating (and re-dedicating) our hearts, our service, and our finances to God through the act of consecration. Consecration is also a time we can renew our faith and belief in God's promises for our lives and our Church. Our commitment also includes the gift of our time, our efforts to support the church, our prayers and our service. Everywhere you look, there is an opportunity to give at Pilgrim.

Thank you Pilgrims for your years of service, devotion and generosity. Let's be sure to thank the Stewardship Committee, Andrea Gray, Jon Olson, and Susan Shedd for their dedication to our spirit of generosity. I hope to see you all on Sunday, November 2, 2025 during the Worship Service and for a fellowship lunch following the service.

Join me as we **Rise up** and **renew** our **commitments** and **pledges**. We are grateful for God's flowing abundance.

Ron Vanyo
Church Moderator



Diaconate Message



*First Sunday
of Advent*

First Sunday of Advent

“The Diaconate Board will serve communion on November 30, 2025, the first Sunday of Advent. Please join us during this special time together, as we wait for the birth of Christ.”

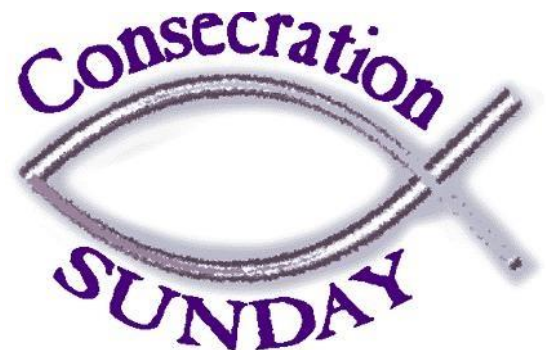
Trustees

Reminder: Consecration Sunday

We would also like to remind you that Consecration Sunday is on November 2nd. Pledge cards and related communications have been sent out from our Stewardship Committee. We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider your tithe this year. Help Pilgrim "Rise and Shine!" Your generous gifts help illuminate the light of Jesus in our community and beyond.

Following our worship service, where we will bless our 2026 pledges, please join us for a celebration lunch, put on by Sherry Glab and the Board of Trustees.

Jenni Whyte, Chair of Trustees





**Make
Your
Reservation!**

*Board of Trustee's
Annual
Church Auction and Dinner*

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Doors open at 4:45pm

Beer and Wine Bar opens at 5:00pm

Silent Auction opens at 4:45pm and closes at 6:30pm

Dinner begins at 6:00pm

Voice Auction begins at 7:00pm

Tickets \$40 per person \$5 for Children under 12

Dinner Entrée: Chicken Marsala

(Vegetarian Meal Available)

***Drop off your completed reservation form and check in the Church Auction
Mailbox located in the church office on or before November 3rd, 2025..***

Auxiliary



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Rummage Sale

***Thank
You!***

Out heartfelt thanks to Jan Manildi and Judy Sanders, our wonderful co-chairs who worked many, many hours. We are **MOST** appreciative to **ALL** who contributed rummage; to **ALL** of our volunteers who sorted rummage and worked at the Sale, and to everyone who attended our Rummage Sale.

THANK YOU, very very much!

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
Serving Our Pomona Community**

Auxiliary



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the

PILGRIM AUXILIARY

Meeting, Program & Luncheon

November 4, 2025

10:00am ~ Meeting

11:30am ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our November 4th program, being presented by our very own Janet Beech. We will learn how to enjoy “Europe on \$5 a Day!” Following Janet’s presentation, please plan to remain and join us for a delicious luncheon being provided by our very own Deborah Walden. The cost for the luncheon remains at \$10 per person.



Coming up: December 2, 2025

Christmas Melodies

Presenter: Susan Winckler and Choraescence



Auxiliary

Dear Pilgrim Church Members & Friends,

Once again, the Christmas season will soon be upon us. We will be decorating our Sanctuary with poinsettias dedicated by our members and friends to their loved ones or to memorable events of the year. I sincerely hope you will join me in adorning our Sanctuary on Sunday, December 14th, 21st, and Christmas Eve with these beautiful symbols of Christmas. Your name and dedication(s) will be printed in a Christmas Dedication Booklet which will be mailed to you on or before Sunday, December 14th. Poinsettias will be \$23.00 each. Please place your completed order form and payment in an envelope marked Christmas Poinsettias. Make checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church. Please let us know if you would like to take your poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or you prefer we bring your poinsettia to one of our homebound members. Please have your order in by Sunday, November 30, 2025. If you have any questions please contact me. **Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson** Phone 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net

2025 Christmas Poinsettia Dedication

ORDER FORM

November 30, 2025 due date

Number of Poinsettia(s) _____ (\$23.00 Each)

Please make check payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church for a total of \$ _____

Will you pick up your poinsettia(s)? Yes ____ No ____

**Please return this order form & check made payable to *Pilgrim Congregational Church* to:
Bonnie Seath, Pilgrim Auxiliary (Mailbox in Church Office)**

Dedication(s) to read: (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

WILL TAKE POINSETTIA(S) _____ or WILL NOT TAKE POINSETTIA(S) _____

Auxiliary



PILGRIM AUXILIARY REACHES OUT TO COMMUNITY

I read in the *Claremont Courier* about the Yarn Crafts with Kindness group who were making twiddle sleeves, textured sleeves for seniors in memory care centers during the month of September. They were looking for crafters to join them at the Jocelyn Center in Claremont. I thought it would be a good place to donate my odds and ends of yarn because they were using a variety of colors and textures on each sleeve. The women were delighted to get my bag of yarn. I told **Judy Sanders** about the project, and she suggested giving them the extra yarn from rummage. So, the following Tuesday I took a boxful of yarn and asked to take a picture of everyone at work. Their project for October will benefit the Upland Family Shelter who Pilgrim has also supported.

Megan

From the Librarian

November LIBRARY NEWS



The library Committee met in late October to select books:

For Duck's Sake by Donna Andrews

What You Are Looking for Is in The Library by Michiko Aoyama

The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown

Exit Strategy by Lee Child

The Girl from Devil's Lake by J.A. Jance

Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club by Martha Hall Kelly

Murder at the World's End by Ross Montgomery

An Inside Job by Daniel Silva

The Author's Guide to Murder by Beatriz Williams

In non-fiction we have **The Carpool Detectives: A True Story of Four Moms, Two Bodies, and One Mysterious Cold Case** by [Chuck Hogan](#). This story is set in Los Angeles where the victims' car was found in a ravine off Angeles Crest highway. The four housewives solved a case that was 15 years old.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon February 1, 2026 to hear *Joe Blackstock* speak about **Haven to Hell Stories of Southern California's Inland Empire**, about local history. As always there will be gourmet refreshments and books for sale. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. This is a free event open to the public.

Come to the library and check us out!

Megan

Christian Education

November Schedule Update



Make a note of the November Sunday School Schedule:

November 2, 2025	Consecration Sunday - Childcare for ages Infant to 3rd grade. All other youth will remain in the sanctuary for the Consecration service.
November 9, 2025	Regular Class Schedule & Christmas Program Rehearsals
November 16, 2025	Regular Class Schedule & Christmas Program Rehearsals
November 23, 2025	Regular Class Schedule - Youth Friendsgiving Event at 11:30 a.m.
November 30, 2025	Thanksgiving weekend – No Sunday School (Nursery Care available)

Cider with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Santa Clause & Mrs. Claus are coming to town for our Annual Cider with Santa on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. (during fellowship hour.) Stop by and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus to share your Christmas wish list, enjoy a hot cup of cider, and receive a free portrait to be delivered the following Sunday. Wear your Christmas best and bring the entire family!

Save the Date!

Dec. 17th

Christmas Dinner & Show

The Board of Christian Education cordially invites you to an interactive Youth Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. This year's program is entitled *Come to the Manger* which includes caroling, a depiction of the nativity story and much more. Following the program, Dr. Horn will read "A Visit from St. Nicholas" with the youth gathered at his side. ALL youth are invited to join, and adult volunteers are welcome to assist in the program. Please mark your calendar and save the date. Please contact CE Chair Christine Vanyo at 909-919-4621 or any CE Board Member.



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The CE Connection

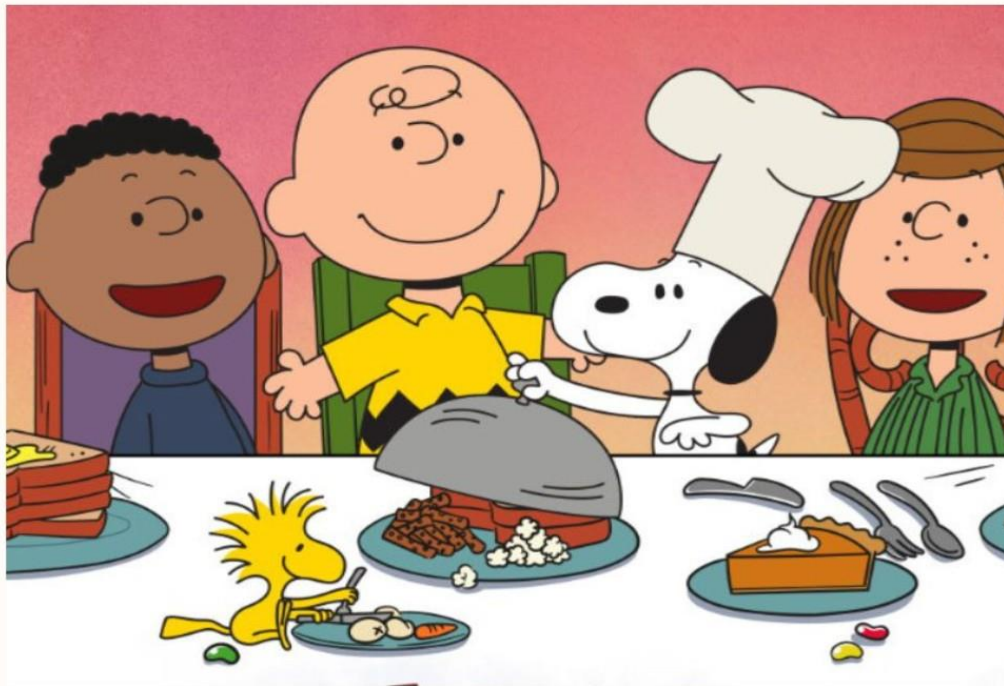
Hello Pilgrim Family, Friends and Youth! The Pilgrim Youth and Board of Christian Education are excited to announce our upcoming events!

Date & Time	Event	Location
Sun, Nov. 6, 2025 11:30 a.m.	CE Meeting	CE Office
Sun, Nov. 23, 2025 11:30 a.m.	Youth Friendsgiving & Tree Decorating **Need tree set up and boxes of decorations**	Kitchen, Pilgrim Hall
Sun, Dec. 7, 2025 11:30 a.m.	Cider w/ Santa during fellowship hour	Pilgrim Church, Pilgrim Hall, Gym
Wed., Dec. 17, 2025	Church Christmas Dinner & Program Dinner @ 6 p.m. Program @ 7 p.m.	Pilgrim Church, Pilgrim Hall, Kitchen
Sat., Jan. 31, 2026 3 – 5 p.m.	Cupid Concert & Lunch set up	Pilgrim Hall, gym and Kitchen
Sun., Feb. 1, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Youth Cupid Concert & Lunch *Hold date on master calendar until Church Council approves*	Pilgrim Hall, Kitchen and gym
Sun., Feb. 15, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Shrove Sunday Pancake Races	Pilgrim Church – Gym and kitchen
Sun., Mar. 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)	Easter Egg Hunt in Courtyards Dole Court ages 7-12 Ring Court ages 3-6 Nursery ages 0-3	Pilgrim Church – Dole Court & Ring Court (no setup and no conflict with Palm Sunday brunch)
Sat., May 2, 206 Anytime available	Set up for Appreciation Sunday	Pilgrim Hall or Gym TBD
Sun., May 3, 2026 11:30 a.m.	CE Appreciation Sunday for Congregation	Pilgrim Hall or Gym
Sun. May 17, 2026	CE Youth Sunday – Youth Leading Service in Sanctuary	No set up – Sanctuary Only
Sun., Jun. 7, 2026 11:30 a.m.	Grad and Student Sunday – Recognize Students and grads in Worship Service	Pilgrim Church – sanctuary and gym (no set up)

Christian Education

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
YOU ARE INVITED TO

A CHARLIE BROWN FRIENDSGIVING PARTY FOR PILGRIM YOUTH & FAMILIES



SUNDAY, NOV. 23 @ 11:30 A.M.

**FOOD, CRAFTS, TREE DECORATING,
DEVOTION, MOVIE, AND GAMES!**

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

RSVP TO CHRISTINE 909-919-4621

Pilgrim's Youth & Kid's



**See's[®]
CANDIES**

Yum-raising Event!

You can support Pilgrim's Youth & Kid's fundraiser by ordering sweet treats from See's Candies. Every item purchased contributes to offset the cost of youth activities.

Thank you indvance for your support.

Scan The QR Code



Go to link below
<http://bit.ly/4mPPFEe>

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A Big Thank You!

Approximately 30 young people, children, parents, grandparents and Pilgrim Ministers made our way to Knotts Berry Farm on Saturday, October 11, 2025 for a fun-filled day of thrill rides and Fellowship. The Board of Christian Education would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Congregation, volunteers, and supporters who made this event possible. We are so very, very grateful!



(Top L-R): Brandis, Ron, Christine, Patrick, Finnian, Will, Heather, Armondo, Damyria, Haniyah, Nathaniel, MJ;
(Middle L-R): Ty'myzzi, Jasmine, Kaleah, Landon, Samie; (Front L-R): Hunter, Maddox, Harison, Dax, and Preston.
(Not pictured Ann & Dave McCormick (chaperones), and William & Keaton McCormick)



R) Andrew Olson leads his Wolf Pack Group

L) Harrison M. entertains Hunter

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The Three Musketeers take on the Log Ride with a big splash.



Patrick, Will, and Finnian pause for a rest before another roller coaster ride.



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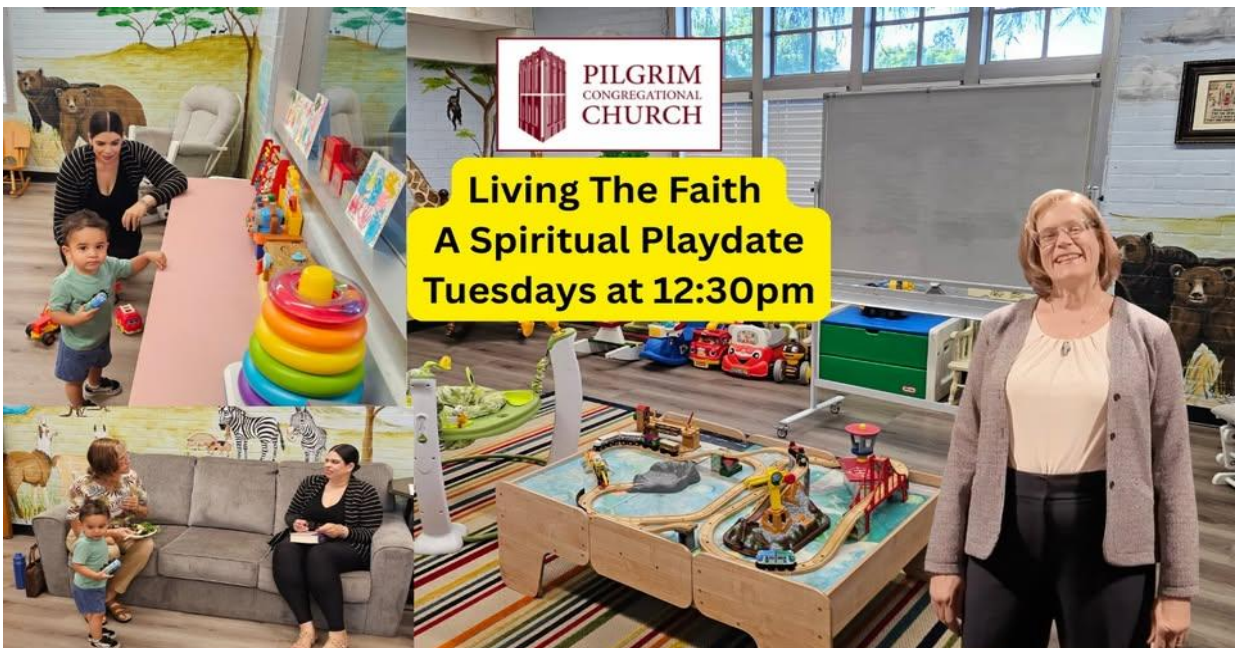
Below: Armondo, Jasmine, Kaleah and Ty'myzzi head off for a lunch break!

Right: Keaton & William meet Snoopy



Our Community Outreach

Our Spiritual Playdate grew last week to two adults, two toddlers, and one infant. We laughed together, helped the children play together, and prayed together. We meet each Tuesday and are reading through the gospel of John. We welcome parents and young children to join us.



Our Community Outreach

PILGRIM

FUN

FRIDAY

NITE



LINE DANCING



FREE FOOD



**NIGHT
KARAOKE**

FRIDAY, NOV. 7TH

6PM TO 10PM

FREE ADMISSION

PILGRIM CHURCH

**600 N. GAREY AVE
POMONA**

**QUESTIONS AND RSVP
CALL PASTOR HEATHER (909) 622-1373**

Outreach Board

Hand in Hand 2025

Our Pilgrim Family has supported families in need through **Hand in Hand for the Holidays** by providing food, clothing, and other needs for Christmas. This program started back in 1987 with **Don & Judy Sanders** and the **Diaconate Board**. It continues, now sponsored by the **Outreach Board**, *but it couldn't continue without all of you.*

We have requested 7 families this year.

This has been another challenging year for so many families and we have many ways for everyone to participate in this special program. Here are some of the ways you can help Hand in Hand this year:

- We have some special needs in some families. Those will be written on separate card with a family name and number.
- Adopt a family or a family member for gifts.
- Buy food – we will be collecting food for those who like to shop and take advantage of holiday sales. Please see the food list below or pick one up from the Hand in Hand table.

Food list for Hand in Hand

Flour	8-10 pounds	Sugar	4-5 pounds
Vegetable Oil	48 ounces	Cereal	2 Large boxes
Oatmeal	1 large box	Peanut Butter	2 - 2 lb jars
Jelly/Jam	1 large jar	Evaporated milk	6 cans
Apple Juice	64 ounces	Canned Tuna	6 cans
Tomato Sauce	6 – 15 oz cans.	Pinto Bean	10 lbs
Rice	10 lbs	Macaroni/Fideo pasta	2 lbs

- Gift cards are needed. Target offers a discount on Target gift cards usually the first weekend of December. If you are a member of Target Circle, you can help by getting a gift card for a family. Last year we gave Target Cards for food instead of Staters. Gift cards are often requested by families so any gift cards are welcome.
- Make a *tax-deductible* donation to Pilgrim Church and writing “Hand in Hand” in the memo section of your check. You may also contribute through Pushpay by choosing “Other” and put Hand in Hand in the notes or select Hand in Hand from the drop-down list.

Please stop by the Hand in Hand table starting November 9, 2025 and let us know how you would like to help make this Christmas extra special for these 7 families.

Whether you choose to make a cash donation, adopt a person or a family, or buy food or other items, all your help is most appreciated!

Thank you for helping to bring joy to these families this Christmas!

Pilgrim's Message and Information



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COME AND JOIN OUR

Childcare Volunteer Team

- ✓ Are you passionate about helping others?
- ✓ Do you want to support our church and community?

WE NEED YOU!

ONLY ONCE A MONTH COMMITMENT!

Nursery Needs:

We provide childcare for the
Mom's Bible Study Group
Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Nov. 4, 18 and 25, 2025
Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026

CONTACT US

Contact Rev. Miner or the CE Board

Email: heather@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

Phone: (714) 594-8899

**Service to Church &
Community!
VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

Pilgrim's Message and Information



Dear Pilgrim Friends,

Your prayers and support for my recovery after my accident (fall) have been so humbling. I am so grateful and thankful for all of you and your prayers. My heart is filled with gratitude and love for you all. You are the best pray-ers!!!

Humbly and sincerely,
Love,
Susan Shedd

Starbucks Student Sundays Are Back!

Attention all Students: Bring a friend to Sunday School and you and your guest will receive a \$5 Starbucks card. Check in with Superintendent, Jan Manildi and grab your gift card.



Lost and Found

Hello Pilgrims, last month the following items were found in different areas in the church. If you, or anyone you know, has lost any of these items listed or not listed and you've lost something in the past, please call or come to the church office. Also, any found items, please turn them into the office.

- Prescription Eye Glasses
- Several Water Bottles
- Purple silk pant suit
- Blue waterproof jacket
- A Pods Key
- Costco Optical Eye Glass Case
- Pink Charger Pack

Please note if items are not picked by the following month, we will send to rummage.

Membership



The poster features a green background with a red border. At the top center is a snowman. To the left is a gold Christmas ornament, and to the right is Santa Claus with a sack of gifts. Below the snowman, the text 'Pilgrim Congregational Church' is written in a black serif font. Below that, 'Christmas Marketplace' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. At the bottom center is a holly leaf with three red berries. To the left of the berries is a gold Christmas tree, and to the right is a purple Christmas ornament. Below the main text, a white rectangular box with a red border contains the date 'Dec 14' in red, the church name and address in black, and the time '11am-2pm' in red.

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Christmas Marketplace

Dec 14

**Pilgrim
Congregational
Church**

**600 N. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91767**

Join Us!
11am-2pm

Our annual Christmas Marketplace will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 11am-2pm, and will include holiday décor, gifts, crafts and more. Please contact Susan Newton, 909-263-6006, or Bonnie Seath, 909-953-2577, to receive further information, or to reserve your spot as a vendor at this year's Christmas Marketplace.

Our Community



Greetings from Cairo,

It's truly an amazing opportunity to sing in this part of the World. Hope to see you soon.

Best,

Patrick Blackwell



Church Ministries



Band of Prayer

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at saintshedd@roadrunner.com or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

Card Corner

Every 3rd Sunday during Fellowship Hour the Card Corner will be available with cards and addresses for Pilgrim members to share a friendly note with our families out of state, homebound or we just haven't seen in awhile. Stop by and write a card to let our Pilgrims know we are thinking about them.



Ways To Give

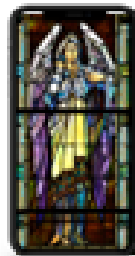
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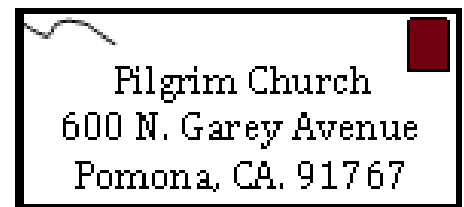
MOBILE



Text

PILGRIMCHURCH
To 833-813-9522

MAIL



Send a Check



When you text "PILGRIMCHURCH" to 833-813-9522 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1msg/request). Please be aware that MSG & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <http://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel. **If you have any questions, please call the church office at 909-622-1373.**

Service Notes

November 2nd

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Consecration and Remembrance Sunday)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mr. Jon Olson

Lesson 1: Psalm 119:137-144

Lesson 2: Luke 19:1-10

Color: Green

Theme: Now is the time of redemption

Sermon: "Today!"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters, Janet McBride

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Diaconate

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by:

1.) Jan Manildi "In loving memory of my husband of (60) years."

2.) Janet Beech: "Pilgrim is Family. We are so lucky!"

November 9th

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd

Lesson 1: Psalm 98

Lesson 2: Luke 20:27-38

Color: Green

Theme: Living for God instead of "heaven"

Sermon: "God of the Living"

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz, Bob Wheeler

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by:

1. Ben and Sue Selters; "For our sweet little guy, Marshall C. Selters.

Happy Birthday!"

2. Patricia Schelling: "In memory of my father James O'Reilly, who was born on this day, and in honor of both my father and mother, HELEN deOLDE, who were married on this day in 1943.

November 16th

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mrs. Jennifer Whyte

Lesson 1: Isaiah 65:17-25

Lesson 2: Luke 21:5-19

Color: Green

Theme: Hard times give us opportunities to live our faith

Sermon: "An Opportunity"

Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison, Lisa Keepers, Michael Lawing

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Christian Education

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided by Bonnie Seath: "In joyful celebration of my nephew's wife Rebecca's birthday; my sister Betsy's birthday; cousin Judy's birthday; brother Barry's birthday. Special thoughts and prayers that each of you will enjoy a happy and healthy year ahead."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Green symbolizes growth and life, hope and anticipation. Green is used in Ordinary time, the period of the Church calendar which gives attention to the Lord's life and ministry; it reminds us that the mission of the Church is to love the world and share the hope of Christ. **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. **Purple** was originally associated with royalty because it was a more expensive color to dye, and it was used to welcome the coming of a king. It also evokes pain and suffering. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience, and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent, and Lent. For Advent, purple symbolizes the impending birth of Jesus while foreshadowing his death.

November 23rd

Christ the King Sunday

Presiding Minister: Rev. Heather Miner

Worship Assistant: Ms. MJ

Lesson 1: Psalm 100

Lesson 2: John 6:25-35

Color: White

Theme: Why Believe?

Sermon: "Bread of God"

Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte,

Steve Whyte

Fellowship Host: Patience Guild

This morning's flowers are lovingly provided: "In memory of our parents, William and Betty Southworth, from John, Steve, Don and Dave Southworth."

November 30th

First Sunday of Advent and (Communion Sunday)

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mr. Arthur Truman

Lesson 1: Matthew 24:36-44

Lesson 2: Isaiah 2:1-5

Color: Purple

Theme: The advent of the coming King signals the end of wars

Sermon: "War no more"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters, Janet McBride

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Library Committee

This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Nancy Blackstock: "For the love of my grandchildren, Eliot and Daniel."

Boutonnieres for **November** are provided by Sharon Willison: "May our Lord bless this Church and all who worship here."

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Calendar Notes: November 2025

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING, MON. - FRI.

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

9am – Gather & Greet
10am – Worship Service (In-person & Online)
Sunday School for 1st – 12th grade
(following the Lord's Prayer)
11am - Fellowship Hour

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube
12:30pm, Living Faith Playdate

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY (OCTOBER - JUNE)

Pilgrim Auxiliary
Meeting, Program & Luncheon

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9am to 10:30am ~ Rummage Sorting

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm ~ Church Council Meeting

EVERY THURSDAY

10am ~ Joyful Endeavors

EVERY FRIDAY

8am ~ Men's Breakfast at Roberta's Inn, La Verne

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Meeting Sunday

EVERY 4th SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Trustees Board Meetings

EVERY 5th SUNDAY

Sunday Funday (Sunday School)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st

2:00pm, Kindness Festival

November 2nd

Consecration and Remembrance Sunday

November 4th

10:00am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch

November 5th

7:00pm, Church Council Meeting

November 7th

7:00pm to 10:00pm, Friday Night Live for Youth and Families (karaoke, games, gospel line dancing)

November 9th

11:30am, Choir Rehearsal
11:30am, CE Meeting

November 15th

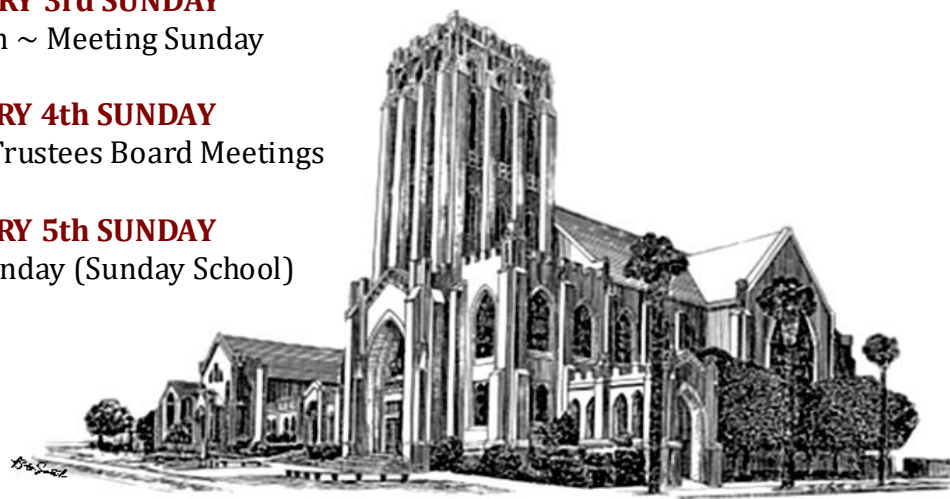
5:00pm, Auction

November 23rd

Youth Holiday Lunch & Tree decorating

November 30th

Advent Communion





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Noon
NA Group
Meeting
2pm
Kindness
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2 9am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11am Fellowship 11:30am Consecration Sunday	3 9am Morning Devotional 10am Alanon "Serenity" 🔒 1pm Staff Meeting 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal	4 9am Morning Devotional 10am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch 9:30am CEA/HOW 12:30pm Playdate 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study	5 9am Morning Devotional 9am Rummage Sorting 6pm Basketball 7pm Church Council Meeting 7:30pm NA Support	6 9am Morning Devotional 10am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	7 9am Morning Devotional 8am Men's Breakfast 7pm Friday Night Live for Youth and Families	8 12pm NA Group Meeting
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