



# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

December 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



## The Peaceable Kingdom

*"The wolf shall live with the lamb."*

*Isaiah 9:6*

**By: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn**



I had the extraordinary fortune to live with my mother-in-law, Gracia Fay Ellwood, for nearly the last five years of her life. And this prophetic passage from Isaiah 9 was her center. She was particularly moved by the painting this passage inspired, titled "Peaceable Kingdom," by the American Quaker artist Edward Hicks (1780-1845):

Off to the left is portrayed the scene of William Penn and other leaders signing a treaty with natives who lived on the land. Isaiah's vision of peace and harmony is a vision for both the natural world and the political world. And, for Gracia Fay, this vision was both immanent (in this life) and transcendent (beyond this life), which meant that she lived every moment of her life guided by this vision in her relations with the whole of Creation.

Isaiah's vision of eternal peace and harmony reveals to us the Kingdom that Jesus preached. This is the vision that we, too, are called to live. In this season of advent and Christmas, let us give ourselves to the peaceable kingdom.



# Associate Minister's Message



## Miner's Musings Yesterday and Today



In Deuteronomy 26, the Israelites speak a litany of thanksgiving that touches upon the generational gifts God has given to them. They remember how their ancestors were set free from slavery; how God led them through the wilderness for a generation; and how they have been led to live in the promised land. This litany of thanksgiving is part of their harvest worship.

A friend wrote me on my birthday and reminded me how different is my life today than it was last year. I remembered. Last year I was a case manager for refugee families—an odd job I picked up to help meet the bills as I took time to find my next church call. Each day was filled with helping mostly Iraqi women, who had lost their homes in the war on terrorism, navigate the health and welfare services so they and their families could live with dignity. It was sometimes highly frustrating work and other times beautifully sweet as I got to see the people beyond the hijab. I am grateful for that connective work at a time when I felt disconnected.

Today I also remember you, dear Pilgrim Church. Watching you dance and sing on our Karaoke/Line Dance night was a joy. Pilgrim's Rummage Sale which acts both as a ministry and a fundraiser touched many. Some of you have given me the gift to see beyond the outer dressings of your public selves. Further, I am blessed to greet and talk with Pilgrim's young people before and after church, in texts throughout the week, and during the many programs Christian Ed offers. I'm grateful for you.

Lastly, I give thanks for those who have led me to the Eternal One, both those who I continue to chat with in person, and those I know through their writings. Small group conversations have been integral to my living faith. In view of that...

**I am offering a short Advent Study using the book *Voices of Advent* by Matthew Skinner. The Hybrid Advent Study meets on November 24, December 8, 15, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 – 12:30.**

In hopes that some of you who can't make the drive, would like to join come, the Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82709059159>.

Let us continue our litanies of thanksgiving for yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Let us continue to build communities of love and service that we might be a people through whom others come to see Emmanuel.

Rev. Heather Miner

Isaiah 60:1 "Rise Up

December 2025

# Moderator's Message



## RISE UP and SAY NO

I've been bombarded with messages in the media, community and society asking me to say "yes" to a cause or event. Right now, I'm receiving tons of mail from charities asking me to say "yes" and support their programs. There is an overwhelming message that I have to say "yes" to make a difference in our world. This is all well and good and I agree with it most of the time. But I realized it is equally important to learn how to say "no".

In my family, I'm encouraging everyone to say "no" to too much screen time, TV, and video games. My wife is asking us all to say "no" to over-indulging in sweets and treats in anticipation of the holidays. (I don't like that much, but I agree with her.) I'm asking my work team to say "no" to unnecessary mental stress, avoidable squabbles, and even improperly prioritizing work over family.

Some of us old timers remember Nancy Reagan's campaign to "Just Say No" prevalent in the early 1980's and is still used as a cultural reference today. This resounding "NO" turned out to be a good thing. Sometimes saying No is the healthiest thing we can do.

In our daily lives, there is a choice to say NO to negative influences, disagreements and discord. Even though this can be challenging, it helps to remember what Jesus tells us: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33.) In our church, I think we should say no to unforgiveness, defeat, and division. In our own minds, let's say no to defeating thoughts that are not leading us to God's purpose. The great thing about saying NO is that it makes room for us to say YES to more important things.

When we say NO to things that don't serve God, we'll be able to say YES to a thriving church home, a united community and loving families. As we enter the beautiful Christmas Season, remember to RISE UP and say NO to anything that does not bring you closer to God's Peace and say YES to compassion, cooperation and Christian Love. Then you can say YES to supporting Pilgrim Church.

Ron Vanyo  
*Church Moderator*

Philippians 4:8

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

# Trustee's Message



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every member, volunteer, and donor who made this year's auction such a wonderful success. Your generosity, creativity, and enthusiasm filled the room with energy-and fun! Whether you donated an item, rolled up your sleeves to help, bid on your favorite package, or simply showed up to support the event, you helped make it one of our most memorable auctions yet. We are truly grateful for each of you.



## Annual Budget Meeting!

We also invite you to join us for our Annual Budget Meeting on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. at this meeting, we will vote on the budget for the 2026 calendar year. Copies of the proposed budget will be available to members beginning **January 11<sup>th</sup>**.



Your participation is especially important this year-we will need a quorum of 70 voting members in order to move forward with a vote on the potential sale of property. Please make plans to attend; your presence and your voice make a meaningful difference in the life and future of our church.

# Auxiliary



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the

## **PILGRIM AUXILIARY**

### **Meeting, Program & Luncheon**

**December 2, 2025**

10:00am ~ Meeting

11:30am ~ Program

12:30 ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our December 2nd Program, being presented by our very own Susan Winckler, and Choralescence. Following their wonderful presentation of "Christmas Melodies", please plan to remain and join us for a delicious luncheon being hosted by Friendship Guild. There is no cost for this luncheon.



Coming up: January 6, 2026

The Importance of Wills and Trusts

Presenter: Ben Selters and Clark Selters



# From the Librarian

## DECEMBER LIBRARY NEWS



A very merry Christmas and a joyful new year from the library committee!

If you have a need for Christmas devotions, stories about beloved carols, cookie recipes or decorating ideas, we have the books with the answers!

Don't forget to invite your friends and family to our annual library coffee on Sunday February 1, 2026 to hear our own **Joe Blackstock** talk about his book *From Haven to Hell*, about Inland Empire history. Delicious refreshments included. This is a free event open to the public.

Due to busy holiday schedules the library committee combined our November and December meetings to Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any books in mind for us to buy, please let anyone on the committee know: **Nancy Blackstock, Karen Loehr, Susan Newton, Bill Parnell, Megan Parnell, Judy Sanders, Bonnie Seath, or Janet Stevenson**. We all want to stock the library shelves with books our readers want.

We have several new titles by authors who are popular at Pilgrim:

- ❖ Five Golden Wings by Donna Andrews
- ❖ Sugar and Spite by M.C. Beaton
- ❖ Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure by Rhys Bowen
- ❖ Gone Before Goodbye by Coben/Witherspoon
- ❖ The Widow by John Grisham
- ❖ The Black Wolf by Louise Penny

We also are trying out a couple of authors who are new to us:

- ❖ A Tour to Die for by Michelle Counard
- ❖ Miss Winter in the Library with a Knife by Martin Edwards

Please come and check them out.

*Megan*

# Christian Education



## *Cider with Santa & Mrs. Claus on Dec. 7, 2025*

Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus are coming to town for our Annual Cider with 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. Wear your Christmas best and bring the entire family! Special thanks to Dane Vose for his volunteer work! We are very grateful.

## *Join us for the Christmas Dinner & Show On December 17<sup>th</sup>*



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 participate in the performance, 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. Rember to RSVP for the dinner by calling the church office at 909-622-1373.



Make a note of the December Sunday School Schedule:

December 7, 2025	Regular Class Schedule & Christmas Program Rehearsals
December 14, 2025	Regular Class Schedule & Christmas Program Rehearsals
December 21, 2025	Regular Class Schedule & Christmas Celebration
December 28, 2025	Regular Class Schedule



# Christian Education

PILGRIM YOUTH AND  
FAMILIES FIELD TRIP

## Christmas Movie Matinee



**FREE  
ADMISSION**

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025 @ 1 p.m.

Depart from Church @ 11:30 a.m. for Lunch

Movie time 1:00 p.m.

Ontario Mills AMC

SPACE IS LIMITED SO

RSVP NOW

909-622-1373

# Christian Education

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PILGRIM  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

DECEMBER  
2025

### Look What We Learned

#### **PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY**

Ms. Brandis and Ms. Jennifer are teaching the book of Jerimiah. The kids have a weekly crafts and Bible lessons. The kids went on a scavenger hunt and learned how our church works as a community. Harrison is the assistant teacher.

#### **JUNIOR HIGH**

Our class has been learning the importance of being present in the moment. Fay used an interactive craft to teach how God's love surrounds and sustains us.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Students have been active as volunteers in the nursery and taking on leadership roles. Faith over Fear has been part of our classroom theme.

#### **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY UPDATE**

Be sure to stop by the Children's Library to see the new book selections and available resources. Many thanks to Brandis Pena!



### What's New

#### **CE OFFICE UPDATE**

The CE Office has been painted and refurbished. Stop by and see how wonderful it looks.

We would like to acknowledge the continued hard work of our superintendent, Jan Manildi. Thank you Ms. Jan for always taking care of us!



### Reminders

Look for a Sunday School Open House to take place in January 2026!

Students should bring their Bible Bags every week!

Starbucks Sundays continue - Bring a friend & you both receive a gift card.

Class volunteers are always welcome. Sign up in the CE Office.



### Upcoming

- December 7<sup>th</sup> Cider with Santa
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program
- December 28<sup>th</sup> David Movie Matinee

# Christian Education

## 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
<b>Sun, Dec. 7, 2025</b> 11:30 a.m.	Cider w/ Santa during fellowship hour	Pilgrim Church, Pilgrim Hall, Gym
<b>Wed., Dec. 17, 2025</b>	Church Christmas Dinner & Program Dinner @ 6 p.m. Program @ 7 p.m.	Pilgrim Church, Pilgrim Hall, Kitchen
<b>Sun., Feb. 15, 2026</b> 11:30 a.m.	Shrove Sunday Pancake Races	Pilgrim Church – Gym and kitchen
<b>Sun., Mar. 29, 2026</b> (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)
<b>Sat., May 2, 2026</b> Anytime available	Set up for Appreciation Sunday	Pilgrim Hall or Gym TBD
<b>Sun., May 3, 2026</b> 11:30 a.m.	CE Appreciation Sunday for Congregation	Pilgrim Hall or Gym
<b>Sun. May 17, 2026</b>	CE Youth Sunday – Youth Leading Service in Sanctuary	No set up – Sanctuary Only
<b>Sun., Jun. 7, 2026</b> 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

Our link: <https://www.yumraising.com/store/winter-2025-pilgrim-congregational-pomona-fb06/HeaMin4485>

## Pilgrim's Youth & Kid's



# 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

# Christian Education

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH YOUTH SERVICE  
PROJECT

*Winter*

## Warmth Project

**Donation Dates**  
**Nov. 15 to Dec. 15**

DROP OFF BOX IN PILGRIM HALL OR IN  
THE CHURCH OFFICE



**Please  
Donate**

New or gently used Coats  
& jackets to Help the  
Less Fortunate to Keep  
Them Warm

We are partnering with One Warm  
Coat to provide warm clothing to  
unhoused immigrants and the  
local homeless community!

**For more information:**  
**909-919-4621 or Email:**  
**[pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com](mailto:pilgrimoffice@pilgrimchurchpomona.com)**  
**[www.pilgrimchurchpomona.com](http://www.pilgrimchurchpomona.com)**



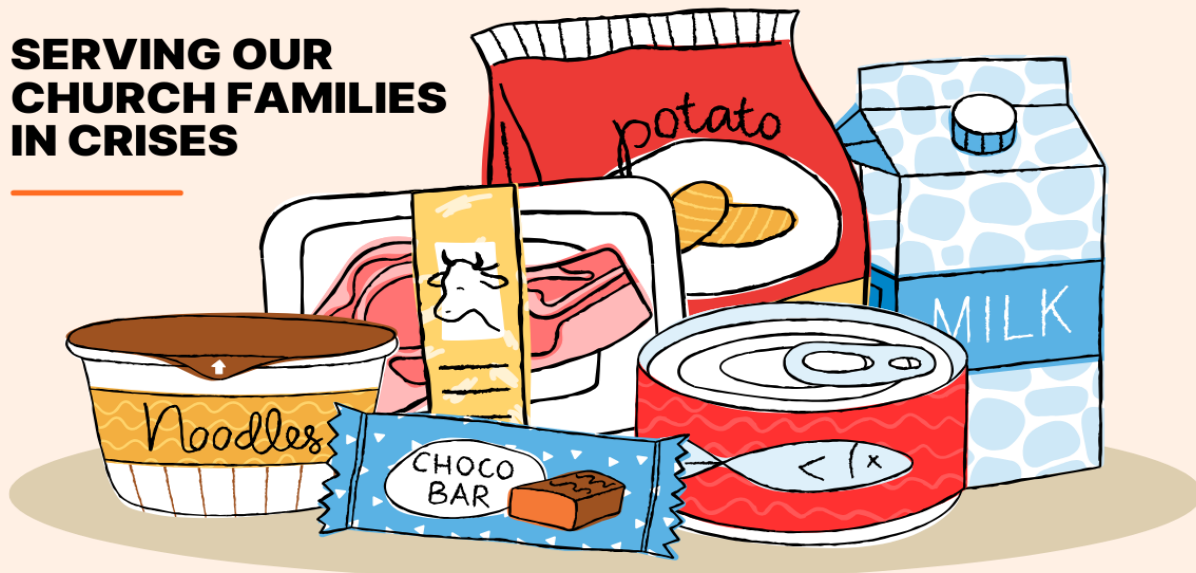
**Thank You for  
Your Donation...**

# Our Community Outreach

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# FOOD DRIVE

**SERVING OUR  
CHURCH FAMILIES  
IN CRISES**



We are grateful to announce a special Food Drive, to serve our church community during this time of government crises. All donations will go to church families.

## DROP-OFF LOCATION



**PILGRIM CHURCH POMONA**  
600 N. GAREY AVENUE, POMONA, CA

## ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Food
- ▶ Pantry Items
- ▶ Food & Vegetable
- ▶ Grocery Gift Cards

**For More Information :** (909) 622-1373

[PILGRIMCHURCHPOMONA.COM](http://PILGRIMCHURCHPOMONA.COM)



# 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 Beans	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

## FUN NIGHT AT PILGRIM



Karaoke and Line Dance Night brought a diverse group to sing and dance together in the gym.

Delores above sings with her soul and then leads us in some soul line dancing.



2<sup>nd</sup> Pic: Linda tries to direct Pastor Heather to the right key.

3<sup>rd</sup> Pic: MJ puts all of herself into the song.

4<sup>th</sup> Pic: Ms. Natalie sings "Lean on Me."



Brian and Vernell sing together. Theresa draws us in. Nathan sings as if it is what he does everyday. Fay blends her voice with Pastor in a song written by Paul Simon.



# Pilgrim's Message and Information

## FUN NIGHT AT PILGRIM CON'T



Sarah sings "Walking after Midnight." Johnetta hits all the right notes. Others, but not all, who were present but not pictured were the Marcelano family, Lisbeth and friends, and Bob & Linda Wheeler and Carina (who worked the kitchen). Mr. Daivon took the pictures.

***We are planning on another Karaoke/Line Dance Night for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 9 p.m. Come and join us and Bring a Friend.***



## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT PILGRIM

Hosted by: Joyful Endeavors

Come on out everyone for an early New Years Eve Celebration in the Conference room! December 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 to 9pm. The more the Merrier!

We will have the following and you can participate:

- ❖ Pot luck (Bring your favorite dish to share)
- ❖ Game night (Bring your favorite game to play)

Paper plates, napkins, utensils and drinks will be provided. Please call the office if you have any questions. 909-622-1373

**We have a new Instagram page (Click the link below)**

<https://www.instagram.com/pilgrimoffice/>



# Pilgrim's Message and Information



## LET'S CLEAN UP!



## OUR CHURCH!

Let's Do this Together!  
All Hands on Deck.



Join us for a Church Cleanup Day! This is our chance to maintain and beautify our Buildings and grounds.

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**Volunteer Lunch 11:30 a.m.**  
**Clean Up 12 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Calling all Pilgrims**



**PILGRIM**  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**CHURCH**

# 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 sitting on a brick chimney. 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, tupperware, delicious homemade goodies and more. We hope you will mark your calendar to enjoy a fun holiday shopping spree through this year's Christmas Marketplace*

# 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](mailto:saintshedd@roadrunner.com) or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

## Card Corner

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

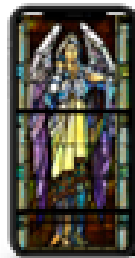
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<https://pushpay.com/g/pilgrimchurchpomona>

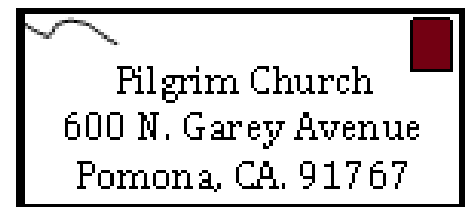
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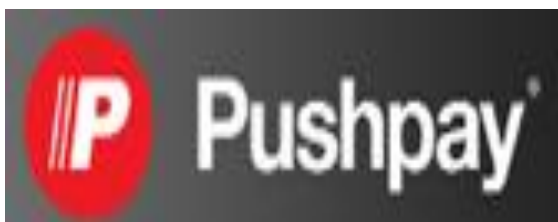
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**PILGRIMCHURCH**  
To 833-813-9522

### 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.**



# December Service Notes

## December 7th Second Sunday of Advent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mr. Andrew Olson

Lesson 1: Matthew 3:1-12

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10

Advent Candle of Peace:

Color: Purple

Theme: A vision of harmony for a new creation

Sermon: "The Peaceable Kingdom!"

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz & Bob Wheeler

Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick

Fellowship Host: Diaconate

This morning flowers are thankfully provided by: Santa Elves: "Thanking Dane Vose for his weekly photos of our Sunday Sanctuary Flowers and Ushers; Also, his photos at our Special Church Events. We appreciate you."

## December 14th Third Sunday of Advent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Shedd

Lesson 1: Matthew 11:2-11

Lesson 2: Isaiah 35:1-10

Advent Candle of Joy:

Color: Purple

Theme: God's Redemption makes our joy complete

Sermon: "The Joy of Redemption"

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

Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

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

1. Betsy Kinder: "For love of Pilgrim Church".

2. The colorful poinsettias beautifying our Sanctuary this morning have been dedicated by our Pilgrim Church Members and Friends. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who provided these meaningful dedications."

## December 21st Forth Sunday of Advent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters

Lesson 1: Matthew 1:18-25

Lesson 2: Isaiah 7:10-16

Advent Candle of Love:

Color: Purple

Theme: Hard times give us opportunities to live our faith

Sermon: "Love's Sign"

Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte & Steve Whyte

Fellowship Host: Friendship Guild

This morning's flowers are thankfully provided to:

1. Bill Parnell: "We are most appreciative to you, for substituting for Andrew Olson, whenever requested, providing the necessary audio visual equipment to live stream our Sunday morning worship services.

Thank you, very much."

2. The colorful poinsettias beautifying our Sanctuary this morning have been dedicated by our Pilgrim Church Members and Friends. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who provided these meaningful dedications."

### 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. **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.

## December 24th Christmas Eve

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Worship Assistant: Rev. Keith Eades

Lesson 1: Luke 2:1-20

Lesson 2: Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Christ Candle:

Color: White

Theme: Christ's light shines upon us

Sermon: "A Vision of the Christ"

Ushers: Ben Selters, Sue Selters & Janet McBride

Acolytes: Kodie Gray

Fellowship Host: Membership

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## December 28th First Sunday of Christmas

Presiding Minister: Rev. Heather Miner

Worship Assistant: TBA

Lesson 1: Isaiah 63:7-9

Lesson 2: John 1:1-18

Color: White

Theme: God came to earth

Sermon: Come on in; He's here!

Ushers: Ron Vanyo, Dulce Ruiz & Bob Wheeler

Fellowship Host: Sherry Glab

This morning's flowers are thankfully provided: "In appreciation to ALL who have so generously dedicated their time, talents, and treasures this year to Pilgrim Congregational Church."

Boutonnieres for **December** are dedicated: To everyone who worships at Pilgrim Congregational Church during this holiday season:



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# Calendar Notes: December 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 MONDAY**

11:30 pm, Living Faith Advent Bible Study

1:00 pm, Staff Meeting

**EVERY TUESDAY**

Twilight Bible Study

5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

**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

**December 2nd**

10:00 am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch

**December 5th**

7:00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Christmas Event

**December 6th**

10:30am, Robert Sanders Memorial

6:00pm, Christmas by Candlelight

**December 7th**

11:30am, Choir Rehearsal

11:30am, Cider with Santa

**December 10th**

Library Committee Meeting

**December 12th**

6:00pm, Friday Fun Night

**December 13th**

9:00pm, Poinsettia Set up

**December 14th**

2:00pm, Market Place

**December 17th**

6:00pm, Christmas Dinner & Pageant

**December 19th**

11:30am, Staff Christmas Lunch

**December 24th**

6:30pm, Christmas Eve Service

**December 31st**

4:30pm, All Church Joyful Endeavors

New Year's Party



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p> <p>7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Lunch set up</p> <p>9:30am CEA/HOW</p> <p>10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting</p> <p>3:30pm Pomona Moose</p> <p>5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders</p> <p>5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:00am Rummage Sorting</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council Meeting Conf Rm</p> <p>7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Joyful Endeavors</p> <p>7:30pm AA Mother Group</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10:00am Christmas by Candlelight-Pilgrim Hall set up</p> <p>7:00pm 1st Friday Christmas Event</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Sanders Memorial</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Christmas by Candlelight</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet</p> <p>9:45am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>11:30am Cider with Santa</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p> <p>11:30am Living Faith Advent Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm Mountainside Board Meeting</p> <p>7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:30am CEA/HOW</p> <p>5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders</p> <p>5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:00am Rummage Sorting</p> <p>9:30am Library Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball</p> <p>7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Joyful Endeavors</p> <p>7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6:00pm Friday Fun Night</p> <p>7:00pm Mountainside Dress Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am Market Place Set up</p> <p>9:00am Poinsettia Set up</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Mountainside Board Meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet</p> <p>9:45am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am Market Place</p> <p>2:00pm Mountainside Concert</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p> <p>11:30am Living Faith Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:30am CEA/HOW</p> <p>3:30pm Pomona Moose</p> <p>5:15pm Young Champions Cheerleaders</p> <p>5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:00am Hand In Hand Preparation Day</p> <p>9:00am Rummage Sorting</p> <p>6:00pm Christmas Dinner &amp; Pageant</p> <p>7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>7:30am Hand In Hand Distribution Day</p> <p>10:00am Joyful Endeavors</p> <p>12:00pm Lions Club Lunch Meeting</p> <p>7:30pm AA Mother Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>11:30am Staff Christmas Lunch</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Christian Business 360 Meeting</p> <p>10:00am NCNW Scholarship Awards Ceremony</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet</p> <p>9:45am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>11:30am Meeting Sunday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p> <p>11:30am Living Faith Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:30am CEA/HOW</p> <p>5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>12:00pm Set up for Christmas Eve</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>7:30pm NA Support</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00pm NA Group Meeting</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Gather &amp; Greet</p> <p>9:45am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:30am Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>10:00am Alanon "Serenity"</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>9:30am CEA/HOW</p> <p>10:00am New Year's Event set up</p> <p>5:45pm Twilight Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Morning Devotional</p> <p>7:30pm NA Support</p> <p>9:00pm New Years</p> 			