



Order of Worship

December 7, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister

Rev. Heather Miner, Associate Minister

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Send your prayer request to the Band of Prayer
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“All prayer requests are kept confidential”

Prelude

“Duetto 4, BWV 805 in Am”

J. S. Bach

“Sleepers Wake!”

arr. by Bruce Jones

Bruce Jones, organist

Hymn #213*

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“Come, O Come Emmanuel”

William Blanchard

Come, O come, sing we alleluia!

Emmanuel, sing we alleluia!

Sing we Alleluia! Amen

Invocation*

Mr. Andrew Olson

Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork You clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. 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.

Lesson One

Matthew 3:1-12

Mr. Olson

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, Proclaiming,

²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to

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Lesson One (continued)

yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Advent Candle of Peace

Matthew, Jasmine, and Isabella

Rev. Heather Miner

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

The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Olson

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.

Anthem

"The Angel Gabriel" (*What Sweeter Music*)

John Leavitt

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'O lowly maiden Mary,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!
2. 'For now a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify His holy name,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Prayer Response

"And Let the Holy Spirit Guide Our Hearts"

William Blanchard

And let the Holy Spirit Guide Our Hearts to Thee in love today
To hear the Truth, and keep Thy Way. Amen.

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Offering

Dr. Horn

Offertory Duet:

“Wexford Carol”

Irish Traditional

Nancy Rodewald, alto and Gary White, tenor arr. by Bruce Jones

Verse 1

Good people all this Christmas time
 Consider well and bear in mind
 What our good God for us has done
 In sending His beloved Son.
 With Mary holy we should pray
 To God with love this Christmas Day.
 In Bethlehem upon that morn
 There was a blessed Messiah born.

Verse 2

The night before that happy tide
 The noble Virgin, who with her guide,
 Were long time seeking up and down
 To find a lodging in the town.
 But mark how all things came to pass:
 From ev'ry door repelled, alas,
 As long foretold, their refuge all
 Was but a humble ox's stall.

Verse 3

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
 Their flocks of lamb and feeding sheep,
 To whom God's angels did appear.
 They put the shepherds in great fear.
 "Prepare and go," the angels said,
 "To Bethlehem, be not afraid.
 For there you'll find, this happy morn,
 A princely Babe, sweet Jesus born."

Verse 4

With thankful heart and joyful mind,
 The shepherds went the Babe to find.
 And as God's angels had foretold,
 They did our Savior Christ behold.
 Within a manger He was laid,
 And by His side the virgin maid,
 Attending on the Lord of Life
 Who came on earth to end all strife.
 Who came on earth to give us life!

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.

Hymn #*216

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

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Lesson Two

Isaiah 11:1-10

Mr. Olson

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes
 see or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the
 oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the
 breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his
 waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

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Lesson Two (continued)

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. *(New Revised Standard Version)*

Sermon

“The Peaceable Kingdom”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #240*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

Benediction*

Dr. Horn

Congregational Response*

“God Be with You”

Hymn #672

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.

Postlude

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Mary McDonald

Susan Winckler, organist

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*Second Sunday
of Advent*

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

Today's Theme: A vision of harmony for a new creation

Color: Purple

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographers: Bill Parnell, Andrew Olson and Dane Vose

Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are thankfully provided by: Santa's 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."

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

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn: **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.

Meeting & Event Reminders

9:00 am, Morning Devotional (online M-F)

Today

11:30 am, Cider with Santa

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 8th

11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Living Faith Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 9th

5:45 pm, Twilight Bible Study
(online and Minister's Office)

Wednesday, December 10th

9:00 am, Rummage Sorting
9:30 am, Library Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 11th

11:00 am, Davis/Roska Memorial Service

Sunday, December 14th

11:00 am, Market Place

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