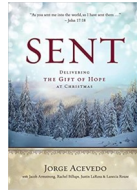


Our Church Family Prayer List

Bill Wolf, Savina Krueger, John Krueger, Gloria Kurbanali, Jim Wright, Gene Rice, Adrian Roche, Louise Timchak, Sidoney Johnston, Diane Cremonini, Joe Beaudreau, Richard McLemore, Mary Rose Binski, Lorraine O'Keefe, Melvin Keller, Ann Biski, Hoerl Family, Zander Jones, Mary McCoy, Cheri Perry, Michael Garofola, Jim Smith, Ken Rankin, Keven Russell, Frank Ross, family and friends of Nancy Johnson, Louise Slater

Advent Bible Study with Pastor John Wednesdays Noon and 6:30 p.m.

It's not too late to join us for Bible Study this Advent Season! Become the hands and feet of Christ this Christmas. "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them." —John 17:18. God sent Christ at Christmas. In turn, Christ sends us into the world to be His hands and feet, head and heart. Books are available in the church office a donation of \$15 is appreciated.



Highlights

Santas for Seniors Items due: **Monday, December 13**
Collection Box is in the Narthex

4th Sunday of Advent Worship and
Christmas Cantata with Choir and Handbells
Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Caroling **Sunday, December 19** at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship **Friday, December 24**, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, 10:00 a.m.

Pilgrim Church Calendar

Sunday, December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Time
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
4:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. AA—Women
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop Meeting

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 p.m. BSA Den Meeting

Wednesday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
12:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 9

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting

Saturday, December 11

Salvation Army Bell Ringing for Red Kettle Campaign

Sunday, December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

Poinsettia Orders Due
9:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Time
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

In Person Attendance

Last Week
9:00 a.m. - 83

Offering Last Week

\$4,891

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Katy Yoder, Music Director
Jessica Warne, Sunday Children's Director
Cheryl Huber, Organist
Russ Whittaker, Handbell Director



Sunday, December 5 2021

The Second Sunday in Advent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "More Love to Thee" Doane

Opening Words Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

***Call to Worship** screen
"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"

***Opening Prayer**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

For many of us, the call to head home is one of joy and of hope. We can't wait to reconnect with family, with history and tradition, with a wonderful time of freedom and loving support. We can't wait to go home.

There are those who fear going home, however, and there are times when going home brings back memories that are not so good, not so healing. We are reminded of when we didn't fit in, when we didn't measure up, when we weren't loved like we needed to be loved. Home can be a difficult place for some.

The prophet Malachi tells us that even when we are in the hottest of fires, there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is always under construction, mountains leveled, and valleys filled in, to make smooth the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all.

We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, as a sign of our assurance that though the road is hard, we believe it is worth the journey. It is time to go home.

Children's Moment

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124

Reception of New Members

Invitation
Sentences
Questions of the Candidates
Address
Question about Participation
Welcome and Reception

Let us, the members of Pilgrim Church United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
We welcome you with joy in the communion life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love
Prayer

Blessing of Tithes and Gifts

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Choir Anthem "He Shall Reign" Townend and Getty

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6

***Contemporary Hymn** screen
"For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Sermon "Cry from the Wilderness" Pastor John

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Special Music Joe Gillner and David Wilson
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Communion

***Hymn** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #128

*Benediction

Postlude "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Wesley

*Please rise in body or spirit.