

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please join us again!

We are very glad You chose to Worship with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Prayers & Praises

- ◇ Brynn's surgery and recovery.
- ◇ Those dealing with and healing from COVID
Thank you to everyone for wearing masks and social distancing!
- ◇ Healing for everyone dealing with medical issues.
- ◇ All who are struggling to get through this holiday season.
- ◇ Those who... have left the church, are enemies of the church, and have not found a church.
- ◇ The poor and the hungry.
- ◇ Everyone to "Love their neighbors as they love themselves."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you ... to everyone who ... have continued to send-in contributions!

Contributions Received:

\$ 2,036.00	November 7, 2021	\$ 2,441.00	December 5, 2021
\$ 5,450.00+	November 14, 2021	\$ 5,885.00+	December 12, 2021
\$ 5,159.50	November 21, 2021	\$ 3,998.50	December 19, 2021
\$ 7,801.00+	November 28, 2021	\$ 3,974.90	December 26, 2021
\$20,446.50	November Totals	\$16,299.40	December Totals

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$2,500.00 + \$6,000.00 + \$3,500.00 =
\$12,000.00

- ***ACME Community Cash Back*** receipts ***are needed by January 15th.***
- ***Handbell Rehearsals*** are Monday's at 4:30 p.m. in the Music Room. All are welcome to join in the ringing.
- ***The Mitten Tree*** is located outside the 1st floor restrooms for socks, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Everything collected now through January will be taken to Good Neighbors.
- ***Thank you to the those who made the Walk-Through Wassail Event possible.***
- ***Check out Pilgrim's website to view the January 2022 Spire and Calendar!***

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff

Transitional Pastor: ***Rev. Glen A. Shedlock***

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Sunday, January 2, 2022



What's Gotten into You?

Rev. Glen Shedlock

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, January 2, 2022 †
Second SUNDAY of Christmastide

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Prayer by St. Ambrose of Milan
One: Let the door of your heart stand open to receive him;
Unlock your soul to him; offer him a welcome in your mind,
and then you will see the riches of simplicity,
the treasures of peace, the joy of grace.”

THE PRAYER

Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and the darkness within may be pushed back, so that we might truly see what is really Real. Help us to recognize our misunderstandings and misperceptions of who you are. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from fear to heartfelt trust. May your light within us shine through into worship this day. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all People, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE -

John 1:1-18 CEB

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

²The Word was with God in the beginning.

³Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.

What came into being ⁴through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

⁶A man named John was sent from God. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. ⁸He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

⁹The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world.

¹⁰The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. ¹¹The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him.

¹²But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, ¹³born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;

¹⁷as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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!

*BENEDICTION (Unison)

From A Prayer By Henri Nouwen

As I return to the sacred dance of my daily living, teach me, O God, to ask the questions that matter most: Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I speak words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? Yes, Divine Friend, as this new year unfolds, teach me to ask the questions that matter most. Amen.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, January 3, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

4:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room