

The Advent Season is just around the corner! The Opportunities are Many!

1. **The Mitten Tree - Sunday, November 19.**

You are invited to bring winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves of any size for any age to hang on the tree.



2. **Communion - Sunday, December 3 at 10:30 am**

3. **The Advent Dinner - Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm.**

Please bring a side dish or salad to accompany the chicken, macaroni & cheese, rolls, beverages and dessert provided. RSVP in the Social Hall, Bulletin Board or with the church office.



4. **Celebrate Toys Around the Manger - Sunday, December 10 at 10:30am**

You are invited to bring an unwrapped new toy, game, or clothing items for any age, male or female, child, teen, adult as an offering to place by the manger.



5. **Wassail, Egg Nog & Delights - Sunday, December 17 at 11:30 am**

6. **Christmas Eve Morning Service - Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 am**

7. **Christmas Eve through Scriptures & Music - Sun., December 24 at 7:00 pm**

4. **The entire month of December.**

You are invited to bring one canned good/non-perishable item to the church every time you enter the building. We are extending this invitation to all of the groups who use our building for meetings and gatherings. Just imagine how many hungry tummies we could fill! All of the canned goods can be placed in the Good Neighbors box located in the parking lot entry hallway.



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Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *Kristen Howe -  
In memory of my Mom's birthday!*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Rich Shisler*

Fellowship: *Stewardship & Trustees*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

# Pilgrim United Church of Christ

## A Caring Church for Thinking People

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### Sunday, November 12, 2017



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**Stewardship Means:  
Taking Care of Our Relationships**

**Rev. Kirk Bruce**

**Mission Statement:**  
*God calls us to live our faith as disciples  
Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ  
In the community and the world.*

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**Sunday, November 12, 2017 † Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

THE PRELUDE *Oh, Blest the House What'er Befall* Johan Cristoph Bach

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* No. 460

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 78)

One: Come, Let us listen for the teachings of God our creator

**All: He will unveil the hidden things of old.**

One: We shall speak of the answers from generation to generation.

**All: And we shall teach those who follow us, that all the world will know  
Of God's love.**

\*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Richard Shisler

**Come, O Lord. Come and share this day with us. Come and be heard  
in the words we share and seen in the actions of our hands and felt in the  
love of our hearts. Come, O Lord. Come and hear us as we pray together  
the prayer Your son taught us, "Our Father . . ." [debt, debtors]**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER**

\*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Dan Gerstenberger, Trustee

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Kirk W. Bruce  
*Faith Focus - The Creation Story - Day 6* Marilyn Freeman

PLEDGING OF OUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE Rev. Kirk W. Bruce  
On PowerPoint

ANTHEM *Seek and You Will Find* Natalie Sleeth  
Pilgrim Choir

**\*all who are able may stand**

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Sweet Hour of Prayer (vs. 1)* No. 505

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known. In  
seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped  
the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Take My Gifts* No. 562

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES Rich Shisler

Ezekiel 11:17 - 19 (page 734)  
Matthew 18:21 - 35 (page 17 - 18)

SERMON

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce  
*Stewardship Means: Taking Care of Our Relationships*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *O Perfect Love* No. 465

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*  
(Red Hymnal) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (Verse 1)* No. 62  
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 *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* Michael Praitorius

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 12 - Stewardship Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Stewardship Board  
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, Adult Library

**Monday, November 13**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, A.T.T.I.C.  
6:30 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting, Adult Library - CANCELLED

**Tuesday, November 14**

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library  
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Board Meeting, Adult Library  
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

**Wednesday, November 15**

2:15 - 9:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons, Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Romans 14, Heritage Room

**Thursday, November 16**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Operation Christmas Child, Social Hall  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library & Nursery  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall  
8:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

**Friday, November 17 - Deadline for December Spire**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Parent Conferences, Classrooms  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Crooked River Alliance of Time Banks - Cuyahoga Falls Hub, Social Hall

**Saturday, November 18**

11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Children's Library  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Rain Gutter Reggatta, Social Hall & Kitchen  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

**Sunday, November 19 - Mitten Tree is Up!**

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3  
11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Rev. Greene Room  
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board Meeting, Heritage Room

**SIGN-IN**

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.  
We joyfully welcome all visitors!  
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.  
Please join us again!  
We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pray for:**

Don's health.  
Carl's healing from cancer.  
The world and all its people. May we all trust God and do his will.  
Grant us peace and love.  
Prayers to the victims & survivors of the Los Vegas Shooting.  
Lift up the family and friends of those who were injured and died at the Los Vegas concert.  
The people affected by the Hurricanes and Earthquakes.  
A member trying to adjust to additional health issues and not give up on life.  
Chandler & his family for strength & patience with his cancer diagnosis & treatments.  
Continue prayers for Cousin Jeff's continued progress with healing.



**Stewardship Sunday TODAY - November 12th**

**Theme:** Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus Matthew 9:35-10:23

**Celebration:** Fellowship Hour-Stewardship will provide:  
Vegetable & Meat Lasagna, Salad & French Bread  
*Join us even if you didn't remember to bring a dessert! Everyone is welcome!*

**Knitting & Crocheting Update:**

The Knitting & Crocheting will meet in the Rev. Greene Room from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm EVERY Tuesday!  
*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

**Thank You for the beautiful flowers last Sunday! Lois Bruce**

**A Suessified Christmas Carol** a comedy by Peter Bloedel Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc, (www.playscripts.com)

Friday, December 1st @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 2nd @ 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd @ 6 p.m.



Adults \$10

Seniors \$8 (60+)

Children \$8 (12 and under)

**Pre-Sale & At-The-Door  
Doors Open 15 min. Prior**