


September 11, 2020

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Sundays @ 10:30am

**We're back to 10:30 Worship!
Rally Sunday, September 13**

Worship/Communion/Baptism at 10:30 am *via Zoom*

We will celebrate the baptism of Juliette Snipe, and observe Communion (bring your bread and juice). We will also bless our backpacks, devices, masks, and Teachers and Students. Rev. Reebee Girash will be preaching and leading Communion, Dot Bowe, Max Evrard and the Choir will offer Music, Sarah Jane Fuller and Jeff Boehm complete our worship leadership team this week! Please feel free to invite a friend or family member to join us!

*****NEW ZOOM LINK*****

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/868424020?pwd=K3d1WEIWMU1pNy9JSEF3V1Q4d3BHUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 424 020

Passcode: Welcome!

Download the bulletin [here](#).

Missed a week of worship, including 9/6's Service? We're posting videos from past weeks [here](#).

**Read on for the Daily Prayer
and all sorts of September News!**

Daily Prayer

O God, you have let me pass the night in peace,
let me pass the day in peace.

Wherever I may go on my way,
which you have made peaceable for me,
O God lead my steps.

When I have spoken, keep lies away from me.

When I am hungry, keep me from murmuring.

When I am satisfied, keep my from pride.

Calling upon you, I pass the day, O God.

Amen.

--from Boran, Kenya, and included in
Desmond Tutu's *An African Prayer Book*.

September's Theme: So Many Blessings!

Our Worship & EdMin themes for the first few weeks of our Fall Season will be *So Many Blessings!* We'll be looking at the Beatitudes and asking ourselves how we as a community can feel blessed by God in this time, and how we can extend God's blessings to our neighbors.

- We'll bless a baby in worship on September 13; we'll celebrate Communion that day, too, and we'll seek to bless this coming church year and all that it might bring.
- On September 20, we'll ask what Jesus meant by, "blessed are those who are poor in spirit...blessed are those who mourn?" How do we find meaning and strength when we are mourning?
- On September 27 we'll turn to the beatitudes of justice: "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Some worship leaders will be Zooming live from the sanctuary this fall while others will lead from home. Please read the message below about our fall plans.

Watch for a blessing in your mailbox sometime this month, and consider sharing this surprise blessing with someone who needs it.

One more place of blessing: Our weekday morning prayers for September 14-30 will focus on modern beatitudes. You are invited to email Pastor Reebee with a request for a prayer topic by filling in the blank:

Blessed are _____. She'll write or find a prayer that fits with your modern beatitudes.

Announcement of Pilgrim Church Fall Plans

The following plan was developed by a group of 9 members and staff, and received unanimous support from Church Council. Contact Pastor Reebee (pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org / 781 475 3741), or our Moderator Susan Carabbio, if you have questions. There will also be a Zoom forum later in August in which we'll invite your questions and feedback about the summer and fall. You can view Pastor Reebee's video version of this announcement with additional details [here](#).

Gathering Plans for Fall 2020 and Beyond

As we prioritize community safety and making our worship is accessible to everyone, we will continue to host live and interactive Sunday morning worship services online this Fall. It is a blessing that people are coming to worship from around the country and we hope that continues.

We will offer some physically distanced small group outdoor worship services which will also be recorded and shared on our website. We will also offer some physically distanced outdoor activities such as the Pumpkin Patch. We will be offering a variety of small group online gatherings for adults, youth and children. In addition, we will be reaching out to those who have not been able to access our online worship to offer assistance. Individuals who would like to pray in the sanctuary or listen to organ practice may sign up to do so. Finally, two small rental groups may return to the building this fall with careful safety plans.

We will wait to gather in a large group in our building until Lexington and the Commonwealth deem this advisable. (see footnote 1) It seems likely this will be when a CoVid19 vaccine is widely available, there is herd immunity, and/or case counts are consistently extremely low for an extended period. Our sense is that this will be after January 2021, likely several months after that time. Even after we begin gathering in large groups in the building, our Sunday morning worship service will continue to be available online.

We are praying for safety for all.

(footnote 1: Lexington's Health Director has advised Pilgrim: "*As we remain in Phase III of the state's reopening plan, we would still encourage you to hold virtual or outdoor services to the extent possible, and has asked us to follow Massachusetts' current recommendations:*

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-places-of-worship>)

Pilgrim Weekly Zoom Gatherings

Pilgrim Church Worship – Sundays at 10:30 am

New Zoom Link

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***Reminder: Worship Returns to 10:30 am Eastern
on September 13!***

Sunday School: Every Sunday @ 10:00 AM, starting 9/20

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82959273607?pwd=MVdzajZQS3Vxd0tRN1lrK3VVVWgxdz09>

Meeting ID: 829 5927 3607

Passcode: 5bWXFQ

Confirmation: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday, starting 9/20 4:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81082860528?pwd=aWJRZ0tjM3VPZVdacEoxRWtocmZldz09>

Meeting ID: 810 8286 0528

Passcode: 722877

Pilgrim Church Bible Study -

We're taking a break 9/15 and will be back to study Sabbath in the Bible on 9/22.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608321496?pwd=UWgwV2xNVIM0ZW5jWHhNT1BJNTR0UT09>

Meeting ID: 608 321 496

Passcode: 900958

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/267790188?pwd=MmpxNmxicGF0c2xzTzZVOG9PMncyZz09>

Meeting ID: 267 790 188

Passcode: 538617

**Pilgrim Church
News and Announcements**

SIGN UP TODAY!

Liturgists and Welcomers Sought

This Fall, you can be a Liturgist from the sanctuary or from home, and you can be a Zoom Worship Welcomer from home. We need folks to help offer hospitality and care during our live and interactive Zoom Worship services. Liturgists just need to feel comfortable speaking on Zoom. Welcomers should have a bit of experience with managing a Zoom – or a willingness to get a bit of training. You can sign up for either role here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084babaa2daaff2-online>.

Thank you!



Open Air Organ Recital

Sunday, September 20 from 12:30 – 1:00

Weather Permitting!

Featuring Bach & other favorites! You're invited to sit outside for an organ recital at the church. Bring your own lawn chair & please keep your mask on and

maintain physical distance. Best sound: in the parking spots on the pine tree side, and on the sidewalk leading out from the front doors.

Please park in the parking circle or behind the church. This is an outdoor-only gathering.

If you prefer to watch from home over Zoom we will also broadcast at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433621413?pwd=WDBxV2tBTVJjWDVEWGFjZjVIOTlIQ T09>

Meeting ID: 854 3362 1413

Passcode: 522137

Fall Office Schedule

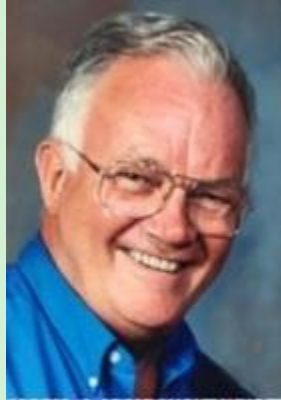
Our office administrator Diane Blair will be working M-F 9:30 – 1:30 and will be physically in the office Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Pastor Reebee will typically in the church office Tuesday afternoons and Thursdays, and available for appointments Monday to Thursday. Feel free to suggest an outdoor, masked pastoral visit!

As you know, we are still limiting access to the building. If you need to stop in and pick something up or drop something off, please call the office or email Diane prior to coming in. Thank you!

Checking In – September 27 after Coffee Hour

It's hard to stay fully connected as a community when we don't have after church forums or in-person sessions. We are committed to making sure we listen for your feedback about Pilgrim's worship and life as a community. Please join Moderator Susan Carabbio, Pastor Reebee, and members of Church Council for an open time to check in as a community on

September 27 after coffee hour. You are also most welcome to email Susan or Reebee anytime if you have a question or feedback.



News of a Former Pilgrim

We were sad to hear that the **Rev. Les Norman**, who was a member of Pilgrim before becoming a pastor, passed away recently. You can read his obituary at <https://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com/obituary/the-rev-leslie-norman>. Please hold Les' family in your prayers in this time.



Bible Study & Adult Education Plans for this Fall

Please note that there will be **no Bible Study on September 15**. We will resume on Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30

at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608321496?pwd=UWgwV2xNVIM0ZW5jWHhNT1BjNTR0UT09> as look at Sabbath in the Bible.

Adult Education: We will continue to engage racial justice in adult book groups and discussions this fall. I have selected three possibilities and if you are interested, please fill in this [Google Form](#) . Please indicate interest by next Sunday, September 20 and we'll arrange a time based on people's schedules. Note: Thank you to those who filled in the form. If you forgot to include your name and email, please do so again.



Save the Date! This year the Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2020. People will not be gathering to walk together, but will be walking on their own. If you would like to join the Pilgrim team, please let Don or Claire Moir know at themoirs2@gmail.com. Or, you can send your own donation as indicated below.

Here is the link for donating to the Pilgrim Crop Walk team.

(a) Online – go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/concordma/PilgrimLex>

or,

(b) By check – make checks payable to CWS/CROP and give them to the walker, or mail them to Don or Claire Moir at 35 South St., Concord, MA 01742.

Church World Service is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. Donations to Church World Service, including donations to CROP Hunger Walks, are fully deductible to the extent permitted by law. The CWS federal identification number is 13-4080201.

Pilgrim Church Council Minutes

Church Council minutes are normally available in the church office. While we are unable to gather in the building, we are distributing a link to Church Council minutes by email to all members. If you did not receive the minutes but would like to, please email

admin@pilgrimcongregational.org .



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3	Sydney Stevens Bob Beckwith
6	Bob Mason
10	Nick Zorn
11	Fiona McClave
12	Elena Zorn
16	Gracia Dayton
20	Marie Beckwith
22	Sarah Fuller
24	Bill Moseley
26	Bob Litchfield Tony Porter

If you find an error, please call the office: 781-862-0357 or send an email to

admin@pilgrimcongregational.org



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
2	Olivia Burger
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13	Marge Saradjian
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