

“You’re the Living Temple, and God’s Already There!”

— Roy Masters



We Gather to Praise God

** indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE

In Thee is Joy



J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

adapted from Eccl. 3

Leader: For everything there is a season.

People: And a time for every matter under heaven:

Leader: A time to be born and a time to die.

People: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

Leader: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

People: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

Leader: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

People: A time to be silent and a time to speak.

Leader: A time to love and a time to hate.

People: A time for war and a time for peace.

Leader: God has made everything suitable for its time.

People: God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

Leader: God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

People: Whatever God does endures forever.

* OPENING HYMN (see insert) *Great God, We Sing*



* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #469)

Jim Strathdee

“I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!”

**If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**



OPENING PRAYER *seated, responsively*

LBW 159

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever -- the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF JESUS (using “sins”)



We Listen for God’s Word

ANTHEM

Come with Me



Pamela Martin

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

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CHILDREN’S TIME

“Be the Light”



* HYMN (SEE INSERT) *Arise, Your Light is Come*

Children depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

PSALTER READING Psalm 43 (from *The Message*)

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

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MEDITATION/SHARING “Let Your God Light Shine Through”

After a moment of silent reflection, I invite you to share one of your own “epiphany stories,” to offer a reflection on a memorable time of growth and discovery. Perhaps there was a watershed moment that moved your life in a whole new direction altogether. Maybe there was a period of time when everything seemed to come together for you, or possibly there was a person who significantly altered your understandings. Your story can be poignant or humorous, simple or profound.

We Respond to God’s Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #47 (*note original rhythm*) Thomas Ken (1674)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

We Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation by the pastor

Prayer of Consecration and Words of Institution by the pastor

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving in unison *Thankful Praise*

**O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of
Christ and, by this meal, filling us with joy and hope.**

Grant that in the days ahead,

our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth;

our eyes which have seen your love

may look with compassion on the needs of the world;

our hands which have held this loaf and cup

may be active in your service.

We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #713 *God of Our Life*

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #431 *sung together while holding hands*

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,

Here my tender comfort stilled you;

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the Diaconate*



Season of Light

All are Welcome!

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke
United Church of Christ

January 10, 2010

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We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance in the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Judy Pearson read the scripture. Eric & Judy Pearson, Luke & Cindy Bonenfant served as ushers.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 10	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 11:30am World Service Committee
Mon., Jan. 11	6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
Tues., Jan. 12	6pm Cub Scouts - DN 6pm Girl Scouts - PH 7pm Hospitality Plus Committee
Wed., Jan. 13	6pm Cub Scouts – DN 6pm BSA – PH 6pm Girl Scout Leader’s Meeting – CR
Thurs., Jan. 14	6pm “AA” Group – MR 6pm Cub Scouts – PH 7pm Pastoral Relations Committee
Fri., Jan. 15	Youth Group leaves for Camp Berea
Sun., Jan. 17	10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Mon., Jan. 18	6pm Girl Scouts – PH & DN
Tues., Jan. 19	6pm Cub Scouts - DN 7pm Trustees
Wed., Jan. 20	6pm Cub Scouts – DN 6pm BSA – PH
Thurs., Jan. 21	6pm “AA” Group – MR 6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6:30pm Deacons

AS PART OF DARIAN HANCARIK’S SENIOR PROJECT T-Shirts will be available in the Parish Hall for \$10 each. The proceeds will be going to The Music Experience. The T-shirts come in all sizes and are either pink or black. Contact Darian Hancarik after church or at home phone #(603)–715-5304 or e-mail him at dhancarik@gmail.com. Also check out the Face book page the Music Experience.

DEACONS FUND ...

Donations toward this fund are accepted on the first Sunday of the month. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is today. Food donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2010 are available in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Trish (friend of Ed Kruczynski) – to undergo open heart surgery
Bob (Mary Louise Grandamison’s brother in law) lung cancer
The Wheeler family (Marc Hall’s relatives) – lost their home in Barnstead due to a fire
Floyd Smith – recovering from surgery
Duff Chickering – medical concerns
Jim Hennessey (co-worker of Julie Jenkins) – brain cancer
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues
Eunice Fraser – family issues
Bunny Bell – undergoing treatment
Letha’s mother – treatable cancer
Lynda Putnam’s father – recovering from a stroke
Russ Putnam’s mother – medical concerns
Carissa Williams – various concerns
Military personnel overseas & their families

WORLD SERVICE ...

Our Family’s Table, the local soup kitchen serves meals every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Contact Pat Hill 485-4790 if interested in volunteering.

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar. Please contact Lynn Matava 485-8352 (**January**), Robbe MacKenzie 485 7295 (**February**), Doris Rowden (**March**) 485-3664.

SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...

Jan. 17 Floyd & Dot Smith, Tom & Allison Hardy
24 Kurt & Jodi Ehler, Ken Williams, and Randy Shuey
31 Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill, and Dean Hopps

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dea Hopps at 485-5509.

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 62: 1-5

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Psalms 36: 5-10

John 2: 1-11