

As Christians, it is important for us to realize three-fourths of our nation believes Christianity is losing ground, and that a large percentage of Christians are living virtually the same as those without Christ. Jesus' admonition to be salt and light must be taken more seriously by his followers if we hope to have an impact on the society in which we live.

— The Promise Keeper, Jan./Feb. 1999



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

PRELUDE

Variations on America

Charles Ives



* INTROIT *sung by everyone* Pete Seeger, *adapted from Ecclesiastes 2*

**To everything—turn, turn, turn,
There is a season—turn, turn, turn,
And a time to every purpose under heaven.**



* CALL TO WORSHIP *spoken responsively*

Hoyt Hickman

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people.**

Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

**People: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land
Unto all the inhabitants thereof.**



* OPENING HYMN #705 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*



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

* RESPONSE (see insert) *sung by everyone*

Bryan Jeffery Leach

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**



INVOCATION *seated, spoken together*

Hoyt Hickm

Almighty God, ruler of all nations:

we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders.

May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation,

and purify our hearts

to know the truth that alone can make us free.

Save us from injustice and oppression,

from pride and arrogance,

and from greed and self-centeredness.

Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries

and for the poor and afflicted in our own land,

that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations.

Bring us at last to that day

when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



We Listen for God's Word



COMMUNITY TIME "What's the News? The News Is..."

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE



THE SPIRIT OF 1776

John Satura

* PATRIOTIC MEDLEY

Hymn #720 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Hymn #721 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

Hymn #725 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*



Children remain in worship this morning – Nursery is open

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 10:12-21

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HOMILY

"Two Flags"

from Alex A. Gondc

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY



* DOXOLOGY *sung by everyone* (Tune #719) Fred Pratt Green, *adapted*



**Come, sing a song of gardens,
Of thanks for daily food!
To offer God the firstfruits
Reveals our gratitude.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*



We Share in The Sacrament of Holy Communion

ORGAN INTERLUDE TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION



Invitation, Prayer of Consecration, Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison*

Jim Antal, *adapted*

**Thanks be the you, O God, for your presence and your purpose,
for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the
blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our
generosity and unify our hearts. We pray in the powerful
name of Jesus, the Risen Savior. Amen.**



* CLOSING HYMN #631 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*



* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*



* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Tune #684)
sung together while holding hands

Ruth Duck

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.**



POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the Stewardship Committee.*

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke

United Church of Christ

Where Neighbors Meet



Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 4, 2010

All are Welcome!

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Summer Worship Planning Team: Elliott Hancarik, Lauren Jodoin, Robbe MacKenzie, and Rev. Jim.

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 4	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship NO Sunday School
Monday, July 5	Church Office closed 6:30pm Christian Education Committee
Tuesday, July 6	7pm Church Council
Thursday, July 8	6pm "AA" Group – MR
Saturday, July 10	Work Camp guests overnight – PH
Sunday, July 11	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Thursday, July 15	6pm "AA" Group – MR

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at 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. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Ju Pearson read the scripture. Dave & Nancy Bibbins and Alan & Anna Gibb served as ushers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Cole Landry (Jillian's baby) – medical concerns
Harold Matava – hip replacement surgery on July 7th
Larry Dowling – recovering from an intestinal infection
Ruth Chase – at Health South
Sue Riley (friend of Elizabeth Hancarik's) – recovering from brain surgery
Zoe, a 6 ½ yr. old girl with a brain tumor
Tom Miller (Tim's father) – recovering from heart surgery
Matt and Kelly Pearson, high-risk pregnancy
Laurie O'Neil (Jessica Hamel's co-worker's niece) - Stage 4 cancer
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues
Military personnel overseas & their families

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is the **2nd Sunday** of the month. Food donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the Flower Sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee member know. Please contact Lynn Matava 485-8352 (**July**), Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**August**) or Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**September**).

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR PORTRAIT TAKEN on August 10th for the new church directory, please sign up at the **OLAN MILLS** table.

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR JULY ...

11 Eric & Judy Pearson, Luke & Cindy Bonenfant
18 Floyd & Dot Smith and Tom & Allison Hardy
25 Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill and Dean Hopps

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

THE DEACON'S FUND ...

Donations toward this fund are solicited **today**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.