

While preserving faith toward one's own tradition, one can respect, admire and appreciate other traditions. From this perspective, mutual understanding... is not merely the business of religious believers — it matters for the welfare of humanity as a whole.

— The Dalai Lama



We Gather to Praise God

** indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Lord Jesus Christ*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

* OPENING HYMN #485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

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

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

“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, by the pastor*

PRAYER OF JESUS (using “sins”)



We Listen for God's Word



ANTHEM *Blessed Art Thou*

GOSPEL READING *Mark 12:28-31*

E. Titcomb

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CHILDREN'S TIME “The Two Commandments”

* HYMN #490 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*
At this time children through high school adjourn to classes



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 65:1, 17-18a, 24-25*

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PSALM 96 (Back of Hymnal p. 748)

EPISTLE READING *Romans 11:32-35*

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SERMON “Embracing a Kinship of Faiths”

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*)

Thomas Ken (167

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*

* CLOSING HYMN (insert) *In the Midst of New Dimensions* **verses 1-**

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #441 *sung together while holding hands*

Peace be upon you and guard you forever.

Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

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

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, N.H.
United Church of Christ

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Embracing a Kinship of Faiths

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Guests 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 back 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. Elizabeth Hancarik read the scripture. The ushers are Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith.

EPIPHANY 2011

Where Neighbors Meet

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke
United Church of Christ

FEBRUARY 27th

All Are Welcome!

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

Donations of flowers are always welcome 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 know of your intention. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**March**), Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**April**) and Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (**May**).

THE WISH LIST ...

Item suggestions are, but not limited to:

Country Time Lemonade

postage stamps

13 gallon trash liners

trash baskets

Please let the office know if an item has been purchased so the list can be updated!

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR MARCH ...

6 Don & Laurie Hill, Helen Chapman, Lynn Matava

13 Peter, Sharon & Eric Chase, Dean Hopps

20 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant, Tom & Allison, Hardy

27 Helen Chapman, Marc Herring, Randy Shuey

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 on the 1st Sunday of the month. This fund helps those in need in our church and our community.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is each 2nd Sunday. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall. All items will be taken to the Interfaith Food Pantry. **Thank you for caring!**

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS will be in the Parish Hall. Please pick up a copy to review before the annual meeting on March 13th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Prayers for the family of Zoe a 7yr. old girl – who passed away Vi Boulet – compound fracture on right wrist – in Corville, 44

West Webster St., Manchester for Rehab. for at least 2 weeks

Rev. Jim's aunt, Mary Boldrick, - recovering from a heart attack

Paul Grandmanson - a growth in his kidney found cancerous – undergoing treatments

Prayers for Steve & Erica Peaslee and family – their son Jacob has been diagnosed with Autism

Mary Louise Grandmanson's brother-in-law Bob - fighting his 3rd bout with cancer and on chemo.

Paul Stauffacher – medical concerns

Abby Duffy – diagnosed with LHON (6 years old)

Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa on July 11th while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other six who were also injured in your prayers.

Military personnel overseas & their families

Athena Petrin's address: TF 3643 D, Camp Command Cell LSA, APO AE 09815

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 27 10am Worship
10:20am Sunday School & High School
Monday, Feb. 28 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Tuesday, March 1 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
6pm Girl Scouts – PH
7pm Church Council
Wed., March 2 7pm BSA – PH
7pm Adult Bible Study - MR
Thurs., March 3 6pm Cub Scouts – PH
6pm Girl Scouts – DN
6pm “AA” Group – MR
6pm World Service Comm.
Sat., March 5 1:30-4:30pm Girl Scouts – PH
Sunday, March 6 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
Monday, March 7 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
7pm Work Camp Leader’s Meeting – MR
Tues., March 8 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Wed., March 9 Ash Wednesday (No service)
6pm BSA – PH
6pm Girl Scouts – DN
Thurs., March 10 6pm Girl Scouts – DN
6pm TNT – PH
6pm Cub Scouts – DN
6pm “AA” Group – MR

A REMINDER! On Saturday, **March 12th** don’t forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before retiring for the evening.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets from **7-8:15pm** in the Memorial Room. Prior to this final week’s study, if possible, please read Romans 13:1-15:7.

Come Teach Sunday School

We need a few more teachers to finish up this school year!

The following are the dates and rotations that we need teachers for:

4/3 and 4/10 – Video _____

4/17 Storytelling _____

5/1 and 5/8 – Games _____

If you are able to teach, please put your name on the line next to the week/rotation of your choosing and place it in the offering plate or give it to a member of the CE committee!

Remember, we are always happy to have co-teachers if you would like to teach with another adult or member of the CE committee!

Thank you for helping us teach God’s Word to our kids!

The CE committee,

Peter Chase, Tad Curry, Amanda Hall, and Abby Morrison

Praise Guitar Made Easy

Teacher: Marie Mehegan

Providing praise guitar classes for students of all ages and adults. Students from “Praise Guitar Made Easy” have gone on to play at nursing homes, youth groups, children’s ministries and mission work.

Classes meet once a week for twelve weeks. Each class is an hour long. The cost is \$100 for 12 weeks of classes plus \$25 registration fee (that covers the cost of the book).



In “Praise Guitar Made Easy” classes we learn:

- **12 chords**
- **Playing over 30 hymns and choruses**
- **3 basic strum patterns**
- **How to use a capo**

Classes are starting in March. Email: blestby8@myfairpoint.net for more information and registration.

