

We are called with all God's people to be responsible agents of creative transformation, support and caring, liberation and reconciliation, justice and mercy, inviting all into a pilgrimage of dignity and well-being, and a ministry of accompaniment.

— from the *diakonia* of the United Church of Canada



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *With Peace and Joy I Travel On*



J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Lavon Bayler, *adapted*

Leader: We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.
We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.



**People: We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.
We humble ourselves before the God of all worlds.**

Leader: We gather to remember God's commandments.
We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.

**People: The wisdom of God is not like any other.
It draws us away from the world's agenda.**

Leader: God sends us into the world with new priorities.
We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.

**People: We are fulfilled with the mind of Christ.
We celebrate our role as citizens of God's realm.**

* OPENING HYMN #422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



* 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*

Whole People of God, *adapted*

One: Give us, O God, your zest for life. When the routine of everyday life overwhelms and oppresses us,

**All: Give us, O God, your zest for life;
free us up to follow in fresh and exciting directions.**

One: When the worries of our situation seem never ending,

**All: Give us, O God, your zest for life,
the will to seek help, the courage to make difficult choices.**

One: When the troubles of a friend or family member weigh on us,

**All: Give us, O God, your zest for life,
that we may encourage and inspire.**

One: When the way of the church seems uninspiring and dull,

**All: Give us, O God, your zest for life, the vision of a joyful
fellowship, the chance to share in new faith enterprises.**

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



We Listen for God's Word



HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-9a

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PSALTER READING

Psalm 112:1-9

NRSV, *adapted*

Praise God! Happy are those who fear God,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.
**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.**

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in God.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their example is exalted in honor.**

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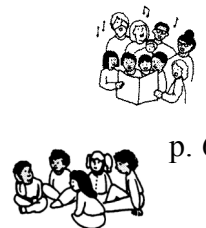
Amazing Grace

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Show Off"



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* HYMN (see insert) *We Humble Ourselves* (Tune #110)
At this time children through high school adjourn to classes



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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HOMILY “Switching and/or Affirming Allegiances II”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered 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

ORGAN INTERLUDE

INVITATION, PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, WORDS OF INSTITUTION
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *spoken in unison* A & T Gobledale, *adapted*

**Loving and gracious God: Thank you for this holy meal.
Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity.
Thank you for this day in which we worship and serve you.
Enable the sustenance received here to sustain us in your
presence throughout the days and weeks ahead.
Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN #683

O For a World

* 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



EPIPHANY 2011

Where Neighbors Meet

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke
United Church of Christ

FEBRUARY 6th

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All Are Welcome!

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, N.H.

United Church of Christ

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

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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 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. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Joseph Boisvert read the scripture. Peter, Sharon & Eric Chase and Dean Hopps served as ushers.

THE DEACON'S FUND ...

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

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US ...

On **February 19th** at **5:30pm** - we will be holding a "**Mardi Gra** potluck supper. Come and bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or salad share. Be brave and try a cajun flare if you dare!

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 flow sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (**February**), Rob MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**March**) and Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**April**).

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is next Sunday. Please leave donated items in the Parish Hall. As always, thank you for caring!

THE WISH LIST ...

Item suggestions are, but not limited to:

13 gallon trash liners

postage stamps

trash baskets

3x3 post its

PREPARED TO SERVE will be held on **February 26** at Pembroke Academy. The workshops being offered are Stewardship, Spiritual Care, Caring Ministries, Church Leadership, Worship, Service & Global Christian Education. Applications and detailed information are in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets from **7-8:15pm** in the Memorial Room. Being covered in this 8 week study is Paul's letter to the Romans. If possible, please read: Romans 5 & 6 prior to the next class.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 6	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School & H.S.
Monday, Feb. 7	6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Tuesday, Feb. 8	6:30pm PWC – PH 6pm Cub Scouts – DN 7pm Church Council
Wed., Feb. 9	7pm BSA – PH
Thurs., Feb. 10	6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6pm “AA” Group – MR 6pm World Service Comm. 7pm Diaconate 7pm Hospitality Plus Committee 7pm Adult Bible Study - MR
Fri., Feb. 11	Annual Reports DUE in the office
Sat., Feb. 12	10am-1pm Cookie Walk – PH (to benefit work camp!)
Sunday, Feb. 13	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (Scout Sunday) 10:20am Sunday School
Monday, Feb. 14	6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Tuesday, Feb. 15	6pm Girl Scouts – PH 6pm Cub Scouts – DN 7pm Trustees
Wed., Feb. 16	6pm Girl Scouts – DN 7pm BSA – PH 7pm Adult Bible Study - MR
Thurs., Feb. 17	6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6pm Girl Scouts – DN 6pm “AA” Group – MR
Sat., Feb. 19	5:30pm “ <i>Mardi Gras</i> ” Potluck Supper & Game Night

THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2010 are **due** in the Church Office by **tl Friday, February 11th**. **Thank you to those who have already submitted a report!!**

OFFERING ENVELOPES are **available** on the table in the Parish Hall for anyone who wants to use them.

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR FEBRUARY ...

13 Eric & Judy Pearson and Luke & Cindy Bonenfant
20 Lynn Matava, Alan & Anna Gibbs and Marc Herring
27 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Prayers for the family of Bill Jackson (Tom’s father) – who passed away
Ed Kruczynski & family – several areas of concern
Paul Grandmaison - 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 Grandmaison's brother-in-law Bob - fighting his 3rd battle 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.
Zoe, a 6 ½ yr. old girl with a brain tumor
Military personnel overseas & their families

A ST. PATRICK’S DAY POTLUCK SUPPER CELEBRATION will be held on **March 19th** at 5:30pm. Bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert to share and show off your Irish talents! **Invite a friend to enjoy the luck of the Irish.** This event is being sponsored by your Hospitality Plus Committee!

