

The Church confesses Christ's real, living and active presence in Communion. While Christ's real presence in Communion does not depend on the faith of the individual, all agree that to discern the body and blood of Christ, faith is required. The Spirit makes the crucified and risen Christ really present to us in Communion.

— *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry* 1982



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

* INTROIT #286 *This is The Day, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, and be glad in it*



* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively* Glen E. Rainsley, *adapted*

Leader: By the grace of our God who calls us together in worship and in service,

People: We strive to live our faith right where we are.

Leader: So we affirm that for sharing strong traditions and for shaping future values,

People: There is no better place.

Leader: For developing genuine companionship and for doing tasks of mission,

People: There is no better place.

Leader: For offering our joys and concerns in prayer and for opening ourselves to the Creator in worship,


People: There is no better place.

Leader: In this church, and where ever people gather to be guided by the Spirit in living out Christly love,

All: There is no better place.

We worship with gladness and thanksgiving.



* OPENING HYMN #720 (see insert) *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* 

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

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone*



**Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (x2)
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. (x2)**

INVOCATION *seated, spoken together*

Hoyt Hickman

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.**



We Listen for God's Word



ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

Steven Porter

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins") AND RESPONSE

PSALTER READING

Psalm 8



CHILDREN'S TIME

"Vacation"



GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:7-11



HOMILY "Building Community, Sharing Connections"



We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY



* DOXOLOGY #46

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

* HYMN #420 (see insert) *I Come with Joy*



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

J. Mary Luti, *alt.*

**Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:
for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for
the mission of service beyond our walls.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion, we pray:
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN #705 (insert) *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*



* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #437 *sung together while holding hands*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God
surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**



* 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 3, 2011

All are Welcome!

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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. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Randy Shuey read the scripture. Alan & Anna Gibbs and Eric & Judy Pearson served as ushers.

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SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR JULY ...

- 10 Luke Cindy Bonenfant, Tom & Allison Hardy
17 Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill, Dean Hopps
24 Peter , Sharon & Eric Chase, Rick Hochsprung
31 Harold & Lynn Matava, Kurt & Jodi Ehler

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

THE BUSH FAMILY FUND...

The Dad, who is the breadwinner in this family from Pembroke, has a form of brain cancer and can no longer work to provide for his family. They need the community's help! If you can donate to help them, please contact Fred Kline, 310 Church Road (485-7962) or you can donate at any Laconia Savings Bank. **Thank you for caring!**

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., July 3 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship (outside weather permitting)
NO Summer Sunday School
- Mon., July 4 Independence Day
- Tues., July 5 7pm Church Council
- Wed., July 6 6pm BSA – PH
- Thurs., July 7 6pm “AA” Group – MR
- Sat., July 9 8:30am Yoga
- Sun., July 10 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Summer Sunday School
- Mon., July 11 7pm Work Camp Meeting
- Tues., July 12 6:30pm Worship Vitality Team Brainstorming Party
- Wed., July 13 6pm BSA – PH
- Thurs., July 14 6pm “AA” Group – MR
6pm World Service Committee
- Sat., July 16 8:30am Yoga

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PRAYER CHAIN should contact the Secretary by e-mail: secretary@pembrokechurch.org or by phone: 485-9639 and let her know. You will be advised of those needing prayer. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, and wants to be included on the list, please contact the church office, also.

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 Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**July**), Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (August) and Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (September).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Congratulations to Amanda, Marc, and Isaac Hall (and extended family) on the birth of Grace Isabella Hall on June 27th – 8 lbs 3 oz, 20.5”

The Schulte family as they travel this week to Tampa, FL for UCC General Synod 28

For God’s blessing upon all the deliberations and all the delegates, guests, and visitors at General Synod, meeting July 1-5 (follow the Synod at www.ucc.org/synod/)

**Doc Greco’s daughter recovering from serious liver surgery
Athena Petrin’s younger brother (and others) struggling with addictions**

Work Camp (for its success, for more youth workers, for the neighbors whose homes we will work on, for finding a Praise Band)

Ruth Hill - in Merrimack County Nursing Home – Rm # 2106

Dave Bibbins – recovering from knee surgery

Shirley Whittemore – recovering from orthopedic surgery

Evelyn Hoyt (Barbara Matava’s sister-in-law) – colon cancer

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

Mary Louise Grandmaison's brother-in-law Bob – thanks for the prayers.

Has made it through the chemo and is gaining weight

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

Mission Possible VBS 2011

We are trying to get as many members of our church family involved in the Work Camp as possible. This year, we are offering a day camp for the children of our church and community!

This day camp will be held during the week of work camp (August 8-12) at our church.

The camp will be held from 9am to 3pm.

We want to offer a place for the children of the work campers while the parents are at the sites. We want to offer the children a way to be involved in this wonderful work camp experience.

I will be doing the organizing and planning. All I need now are volunteers to help with the kids!

I am not looking for a full week commitment (although this would be welcomed!). Even if you are only able to give a half day, a day or two, we can use you!

If you have a specific activity you would like to do with the kids, we can plan it together and come up with a time that works for everyone! Activities can include, but are not limited to: t-shirt dying, art projects, outdoor activities, cooking projects, etc.

We can use as many people as possible so please let me know when you are available!

Thanks!

Abby Morrison
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Major Retailers Want To Give Our Church Money!

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for the church. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JC Penney, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*...
- Our church gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

Contact Marc Herring at church or via email mherring@imarcinc.com to get more details. You can also go to www.shopwithscrip.com and create a user name so that you can order your scrip cards and read more about the program.

The Pembroke Congregational Church scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support.

