

Would we know that the major chords were sweet, if there were no minor key?  
 Would we know the meaning of happiness, would we feel the day was bright?  
 If we had never known what it was to grieve, nor gazed the dark of night?  
 Many people owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

-- Charles H. Spurgeon



### We Gather to Praise God

\* indicates those who are able may stand



PRELUDE *Through Adam's Fall We are All Corrupted* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS



\* CALL TO WORSHIP *spoken responsively*

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**People: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

Leader: It is in vain that you rise early and go late to rest,

**People: Eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

*Psalm 127:1-2*

\* OPENING HYMN #700 *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

\* 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 (unison)*

**Ever carry God, the source of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, have compassion on our weakness and mercifully give us those which we dare not, and for our blindness, we**

**cannot ask, but through the worthiness of Your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**



### We Listen for God's Word



ANTHEM

*Lead Me, Lord*

Samuel S. Wesley

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Weeds"



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



\* HYMN #346

*Where He Leads Me*

At this time children depart for their summer program

PSALTER READING

Psalm 139: 1-12

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SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8: 12-25

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 24-30

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HOMILY

"Judgment"

Rev. Swanson

### 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*

\* CLOSING HYMN #95 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

\* 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.**

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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

Bulletin cover courtesy of Athena Petrin.

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

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*Where Neighbors Meet*

**July 17, 2011**

**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. Welcome to The Rev. Robert Swanson who is preaching again today. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Alan Gibbs read the scripture. Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill, and Dean Hopps served as ushers.

### SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR JULY ...

**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!**

**PIANO LESSONS** – Mircea is teaching on Tuesdays from 10am-6pm through the summer and has room for one or two students. If interested, please call him at 391-2372.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun., July 17 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
10:20am Summer Sunday School

Mon., July 18 6:30pm Christian Education Committee

Tues., July 19 7pm Trustees

Wed., July 20 6pm BSA – PH

Thurs., July 21 6pm “AA” Group – MR  
7pm Diaconate

Sat., July 23 8:30am Yoga

Sun., July 24 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship (Outside Chapel, weather permitting)  
10:20am Summer Sunday School

Wed., July 27 6pm BSA – PH

Thurs., July 28 6pm “AA” Group – MR

Sat., July 30 8:30am Yoga

### 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:

**John Theuner – recovering from knee surgery**

**Prayers for the family and friends of Keegan Heavey - at his passing this week.**

The family of Steve Dahood - who died in the motorcycle accident  
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

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

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PRAYER CHAIN** should contact the Secretary by e-mail: [secretary@pembrokechurch.org](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:mherring@imarcinc.com) to get more details. You can also go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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.