

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME:

When Jesus came, God inhabited this world as never before. Immanuel means, "God with us." Who is the God who is with you today? Is he big enough to bear your burdens, relevant enough to help you, understanding enough to care, just enough to reverse the wrong and loving enough to draw near you with his deep embrace? All who have received Jesus into the center of their lives cry, YES. God is truly with us!

MORNING WORSHIP

Order of Worship
[* = Congregation Standing]

- Announcements
- Silent Prayer and Meditation
- * Call to WorshipPsalm 95:1, 6-7
- * Prayer Invoking the Presence and Blessing of God
- * Apostles' Creed
- * Hear Our Praises
- *Angels We Have Heard on High
- * Hymn #244..... Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
- * Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 145
- Pastoral Prayer
- Bringing our Offerings to God
- Offertory Doxology * Prayer*

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20
"Paul to the Thessalonians 7 (Paul & God - Part 2)
Pastor Ed Gross

- * Hymn #249..... O Come All Ye Faithful
- * God's Parting Blessing

Thought for the Week
"You, O God, see me and are with me."

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM	
Sunday	9:15-9:45 AM Prayer Meeting in Pastor Ed's office 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
Monday	7:00 AM Prayer Service at Pilgrim
Tuesday	5:45-7:30 AM Men's Fraternity at Church of the Living Savior 10:30-11:30 AM Bible Study at Ivy Ridge Assisted Living 1:50-3:00 PM Cook Wissahickon Christian Release Time
Wednesday	7:00 AM Prayer Service at Pilgrim 7:00 PM Terrace Street Neighborhood Group, 203 Hermit Street, 215-742-7649. 7:30 PM Small Group at Donna Templin's, 876 Manatawna Avenue, 215-483-8329. 7:30 PM Walnut Lane Neighborhood Group at Tim & Becky Wainwright's, 660 Wendover Street, 215-756-1125.
Thursday	1:00 PM Prayer Meeting at Lil Turner's 203 Hermit St
Friday	7:00 AM Prayer Service at Pilgrim
Saturday	7:15 AM Men's Prayer Time at Pilgrim 9:00 AM Women's Prayer Time at Marilyn Heywood's, 7128 Valley Avenue, 215-482-7741. 3:00 PM Outreach Support Group at Pilgrim
COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
If you know of a family or child in need of Christmas gifts this year, please contact Pastor Ed.	
The amount still needed to cover expenses for Tom Tacconelli's mission trip to South Africa is \$785. The Lord has provided 55% of his support.	
Today 1-3 PM	Luncheon and Baby Shower for Jenn Snyder
Tonight 6:30 PM	Community Night of Praise for area churches at St. Mary's on Connaroe Street
Mon., Dec. 10	7:30 PM Deacon's Meeting
Sun., Dec. 16 6 PM	Community Caroling around neighborhood and at Ivy Ridge Assisted Living. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.
Tues., Dec. 18 2-3 PM	Join us for a Christmas Party for our Cook Wissahickon CRT class. If you would like to come and could bring a refreshment, please contact Tom Tacconelli. Thanks to all who are giving gifts!
Mon., Dec. 24	Annual Christmas Candlelight Service. This is a special time of Christmas readings, music and testimonies. If you would like to take part, please tell Pastor Ed soon.

Pray for the Worldwide Spread of the Gospel

- Russia - Pray for our member Chuck Schwarz, Executive Director of the Biblical Leadership Training Coalition (BLTC) of East West Ministries International as he is now in Krasnodar and travels in Russia helping to train church leaders there. Also, pray for a recent mandate issued by the Russian government that limits foreign missionaries' visas to 3 months long.

Pray for One Another

- Pray that all Pilgrim by faith will see God in everything.
- Pray for the praise and prayer service at St Mary's as the Greater Roxborough Missional Fellowship is breaking new ground by accepting their invitation to praise Jesus in their building. Pray for Satan thus to be crushed under our feet-Romans 16:20.
- Pray for Tracy Donato who is scheduled to enter Keswick's Addiction Recovery Center at their earliest availability. Pray for his courage, peace and determination in following Jesus into and throughout his recovery from alcohol program.
- Pray for our beloved brother, Michael Bauman, who needs a Christian roommate in order to transition from Ivy Ridge and stay in our area and church fellowship. Otherwise, he will move out of the area.
- Pray for next week's caroling, for guests joining us and for the homes visited.

Weekly Devotional for the Week of 12/9/2007		
	Morning	Evening
Sunday	At Church	Psalm 16:8
Monday	Psalm 105	Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday	Psalm 106	Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday	Psalm 107	Matthew 2:1-12
Thursday	Psalm 108	Matthew 2:13-18
Friday	Psalm 109	Matthew 2:19-23
Saturday	Psalm 110	Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4; Revelation 12:1-5

Memory Verse

"I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psalm 16:8).

Date	SS Nursery	AM Worship Nursery	Greeter	Worship Elder
Today	Charlene Brock	Stephanie Booth Kenneth Sawyer	Shirley Weigand	Bill Whitlock
Dec. 16	Jenn Snyder	Geoff Brock Alex Whitlock	Debbie Konowal	Rich Yates



December 9, 2007

***To all who are spiritually weary and seeking rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whoever will come –
This church opens her doors
And offers her welcome in the name
Of the Lord Jesus***

Our Mission

Pilgrim Church exists to glorify God with other Christians through constant worship and the making of true Christian disciples of all those around us, by reaching every man, woman and child with the gospel in our section of Northwest Philadelphia and then throughout the earth.

Our Vision

Pilgrim Church is devoted to the joyful worship of God and the loving service of our neighbors, seeking to reach every man, woman and child in our area with the gospel by working with other Christians in a strategic outreach of Christ-centered deeds and gospel words that connect us with all our neighbors from every culture.

Christ, Living Head of the Church and Chief Shepherd of the Sheep

Minister: Every member of the congregation:

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