

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME:

How important is the Bible to you? That all depends on how seriously you take its claim that its words are the very words of God. Early Christians were willing to die for the truths recorded in it. More importantly, they were willing to live by those truths. Even under horrible persecution. Are you willing to do the same? If the Bible is from God, then love it, learn it, follow it. If you are sure it is not God's Word, then do us all a favor – disprove it!

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

* Glory Be to God on High

* Hymn #247..... Let's Worship and Adore Him

* Hymn #281..... What Child is This?

* How Great is Our God

Old Testament ReadingPsalm 119:89-112

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 8 (Paul & God - Part 3)

Pastor Ed Gross

* Hymn #292.....Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (stanzas 1, 4 & 5)

* God's Parting Blessing

Thought for the Week

"Dear Jesus, may no other word replace your Word in my mind."

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.
COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
If you know of a family or child in need of Christmas gifts this year, please contact Pastor Ed.	
Sun., Dec. 16 6 PM	Community Caroling around neighborhood and at Ivy Ridge Assisted Living. Bring a flashlight for singing. Please bring a snack or dessert and beverage to share afterwards.
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 7:00 PM	Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This is a special time of Christmas readings, music and testimonies. There will be time for you to give your gift to Jesus, so plan accordingly. Come and bring a friend.
Mon., Dec. 31	Since Pilgrim has no official New Year's Eve service, why not have your own party with church friends or go to one of the local churches that have a New Year's Eve service?

Pray for the Worldwide Spread of the Gospel

- Muslim World - Pray for the message of the Gospel to strongly penetrate the world of Islam through Christian Radio and television programs (especially the Jesus Film), converted expatriates returning home, tent making Christians and the reading of Scripture and Christian literature.

Pray for One Another

- Pray that all Pilgrim will love, cherish and obey the Word of God.
- Pray for tonight's caroling and our fellowship at Ivy Ridge.
- Pray for safe travels for everyone traveling during the Christmas holiday.
- Pray for all those who suffer with loneliness, depression or bad memories during the Christmas holiday.
- Pray for the Lord to bless our areas Men's and Women's ministries with growing unity and area-wide participation during the New Year.

Weekly Devotional for the Week of 12/16/2007		
	Morning	Evening
Sunday	At Church	Matthew 24:35
Monday	Psalm 111	Numbers 22
Tuesday	Psalm 112	Numbers 23
Wednesday	Psalm 113	Numbers 24
Thursday	Psalm 114	Deuteronomy 18:14-22
Friday	Psalm 115	Joshua 1:1-9
Saturday	Psalm 116	Jeremiah 23:25-40

Memory Verse

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

Date	SS Nursery	AM Worship Nursery	Greeter	Worship Elder
Today	Jenn Snyder	Geoff Brock Alex Whitlock	Debbie Konowal	Rich Yates
Dec. 23	Lynn Carlson	Jenn Snyder Tim Hause	Alexandra Whitlock	Bob Heywood

Pilgrim Church

A PCA Congregation



THE LORD SAID...SHOULD I NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT GREAT CITY? JONAH 4:11

December 16, 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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