

Our Community and Calling

Who we are and what we try to be

Christ's Command

We consider no commandment to be greater than this: "We shall love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and love our neighbors as we love ourselves."

All Pilgrims' Call

Harkening to Christ's example, we confirm this to be our call:

To be a center of hope,
A community of joy and gladness,
A family of high compassion,
And a home for healing and growth.



-All Pilgrims' By-Laws

So what does that mean?

We are a community striving to be a reflection of God's perfect love. We recognize that there are many ways to live out this calling and no one person or group gets it right all the time. We believe God is still speaking, and we try our best to listen to and follow all of God's ways.

We have a sincere but vibrant worship service and we support each other in our different spiritual journeys. We help those who need aid in our city and around the world, and partner with others in the wider community to support social and moral causes we feel strongly about. We don't try to make everyone think like us — instead, we reach out to people who already share our values and our commitment to community.

Frequently Asked Questions

About All Pilgrims

Why do you have two denominations?

Once upon a time, two churches decided to merge. First Christian Church belonged to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Pilgrim Congregational Church belonged to the United Church of Christ. As All Pilgrims Christian Church, we've kept our ties to both denominations and continued to govern ourselves through a congregational model.

Congregational model — what does that mean?

Members of our congregation run the church, not the pastors and not a hierarchy of bishops or other officials. Our lay committees focus on specific areas such as Stewardship or Hospitality. Our Coordinating Council guides the church by making overall decisions and organizing the efforts of the committees. Church members vote to fill committee and Council positions, and the pastor provides discernment and spiritual guidance.

You say you have Clusters — isn't that a cereal?

Our Clusters are more like soul food. They are smaller groups of members and non-members that assist with the worship service and provide a close community for each other. On a rotating basis, Clusters host the worship service as greeters, help with the offering and communion, provide snacks and drinks for Fellowship time, and clean up afterwards. Some Cluster members carpool to service, and we all try to be there for each other.



Rev. Nina Merkle Nestlerode

including the selection of a new pastor or team. This is an exciting time when we are rethinking our vision and our mission on Broadway—and Pastor Nina is a creative and dynamic leader for us as we plan our next chapter.

I've heard that you welcome everyone — is that true?

Yes! Anyone can join us in worship service, participate in communion, come to Fellowship time, and become a member. There are no special conditions or prior requirements to be met. We are an Open and Affirming church, and we strive to help everyone always feel comfortable within our community.



Why do you have an Interim Pastor?

Sometimes you need a fresh start to really focus on your goals. Our pastoral team saw that we were ready for a change, and they were ready to move on, too. Our interim pastor leads worship, provides spiritual guidance, and is actively helping us chart our future course,

All Pilgrims Christian Church

500 Broadway E

Seattle, WA 98102

At the corner of Broadway and Republican

Come check us out!

Worship service Sundays at 10:30am

Here's what real members have to say about All Pilgrims Christian Church:

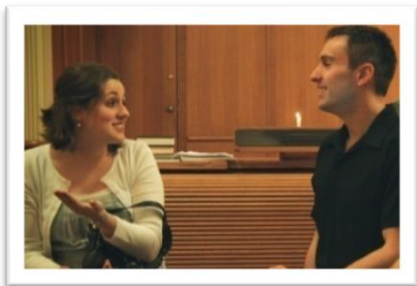


"I am drawn to return to each week's service because I am unconditionally accepted and welcomed. I feel safe here."

⚙ Terry

"(All Pilgrims) has been essential to my well-being; uplifting in hard times and inspiring in good times."

⚙ Dale



"Why I keep coming back: the music, the people, and God's presence."

⚙ Joel

"Lots of people talk about the many different faces of God. What I love about All Pilgrims is that when I'm here, I can look around and see them, and we all worship together."

⚙ Martha



Three Easy Ways

To find out more about us:

- 1 Visit us in person **Sundays at 10:30am****
Find out for yourself what we're about, all while enjoying our awesome worship service.
- 2 Give us a call at **206-322-0487****
A quick way to get good answers to your questions.
- 3 Find us online: **www.allpilgrims.org****
An excellent resource, not to mention you can explore it in your pajamas.

Need more?

Here are some alternatives:

- **Visit our MySpace page:**
www.myspace.com/allpilgrims
Friend us from your MySpace account
- **Attend an Inquirer's Class**
Learn about the church and becoming a member
Periodic throughout the year – ask the pastor
- **Get ready for our Facebook page**
Coming soon! Check our website for the link

Come check out our community!

All Pilgrims Christian Church

- A Light on the Hill for a New Day



The front of our building at Broadway & Republican

We have such a good thing going that we just can't keep it secret. Our unique community is like a brilliant lamp that can't be kept hidden — we want it to shine out for the whole world to see. We're the new pilgrims, looking to the future and planning our spiritual journeys together.

Look inside to learn about our church! ➡