

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

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Duluth, Minnesota



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The First Sunday of the New Year  
January First  
Nineteen hundred twenty-eight

## THE MORNING SERVICE

Eleven o'clock

THE ORGAN PRELUDE, "Church Processional"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

A HYMN, 585, "Standing at the portal"

(The congregation will please rise with the choir.)

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A RESPONSE

THE RESPONSIVE READING, Selection No. 2

AN ANTHEM, "Ring Out, Wild Bells"

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

THE PRAYER

A RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY, "Melody"

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A SOLO, "Open To Me the Gates"

Miss Tart

THE SERMON, "Has the Home Lost Its Halo?"

Matthew 2:11. "The young child with Mary his mother."

A HYMN, 327, "He leadeth me"

(The congregation will please rise with the choir.)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE, "Festive March"

Blackmore

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL SERVICE

Nine-fifty o'clock

### COMRADES OF THE WAY

Six-thirty o'clock

The Annual Meeting of Pilgrim Church will be held in Salter Chapel Wednesday evening January 18, 1928 at seven-thirty o'clock. The annual reports of officers will be made, the election of officers held, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

OSCAR MITCHELL,  
Chairman Board of Trustees.

## CHURCH NOTES

A good and gracious New Year to all.

Mr. Earl Larson is at the Ames Memorial organ this morning.

Mr. Ralph Page is singing in Mr. Wilson's place this morning.

The Christmas offering for Neighborhood House amounted to \$50.05.

The sermons during the month of January are to be based upon the Gospel of Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Crosby's (Ellen Tolonen) chiefest Christmas present was little Miss Crosby.

Copies of the Christmas number of Pilgrim News will be available at the door for those who did not receive them last Sunday.

The nominating committee will gladly receive suggestions from every member of the Church touching the matters they have in hand.

The ministers have deeply appreciated all the Christmas greetings which have found their way into the parsonage and into the directorage.

Attendants upon the services of Pilgrim Church who would like to have a package of weekly offering envelopes have only to speak to Mrs. Grawn.

David Averill Knapp, born August 22, 1926, the son of Frank Norris and Lula Crosier Knapp, was baptized at the Christmas morning service last Sunday.

Officers of the various Church organizations should take note that reports are expected at the Annual Meeting January eighteenth. These reports should be brief and beautiful.

Weekly offering envelopes have gone into the parish during the past week by way of the mails and Pilgrim Boy Scouts. If yours failed to arrive in either of these ways, the information should be sent to the office.

During the past two weeks the Boy Scouts delivered many of the offering envelopes. This task was the troop's Good Turn for December. Thursday the boys hiked from the Woodland car line to the Scott cabin on Howard-Gnesen Road.

Members of the Church are asked to hold Wednesday evening January 18th in reserve for the Annual Meeting. Dinner (fifty cents) will be served at six-fifteen. Reservation slips will be sent out January ninth. Lists close January sixteenth.

The nominating committee is made up of the following: H. C. Manley, Mrs. L. M. Bergford, Mrs. R. M. Funck, P. F. Heimick, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, J. A. Kerr and E. L. Kimball. This committee will report Wednesday evening, January 18, 1928.

A Gospel of Matthew was despatched to every family in the Church last Thursday with the suggestion that a chapter be read each day during January. On a table in the vestibule this morning will be found a number of extra copies which are to be taken by those who want them.

Pilgrim Church has a reputation for coming to its Annual Meeting with all its financial obligations discharged. The Trustees and the Treasurer want to maintain that reputation. The only way to maintain it is to have the supply of moneys in the Treasurer's hands ample enough to satisfy all obligations. The only way to have the supply of moneys in the Treasurer's hands ample enough is for every member in any sort of arrears to reckon with the utter helplessness of a well-intentioned Treasurer apart from the help they themselves are able to render.

A class for mothers will hold its first session next Sunday at ten-twenty. The class will continue through January, February and March. During January Dr. Benjamin F. Davis will discuss with the class "The Physical Needs of the Child." During February Dr. Elderkin will lead the class, using as a subject, "What Kind of Religion Shall We Teach Our Children?" The class offers an opportunity for mothers to receive real help in the problems of childhood. It provides a means for the sharing of valuable experiences one with another. It may even suggest answers to a few of the countless questions that children ask.

A year ago the Church elected a special committee to overhaul the constitution of the Church, ordering it to make such changes as would reflect present procedure. The committee named consisted of Mr. Albert Baldwin, Mr. H. I. Pinneo and the minister. During its sittings the committee consulted with various members of the church, especially with Mr. W. W. McMillan and Mr. E. L. Kimball, besides holding four open sessions in the early Spring. The report it proposes to submit to the Annual Meeting for action is printed in today's bulletin. It urges a careful reading and in the event of disapproval consultation with some member of the committee.

#### WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Assembly will be held in Salter Chapel after the one o'clock luncheon in charge of the Winter Group, Wednesday, January fourth.

Annual reports from supervisors and officers will be heard. The new officers will be installed during the meeting.

Supervisors are expected to report by Tuesday morning either to Mrs. Weaver or to the church office the number of those who expect to attend.

#### EBY GRANT GRIDLEY 1878—1927

Eby Grant Gridley was born December 7, 1878, in Towanda, Pennsylvania. In 1885 as a lad of seven he came to Duluth with his parents. When he was twelve years old he united with Pilgrim Church. And for thirty-seven years his membership has been here. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1901. In 1918 he married Miss Rose Andrews, who, with two sons and two daughters, survives him. He died Christmas night at Pasadena, California. The service was held December twenty-eight.

### The Proposed New CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting January 18, 1928.

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Article I—Name

The name of this church shall be Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth.

##### Article II—Government

**Section 1.** The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it, whose vote is final. It is amenable to no other ecclesiastical body. It cherishes the hope that its members may be united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in their purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to them.

**Section 2.** This church, while it controls its own affairs according to its understanding of God's Word, yet recognizes the privilege of the communion of churches, by seeking and extending that fellowship, sympathy, advice and cooperation which the law of Christ demands.

##### Article III—Membership

**Section 1.** All persons desiring to unite with this church, either upon confession of faith or by letter from other evangelical churches, shall express such desire ordinarily by meeting with the Standing Committee which shall report its findings, if favorable, to the church.

**Section 2.** After being approved by a majority vote of those present and voting at a regular meeting, they shall be received into membership by entering into covenant publicly at a stated meeting of the church.

**Section 3.** Letters of dismissal and recommendation to evangelical churches shall be given to all members in good and regular standing who shall make such request therefor in writing. Members who remove their residence beyond the reach of this church are expected to transfer their membership to some other church as soon as practicable.

**Section 4.** Other dismissals shall originate with the Standing Committee and shall be approved by the church. It is understood that the church may in any particular case arrange for other methods of procedure.

##### Article IV—Officers

**Section 1.** The officers of this church shall be a Minister, a Director of Religious Education, four or more Deacons, five Trustees, a Clerk, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer; the Deacons to be elected for a term of three years; the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer to be elected annually; and the Trustees so elected that two shall go out of office the first year, two the second, and one the third.

**Section 2.** All officers shall be members of the church and shall be elected by ballot. All elections shall be determined by a vote of the majority of the members of the church over sixteen years of age present and voting. All officers except the Minister and the Director of Religious Education shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed.

**Section 3.** The Minister, who as soon as practicable, shall become a member of the church, shall have control of the pulpit and the exercises of public worship; shall preach the Word, and

have the spiritual oversight of the congregation; shall administer the sacraments; and shall, ordinarily, act as moderator in the meetings of the church.

In calling a Minister, he shall be chosen by a majority vote of the membership of the church over sixteen years of age, present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose by the Board of Trustees or upon the written request of ten members of the church. Notice of said meeting shall be given at least one week in advance from the pulpit or by printed announcement in at least one of the daily papers published in the city of Duluth.

The Minister of this church shall be either installed or recognized, as the Trustees and the Minister shall determine.

Section 4. The Director of Religious Education, who as soon as practicable, shall become a member of the church, shall have general supervision of the work of religious education among the children and young people of the church. He shall be general superintendent of the Church School.

In calling a Director of Religious Education, the Committee on Religious Education shall recommend by a majority vote of all members of the committee the person to be called. This recommendation shall then be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval, and by them presented to a regular meeting of the church or to one duly called for that purpose.

Section 5. The Deacons shall aid the Minister in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, provide the communion table, have charge of the gathering and disbursement of the Deacons' Fund, and assist the Minister generally in the spiritual care of the congregation.

The Deacons shall ordinarily meet monthly at the call of the senior Deacon, or in his absence at the call of the Minister of the church.

Section 6. The Trustees shall see that they are legally incorporated according to the laws of the State; shall hold the property of the church; shall cause to be prepared and presented to the church an annual budget, and shall superintend the raising of funds to meet the same. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer property without a specific vote of authority by the church.

They shall in the absence of the Minister or a stated supply, provide a temporary supply for the pulpit.

They shall present a report at the annual meeting of the church, with such suggestions touching its affairs for the ensuing year as they deem advisable.

Section 7. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of all business meetings of the church and shall submit the same for revision and correction at each meeting preparatory to the Communion, and attend all meetings of the Standing Committee. He shall keep a register of the church members, with the date of their reception and of their removal, and a record of all baptisms. He shall issue letters of dismissal voted by the church, keep on file all correspondence, all written official reports, and all other valuable papers of the church; and shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the church.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the church and shall disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the church.

The Assistant Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer shall perform the duties of said Treasurer.

#### Article V—Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committee shall consist of the minister, the deacons, and four women members of the church. The women members of the Standing Committee shall be chosen annually by the church.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to meet with all those desiring to unite with the church either upon confession of faith or by letter.

Section 2. The Committee on Religious Education shall be constituted as follows: six members so elected by the church that the terms of two shall expire each year; the secretary and the treasurer of the Department, each of whom shall be chosen by the Committee of Religious Education; one representative from and elected by the Board of Deacons, one representative from and elected by the Women's Assembly; and the Minister of the church. The Committee shall hold monthly meetings at the call of the chairman, or in his absence at the call of the Director.

The committee is the executive committee of the Department of Religious Education, and as such shall be responsible for the leadership of the various young people's organizations in the church.

#### Article VI—Services and Meetings

Section 1. The Sunday services of the church shall be held at such hours as the church may determine.

Services on other days shall also be held at such times as the church may determine.

Special services may be held at such times as the minister and the deacons may determine.

Such meetings together with the annual meeting and the meetings preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, shall be understood to be "regular meetings" of the church.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the church shall be held on the third Wednesday in January, when the annual reports shall be rendered and the regular elections held.

Section 3. Business may be transacted at any regular meeting of the church, or at a special meeting called from the pulpit on the preceding Sunday, by the Trustees of the church, or on the written request of ten adult members of the church.

#### Article VII—Ordinances

The Lord's Supper shall, ordinarily, be celebrated on the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, and shall be preceded by a preparatory service on the Wednesday evening preceding. The Lord's Supper may be celebrated at such other times as the Standing Committee shall determine.

#### Article VIII—Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of which due notice shall be given on the preceding Sunday. The proposed alterations must be posted in a conspicuous place in the church building for four consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting at which the proposed alterations or amendments are to be acted upon. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting is necessary to alter or amend.

#### BY-LAWS

##### Article A—Committees

1. The Committee on Special Benevolences shall be composed of the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, one

representative from and elected by the Women's Assembly, the superintendent of missionary education in the Church School, one representative from and elected by the Board of Deacons, one representative from and elected by the Board of Trustees, the Director of Religious Education, and the Minister of the church.

It shall be the duty of this committee to pass upon all requests for the privilege of making special appeals to the church for benevolences other than those already provided for in the budget. This committee shall determine what special appeals shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their action.

2. **The Lookout Committee** shall visit the sick and needy and make their condition known to the Minister and Deacons.

3. **The Music Committee** shall have charge of the music of the church. It shall determine the personnel of the choir and have general disposition of funds allotted for music by the Board of Trustees.

4. **The Hospitality Committee** shall see that new members of the church and new people in the parish are made welcome.

5. The Lookout, Music and Hospitality Committees shall ordinarily be composed of not more than five members each, and shall be elected at the annual meeting in the same manner as the officers.

6. **The Nominating Committee**, which shall consist of seven adult members of the church, shall present to the Annual Meeting the names of one or more candidates for each of the offices and committees to be filled by election at such meeting.

This committee shall be selected in the following manner: at least six weeks before the annual meeting, the Board of Deacons shall name three adult members of the church as a committee to nominate the Nominating Committee above mentioned.

The committee of three shall report its nominations to a regular meeting of the church, at least four weeks prior to the annual meeting, at which time the church shall, by majority vote, select the Nominating Committee, adopting or rejecting, in whole or in part, as it may see fit, the nominations of the committee of three.

#### Article B—The Sunday School

The superintendent of each Department of the Sunday School shall be chosen by the Director with the advice of the Committee on Religious Education. Each superintendent shall with the assistance of the Director choose the necessary teachers and officers for his or her Department. The regular sessions of the Sunday School shall be held as designated by the church.

#### Article C—New Members

Candidates for admission to this church shall ordinarily have their names pronounced at a service preceding their reception.

#### Article D—Absent Members

Members living away from Duluth should report to the church at least once every twelve months to maintain their good standing; however, their standing shall not be impaired by failure to so report if they furnish a reason satisfactory to the Standing Committee.

#### Article E—Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or duly called special meeting of the church, provided that any such proposed change shall be printed in the bulletin or announced from the pulpit on the Sunday preceding such meeting. They may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting.

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