

**PLEASANT ST. KIDS** - We would love to help your children become devoted followers of Christ! Check in and get a name tag at the kids cart in the fellowship hall before service.

- **NURSERY** - (Babies-Age 3) during the service for Bible stories, music, play, and more!
  - **KIDSTREET** - (Age 4-2nd Grade) dismissed before sermon for a Bible story, craft / activity, music and more!
  - **ECHO** - (3rd-5th Grade) dismissed after the sermon for 10 minutes of connection (except the last Sunday of the month).
- \* All ages are welcome for the duration of the service. There is always space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out. \*
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** - On 5th Sundays we will hold a family service where we all worship in the sanctuary together during the duration of the service. We will now be offering nursery during these services.

### **COUNCIL UPDATE**

**ELDER & DEACON PASTORATES** - The new elder and deacon pastorate assignments were chosen at the Jan. 13th Council meeting:

#### **DEACONS:**

**Brian St. Denis**, Chair; **Steve Fortna**, Secretary; **Cathy Greene & Jodi Woudenberg**, Tuition Aid; **Beth Bol & Karyn Schneider**, Faith Promise; and **Taryn Flagg**, NAC Liaison.

\*Jodi Woudenberg will remain as Treasurer.

#### **COUNCIL:**

**Tom Cooper**, Chair; **Matthew Burns**, Vice-Chair; **Mike Anema**, Clerk; and **Thalia Towle**, Treasurer.

### **CARE — Come Alongside Others**

**THANK YOU** - Thanks so much for your meals, thoughts, prayers, visits, and help at this difficult time in our lives. We can't thank you enough; it is much appreciated! -Jack, Faye & Jackson Altieri

**THANK YOU** - Fr. Borkowski of St. Patrick Parish acknowledges our generous \$1000 donation towards the John 21 Community Breakfast ministry.

### **SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GREETING, COFFEE, & SECURITY** If interested you may email the church: [churchoffice@psrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@psrc.org) for more info or to sign up!

**THE FAIRWOODS BOARD** - Seeking 3 new board members who are dedicated to supporting and seeing Fairwoods continue to be a special place for Christian recreation and community building. Any questions, please contact Josh Van Eck at [Joshuaavaneck@gmail.com](mailto:Joshuaavaneck@gmail.com).

**REBUILD 2026** - Join us for a brief information meeting about our Vermont Service Project right after worship on January 25, under the balcony. We will go over some information about our worksites, share questions and meet others who hope to come.

### **REACH OUT — Connect with our Community**

**2026 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES @ FAIRLAWN CRC** - You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning Jan. 19th, ending Jan. 30th. The lectures will stream via live feed from Calvin University from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activities Room. If you are interested in sponsoring a January Series lecture, please call Ellen Stahl at (508) 234-2349 for more details.

**A MIDWINTER'S HYMN SING** - Sunday, January 25 at 4pm. Join us for a hymn sing with Gordon College Director of Chapel Worship, Bill Mooney-McCoy. Enjoy a soup potluck dinner in the fellowship hall following the hymn sing.

**ACTIVE AGERS HEALTH FAIR** - Plummer Place (Northbridge Senior Center) on Wednesday, Feb 25 from 12:30-2:30pm. (Snow Date Thurs., 2/26). Sign up or call (508) 234-2002 to attend. Fee \$5. Come and find out about local health support organizations.

**WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK** - Meets on Tuesday at 9:30am and every week in the fellowship hall. The group is studying "Prayer: Lord Teach us to Pray." All women are welcome! Bring your pre-school children along. Childcare is provided.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Will be taking a break in meeting through January. The study will reconvene starting on Monday, February 2 at 9:30am and every week to follow. All women are welcome!

#### **Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?**

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns; [matthew@psrc.org](mailto:matthew@psrc.org)

Children Ministries: Kate Martinka; [kate@psrc.org](mailto:kate@psrc.org)

Worship Leader: Steve Martinka; [steve@psrc.org](mailto:steve@psrc.org)

Finance: Sadie Perkins; [finance@psrc.org](mailto:finance@psrc.org)

Office: Colleen King; [churchoffice@psrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@psrc.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm / 508-234-5268

#### **Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:**

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Taryn Flagg

Bs-Eo — Elder Scott Schneider & Deacon Karyn Schneider

Ep-HI — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Beth Bol

Hm-Mc — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Steve Fortna

Md-S — Elder Dexter Greene & Deacon Cathy Greene

T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

# WELCOME

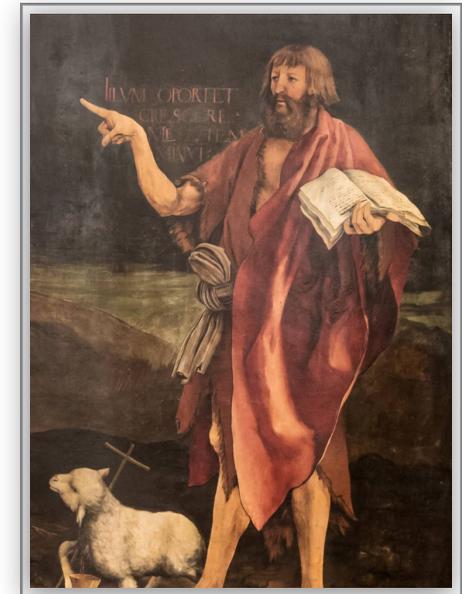
**We're so glad you've joined us!**

*Sunday, January 18, 2026, 9:30 am*

Epiphany

"Pointing to the Lamb"

Text: John 1:29-42



If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries. Welcome, we are so glad that you are here.

### **LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK**

S	6-8p	HS Youth Group
M		MLK Jr. Holiday (church office closed)
	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
Tu	9:30a	Coffee Break
W	6:15p	Midweek
	6:30p	Prayer Group
Th	7:30a	Men's Bible Study

### Prayer of Preparation

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## GATHER

*Welcome*

### Call To Worship

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you, from God the Father  
and from his Son, Jesus Christ.

Give thanks to the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Call on his name; make known among the nations  
what he has done.

**He remembers his covenant forever, the word  
he has commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Glory in his name!

**Praise the Lord!**

SONG: Agnus Dei/House Of The Lord

## RENEWAL

### Call to Confession Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me  
and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy  
pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a  
rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of  
praise to our God.**

Many will see and fear the Lord and put their  
trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the  
Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those  
who turn aside to false gods.

**Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you  
have done, the things you planned for us.**

None can compare with you; were I to speak and  
tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

**Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but  
my ears you have opened— burnt offerings  
and sin offerings you did not require.**

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is  
written about me in the scroll.

**I desire to do your will, my God; your law is  
within my heart."**

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;

I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know.

**I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;**

**I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.**

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness  
from the great assembly.

**Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;  
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.**

For troubles without number surround me; my  
sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They  
are more than the hairs of my head, and my  
heart fails within me.

**Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly,  
Lord, to help me.**

May all who want to take my life be put to shame  
and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be  
turned back in disgrace. May those who say to  
me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.

**But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who long for your saving help always say,  
"The Lord is great!"**

But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
may the Lord think of me.

**You are my help and my deliverer; you are my  
God, do not delay.**

### Silent Confession

#### Words Of Assurance

God is Merciful; Full of unfailing Love & Faithfulness.

The Lord hears our cries and rescues us from our sinfulness.

Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**To God Be all Glory and Praise!**

SONG: Glory To God (Ere Zij God)

*Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: How Great Is Our God /Doxology

### Passing The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### KidStreet Dismissal

**[ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]**

## WORD

### Congregational Prayer

*Scripture reading:* John 1: 29-42

*Sermon* Pointing to the Lamb

## SEND

### ECHO Dismissal

**[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]**

SONG: Build My Life

### Apostles' Creed

### Benediction

SONG: Praise To The Lord

***Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord, Jesus Christ!***