

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.

CADET SUNDAY - This morning we celebrate Cadet Sunday and welcome all Cadets and their counselors and families to worship! The Fairlawn and Pleasant Street churches support a shared scouting club of the Calvinist Cadet Corp, an independent youth organization in the Reformed tradition. Our club meets Wednesday evenings during Midweek for boys in grades 1 through 6; this season we have over 30 boys from multiple churches attending! The goal of Cadets is to help boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. To learn more, visit our display table with Cadet information, projects, and items in the Fellowship Hall today.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please join us as we pray for Don Godeke. Don had a fall at home resulting in a broken Femur as well as a partial hip replacement procedure. Please join us in praying for Don & Judy as they navigate healing options from here, and for peace for Don.

Also please pray for Minnie Wiersma is in the hospital this week as she is recovering from pneumonia. Please pray for her full recovery.

WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK - Group will meet this **Tuesday, February 24th at 9:30am** in the fellowship hall. The group will continue the study in Lesson 2: "A Call to Holy Conduct". All women are welcome! Bring your pre-school children along. Childcare is provided.

WED LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

The NAC is hosting their annual pulpit exchange services at **6:30pm**:

Feb 25: at Pleasant St. CRC- Rev. Dan Vos (FCRC)

Mar 4: at Blackstone Valley UMC- Rev. Ethan Drutchas (VCC)

Mar 11: at St. Peter's Parish- Rev. Matthew Burns (PSCRC)

Mar 18: at Village Congregational- Fr. Michael Lavallee (St. Peter's)

Mar 25: at Fairlawn CRC- Mr. Mark Widner (UPCW)

Apr 1: at United Presbyterian Church- Rev. Kim Manion (BVUMC)

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.

JOHN 21 BREAKFAST - The Pleasant Street team will be serving at the John 21 breakfast on **Saturday 2/28/26**. Please sign up by contacting Cathy Greene at 508-431-2974 if you plan to volunteer.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Winter Shelter at St. Patrick's Church

Seeking volunteers to staff two shifts: 9PM-2AM & 2AM-7AM. The shelter is in the Parish Center of St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville on East Street. If interested, please contact John Lapointe at 508-254-3974. or email bv.emergency.shelter@gmail.com.

WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEEDS SUBSTITUTE

TEACHERS - All grade levels. As-needed, paid position. Support our teachers by following prepared lesson plans and providing a caring, Christ-centered classroom environment. Prior classroom experience is helpful but not required; we will provide guidance and support. School hours are approx. 7:50 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. If interested, please have them contact Lori Ensom at 508-372-3260 or lensom@whitinsvillechristian.org

THE FAIRWOODS BOARD - Seeking 2 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.

2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS - The reports are available through Realm. Please use the dates 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025 (and then press filter) to generate your report. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Sadie at finance@psrcr.org.

Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:

A-Bt — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Taryn Flagg

Bu-Fz — Elder Scott Schneider & Deacon Karyn Schneider

G-Kt — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Beth Bol

Ku-Nz — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Steve Fortna

O-Tq — Elder Dexter Greene & Deacon Cathy Greene

Tr-Z — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us!

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 9:30 am

Series: The Way of the Cross

"The Way to Be Great"

Text: Matthew 18:1-14



If you have been worshiping 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

LENT ~ February 18 through April 2

S		Cadet Sunday
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	9:30a	Coffee Break
	7:00p	Executive Team
W	6:15p	Mid-Week
	6:30p	Lenten Service @ Pleasant St.
	6:30p	Prayer Group
Th	7:30a	Men's Bible Study

Prayer of Preparation

Gracious and Faithful God, who sees that we have no health or strength within us; as we walk the Lenten path to the Cross, we ask O Lord, that you would protect, guide and keep us body and soul; so that we may be defended from all adversity which threatens our body and assaults our soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome

Call To Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness.

Jesus calls us to take up the cross and follow.

We come trusting God's promise.

Those who lose their life for Christ's sake will find it.

We come to worship, to listen, and to follow.

The time is fulfilled.

The kingdom of God has come near.

We come to repent, believe, and walk with Christ.

SONG: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer of Adoration

SONG: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

SONG: Shepherd Me, O God

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
the world you love is aching.
We grieve wars that do not end,
violence that multiplies,
the hungry who are not fed,
and the vulnerable who are not protected.
We lament the divisions that wound your church,

the anger that poisons our common life,
and the loneliness so many carry in silence.
We bring you our weariness,
our fears for the future,
and the griefs we carry in our hearts.

Hear our cries, O God.

Do not turn away from our sorrow.

SONG: Shepherd Me, O God

Merciful Lord, we confess to you that
our sins add to the brokenness of the world.
In our pride we have spurned your love and
taken credit for your gifts.

We think of ourselves as great when we are small;

We can see everyone's sins except our own.

We are like sheep who have gone astray.

Forgive the sins we know, the sins we excuse,
and the sins we barely notice.

- Silence -

Merciful God, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost.
Gather us to yourself now, as a fold of sheep,
who once were lost but you have found.
AMEN.

SONG: Shepherd Me, O God

Words Of Assurance

Sisters and Brothers hear God's healing and reconciling
good news:

**All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God.
And the Lord has placed on his servant the sins of all of us.**
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the
forgiving love of God for you.

**Anchor us in your love, O Lord, that we might stand firm in
our faith and follow you in all joy and obedience. Give us
humility, patience and discipline; help us to die to sin and live
for Jesus. AMEN.**

SONG: Come, Thou Fount

Responding in Gratitude - Living for Jesus

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous;
be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
(NIV)

SONG: Living for Jesus

Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

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

SONG: How Firm a Foundation

Scripture reading: Matthew 18: 1-14

Sermon "The Way to Be Great"

SONG: Eat This Bread (818)

COMMUNION

Prayer Of Thanksgiving + LORD's Prayer

SEND

Benediction

SONG: Lift High the Cross

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