

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.

We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday of Lent, so ECHO won't be held during Lent. It will resume after Easter.

WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY: The annual meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 26th at 7:30pm** at Pleasant Street CRC. Please consider joining/continuing your membership this year in support of this important ministry. Extra copies of the letter, agenda, and membership form can be found on a table in the narthex.

EASTER FOOD CARDS! - On behalf of the NAC, the deacons will be collecting and distributing food gift cards to 40 families in our community. Please pick up a "tag" on the table in the Fellowship Hall, and return the food gift card **on or before Palm Sunday (March 22)**. Feel free to put the card inside an Easter greeting card, or place in an envelope with the family # clearly marked. We will distribute the cards after the Palm Sunday morning service. Thank you!

WED LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE at 6:30pm:

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)

ReTREADS - An adult study group for all ages, will be diving deep into the Lenten sermons over the next few weeks. We will continue to meet for two more sessions on **March 21, and April 4**. You will receive a transcript of the sermons and a link to watch them on youtube if you prefer. If you are interested, you can talk to Tom or Sue Cooper or email Sue at suejcoop@gmail.com. ReTreads meets **Saturday evening, 7pm** at the Coopers. Come join us as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

DECORATION - THE ROSE ROOM: We are beginning the process of outfitting the Rose Room and are seeking someone to help with furniture selection, layout, and decorating. If you love to decorate and are interested in helping, please reach out by email to Thalia Towle at: tsktowle@gmail.com. Thank you!

WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK - Group will not be meeting **Tuesday, March 17th due to the WCS school spring break**. Join us the following Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. The group will continue the study in 1 & 2 Peter (A Living Hope in Trials) Lesson 4: Suffering for Doing Good. All women are welcome! Bring your pre-school children along. Childcare is provided.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - ATTENTION: The group will not be meeting again until further notice. More specific updates on the start up date will be available in the coming weeks.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Winifred "Babe" Nydam's birthday on March 20th

*Mike Beinema's birthday on March 22nd

Karen Masso's birthday on March 23rd

*Mike Masso's birthday on April 7th

*Sandy Frieswick's birthday on April 10th

*Scott & Hanne Larson's anniversary on April 4th

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

Prayer Update - John Wiersma would like to share a testimony of healing from the many prayers from Pleasant St. CRC.

"In mid-September last year, my right eye retina detached while jogging. Five surgeries secured it. Medications at the end ruined the cornea's endothelium, causing the ciliary body to stop working. The ciliary body maintains eye pressure, while the cornea can be replaced. After four months of prayer and two eye medications, the ciliary body recovered, and eye pressure normalized. I'll likely have a partial cornea and lens replacement in May, restoring most of my eyesight."

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. -Psalm 139:14

Prayer Update - Minnie Wiersma has moved out of rehab and back to the Whitinsville Retirement home.

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, March 15, 2026, 9:30 am

Series: The Way of the Cross

"Envious?"

Text: Matthew 20:1-16



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

LENT ~ February 18 through April 2

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery

W 6:30p Prayer Group

Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, grant us your Spirit that we may know our hearts, our lives, and our inmost thoughts as you know them. Grant us your grace that we may repent sincerely of all sin. May the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in his redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GATHER

Welcome

Call To Worship from Psalm 103

We've gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.

SONG: Ten Thousand Reasons

Prayer of St. Patrick

I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial, through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me.

SONG: The Prayer Of St. Patrick

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Gracious Father, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

Forgive us.

When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.

Forgive us.

When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Forgive us.

When we praise You with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

Forgive us, Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession

Words Of Assurance

Hear the good news! By Jesus' blood, We have redemption and salvation. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

We are forgiven, and born again by grace and grace alone. Amen.

SONG: Nothing But The Blood

Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: My Labour Is Not In Vain

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: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

COMMUNION

SONG: Way Maker

SEND

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

SONG: This Is Amazing Grace

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