

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.

NAC BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES! The Deacons are collecting backpacks & school supplies for Northbridge Public Schools students in grades K-12. **Deadline: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16.** Donate items in the large plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall near the coat hangers. Thanks!

FINANCIAL UPDATE - 2ND QTR 2026

Gen'l Fund-Q2	6/30/26
Total Revenues	\$231,802.27
Total Expenses	\$284,998.26
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$53,196.01)

Budget Requirement for Receipts as of June 2026 - \$284,134.98
The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund. Thank You for your continued support.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE - Many thanks to the prayers for Will Banning’s recovery from pneumonia. He was discharged back home from the Beaumont Rehab & Nursing Center in Westborough.

CONNECTIONS MONTH
Join us in filling volunteer needs and registering to attend activities and events. Please see the connection corner for registration forms, volunteers forms, and more info about where you can get involved.
Additional info will be added each week.

Volunteer need(s):
Coffee Ministry offers hospitality to the congregation and visitors after Sunday service. The coffee set up teams are composed of two volunteers (friends, couples) each week.
Greeters Ministry offers visitors and members a warm greeting as people enter the fellowship hall. Also, provides new visitors information.
Tech Team Ministry provides help during our worship services with: *Presentation Slides:* Advances the worship lyrics, scripture, and announcements during the service from the computer.
Livestream Camera: Operates the camera to help share our worship service with those joining online.
- No experience? No problem! We provide all necessary training. -

SENIOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - Join us on **Wed., August 19th** from **9:30-11am** for coffee and donuts!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY - **Thursdays, beginning September 10th at 7:30am!** New members are always welcome as we begin our new season studying God’s Word. Our first meeting will be a study on the book of Romans from the Discover Your Bible series at Faith Alive Christian Resources in Grand Rapids as we enter the Fall seasons. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Hal Blaue or Jack Crawford for further details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GLOW GAMES NIGHT - Middle schoolers and their families are invited for pizza, fellowship, campfire, games, and glow sticks at Fairwoods on **Friday, August 28th**, from **6-9pm**. Parents and guardians, please plan to stay for this event. **RSVP Mark True at: MSyouth@pscrc.org** so we know you are coming!

FAIRWOODS ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ - This year’s chicken bbq fundraiser will be **Saturday, August 29th**. Dinner is **5-7pm** (or until we run out). Cost: \$17 for a half chicken; \$13 for a quarter chicken. Kids under 5 eat free. Dinner also includes: salad, corn, rolls, baked potato and desert. All are welcome! Cash | Check only.

EMAIL/TEXT SCAM ALERT - Some members have reported receiving texts and /or emails that impersonate Pastor Matthew in soliciting gift cards or money. Please do not respond to the sender and delete the message(s). Unfortunately many churches are a target for these types of phishing scams.

PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD POSITION
Northbridge Middle School
Salary: \$21.00 per day (regardless of weather conditions)
Days: Monday through Friday
Hours: 7:15 am to 7:45 am and 1:55 pm to 2:25 pm
Inquire about position: Please call (508) 234-8718.
email Principal Sue Palmer-Howes at spalmerhowes@nps.org
or Assistant Principal Russell Cron at rcron@nps.org.

Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?
Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns; matthew@pscrc.org
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Finance: Sadie Perkins; finance@pscrc.org
Office: Colleen King; churchoffice@pscrc.org
Hrs: M-Th: 8am-12pm | F: 8–10am | 508-234-5268

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 Brian St. Denis
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!
August 16, 2026, 9:30 am

Fruitful: Growing in Grace
1 John 1:5 - 2:6
The Fruit of the Spirit is Faithfulness



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.

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK		
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	7:00p	Tech Table Meeting
W	9:30a	Senior Coffee Fellowship
	6:30p	Prayer Group
Th	7:00p	Building Team Meeting
Sa	10:00a	CPR Training

Prayer of Preparation

Search me, God, and know my heart.
Test me and know my anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends You,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 139:1-6

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive
my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and
my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it
completely. You hem me in behind and before, and
you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee
from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are
there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far
side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast. If I say,
“Surely the darkness will hide me and the light
become night around me,” even the darkness will not
be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for
darkness is as light to you.

SONG: In Christ Alone

Psalm 139:13-18

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together
in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know
that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I

was made in the secret place, when I was woven together
in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed
body; all the days ordained for me were written in your
book before one of them came to be.

**How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast
is the sum of them! Were I to count them. they would
outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am
still with you.**

SONG: Amazing Grace(My Chains Are Gone)

RENEWAL

Call to Confession - Psalm 139:19-24

If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me,
you who are bloodthirsty! They speak of you with evil
intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate
those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in
rebellion against you? I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

**Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know
my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way
in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Holy God, We confess that we do not always love our
neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even
to the point of hatred. Forgiveness and reconciliation seems
impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in
You. We come seeking healing and wholeness.

Forgive us, Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place
you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God
cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond
death that can separate you from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are
loved. You are reconciled to God.

Thanks be to God!

Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: It Is Well With My Soul



Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ is with you.
And also with you.

KidStreet Dismissal *{age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed}*

WORD

Congregational Prayer

Scripture 1 John 1:5 - 2:6

Sermon

SEND

ECHO Dismissal *{Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed}*

SONG: Good Good Father

Apostles’ Creed

Benediction

SONG: Praise Is Rising (Hosanna)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!