

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns; matthew@pscrc.org / Children Ministries: Kate Martinka; kate@pscrc.org / Worship Leader: Steve Martinka; steve@pscrc.org / Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins; churchoffice@pscrc.org/finance@pscrc.org

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 to reflect and get to know each other, lasting 10 minutes. We don't meet on the last Sunday of each month.
- All ages are welcome to stay in the service. There is space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

FROM COUNCIL

TODAY — We will be installing Mike Anema, Tom Cooper & Steve Stinson as Elders and Brian St. Denis as Deacon. Cathy Greene and Mike O'Rourke will continue to serve as Deacons for one more year. We are thankful for the service of Elders, Sue Cooper, Dawn Lefrancois, Chuck McGrath and Deacon, Connor Kuik.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Doris Koopman in the passing of her beloved sister, Evelyn Smith in Miami, Florida. Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins this New Year: Mike Beinema, Alice Cook, Nellie De Vries, Henrietta Hoogendyk, Winifred Nydam, Ellie VanHouten and Art Wynja. Please also pray for the grieving, sick and lonely.

GRATEFUL — Healing Heart Hospitality House wants to Thank You for the very generous collection of \$781. Our God is so good to work in your hearts to help us as we help those in medical crisis in the Worcester area hospitals. God bless and thank you for the encouragement—*The HHHH Team!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

PRAYER GROUP — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm to pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—Please join us!

WANT A MAILBOX? — Our church community including pastoral staff, elders, deacons, and other ministry leaders use them frequently to convey information and offer encouragement to the congregation. We encourage you to check yours regularly! If you'd like one, please inform Sadie in the church office.

WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning next week. We will be studying *The Gift of Christmas*. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Please call Anna Bloem at 508.234.4902 with any questions.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERINGS — Our second offering next week will be for World Renew Disaster Relief Services (DRS) which specializes in long-term recovery. They focus on supporting local recovery efforts by offering knowledge and expertise, as well as hands-on services such as home construction and needs assessments—Thank You for your support!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

2025 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 20 and continuing weekdays through January 31 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Please join us!

FAIRWOODS ANNUAL MEETING — Is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 right at Fairlawn, starting at 6:30pm. Fairwoods members are encouraged to attend. The board is still seeking 3 new Board members, and can contact Brandon McGrath at 774.289.3232/Brandon.c.mcgrath@gmail.com, or Josh Van Eck at 617.756.2243/joshuaavaneck@gmail.com, with any questions.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

January 5, 2025 + 9:30am

"Jesus, Boy-Wonder"



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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: Foundation
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:15p Mid-Week
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

GATHER — Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star.
The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
The people who live in shadows see a glorious light.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel, all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
Making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel.
O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done marvelous things!

SONGS: *Come All Ye Faithful & It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions.
Eternal Light, **shine in our hearts.**
Eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil.**
Eternal Power, **be our support.**
Eternal Wisdom, **scatter the shadows of our ignorance.**
Eternal Compassion, **have mercy on us, that with heart and mind, soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought to your infinite mercy through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God’s favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son. Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: *Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *I Speak Jesus*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you!

Elder & Deacon Installation

SONG: *Holy Holy Holy*

KidStreet Dismissal - *[age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 2: 39-52 + “Jesus, Boy-Wonder”

SEND

ECHO Dismissal - *[students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

SONG: *Crown Him*

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: *Praise To the Lord (Joyful Joyful)*

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

[Sermon Notes](#)