

### Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Bandstra  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-HI — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg  
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema  
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene  
T-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

**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.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our delegates who will be attending the fall Classis (regional church) meeting October 4-5 in Ashford, CT. Pastor Matthew, Sue Cooper and Thalia Towle will be attending—pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will. Please also pray for our MISSIONARIES around the world. We pray and ask a special blessing upon the missionaries that have been called into the mission field—Father, we pray for protection over their hearts, minds, and souls. We are so grateful, this morning to have Karen Masso join us in worship and share some of her Faith Promise journey with us. Please hang around after the service as we will be serving Wrights cake with coffee, to celebrate the beginning of a successful 2024 pledge drive.

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**COFFEE BREAK RETREAT** — "Favored" is October 20 to 22 in Ashford, CT. Scholarship money is available. Even if you do not want to be there for the whole time, you could just come for Saturday with the meals being the only expense. Register at [globalcoffee.org/Events](http://globalcoffee.org/Events). See Anna Bloem for more information.

**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!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Next week will be for the MS/HS Youth Group. Thanks for your continued and generous support with this growing ministry—*The Deacons*

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**FAIRWOODS HARVEST FESTIVAL** — Returns on Saturday, October 14 and the Fairwoods board is looking for volunteers to make soups for the event. Soup examples: Seafood Chowder/Pea, Broccoli/Cheese and Ham/ Chili/ Swiss Potato Kielbasa and Cheese/Lazy Day Lasagna/Hamburger/Tortellini and Sausage/ Garlic Butternut Bisque/Chicken and Rice/Pumpkin Beef Stew/Italian Sausage and Corn/Chicken and Barley/ Ham and Corn Chowder/Midwest Chowder/Broccoli and Cheese/Vegetable Hamburger/ Taco Soup For more information, or to sign up to bring a soup, please contact Bruce Gay at [bruin5612@gmail.com](mailto:bruin5612@gmail.com) or 508.887.2836.

**TEAM PLEASANT STREET CRC** — Is raising funds for the 2023 Blackstone Valley Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 21, registration is at 8:30am at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, the walk begins at 9am and ends at the Uxbridge Town Center. We are looking to raise funds and for walkers/sponsors to help raise awareness for World Hunger. Our goal is to raise at least \$1200 this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please use the below QR code to donate.



# WELCOME

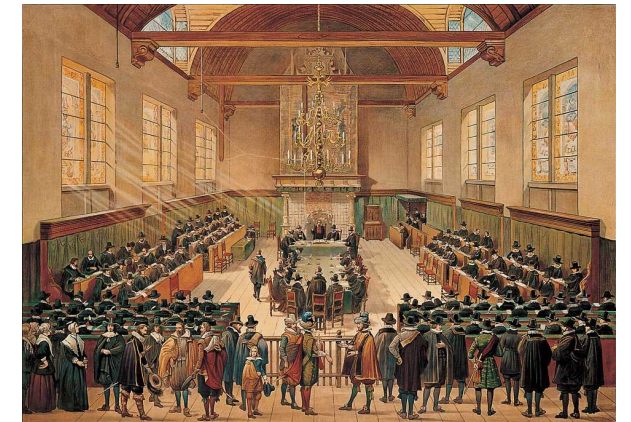
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

October 1, 2023 + 9:30am

*"God Chooses to Adopt Us for God's own Reasons"*



*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 Midweek @ PS  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room  
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation — Psalm 134*

*Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

The Lord is with you.

**And Also, with you!**

Come let us bow down in worship,

**Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker**

For he is our God.

**And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

SONGS: *Here I am to Worship*

*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

## RENEWAL

*Call to Confession*

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything that offends you and guide us through each moment of every day.

*Silent Confession*

O Lord, you have examined our hearts and know everything about us.

**You know when we sit down or stand up. You know every detail of our thoughts.**

You even know what we are going to say before we say it. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand.

**Cleanse us from our hidden faults. Save us from our sinfulness.**

*Words of Assurance*

Listen to the promise of God: *“Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them and show them my saving power.”*

**Lord, we trust in your unfailing love! We rejoice because you have rescued us. Sing praise to God, because he has been so good to us!**

Brothers and Sisters, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Trust in God’s promises, in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



*Moment of Ministry: Karen Masso*

SONG: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*Passing the Peace*

*The peace of Christ be with you*

**And also with you!**

*KidStreet Dismissal*

*[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*John 6: 35-40; Hebrews 9: 11-15, 22-28 + “Beggars, Chosen: Particular Redemption”*

*ECHO Dismissal*

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

SONG: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Apostle’s Creed*

## SEND

*Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *In Christ Alone*

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