

**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. Please pick your children up from nursery and KidStreet after the service, but students in Echo will be released to come to the fellowship hall.

- **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.

**WE WARMLY WELCOME** — This morning Dr. Suzanne McDonald, professor of Systematic Theology at Western Seminary, to preach the Word.

#### **CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our delegates who will be attending the fall Classis (regional church) meeting October 5-6 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** — to Brittany Buma and Doug Bergner who were united in marriage yesterday. *God's richest blessings to you!* 😊

#### **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*

#### **GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**ADVANCE NOTICE** — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 16. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

**HS YOUTH MINISTRY** — Real conversation, honest questions, knowing and loving God together. High School ministries at Pleasant Street are restarting and this is what's important to us. Join us for Sunday morning fellowship breakfasts (every other week) and through Sunday evening study (first one is tonight at 6pm). We'll be looking at a small study called "*Navigating Culture*" by Walt Mueller. Questions? Interested? Need a book? Contact Wendy Groot at [WWGI@charter.net](mailto:WWGI@charter.net) or Pastor Matthew at.

**YOUTH PRAYER PARTNERS** — We believe in the importance of prayer and inter-generational relationships, so we are hoping to pair every youth at Pleasant Street Church with an adult member of the church who will pray for them throughout the year. Please see Ruth Bandstra in the fellowship hall if you are interested in becoming a prayer partner. 🙏

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** — If you want to learn more about the Bible and how to read the Bible from a Jewish perspective, this is your class. This Midweek Wednesday, John Vriesema will show personal photos of his trips to Israel—we *hope you join us!*

#### **REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

**CROP WALK** — The NAC Annual Blackstone Valley CROP Walk for Hunger will be Saturday, October 22, starting with 8:30am registration at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville. This is a fundraiser, so if you cannot walk for any reason, that is OK, we are looking for donations! Any questions, reach out to Keith VandenAkker 508.735.7764.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Attendees of Whitinsville Christian School at the Willow St. location (1928 -1969) and their guest are cordially invited to a social with refreshments on Saturday, October 15 from 9-10:30am at the WCHS Library Media Center. Please RSVP by October 8 to Jennifer Talamini, at 774.437.1547 or [jtalamini@whitinsvillechristian.org](mailto:jtalamini@whitinsvillechristian.org).

**FAIRWOODS HARVEST FESTIVAL** — Returns on Saturday, October 22 and the Fairwoods board is looking for volunteers to make soups for the event. If you would like to donate a soup, please contact Bruce Gay at [bruin5612@gmail.com](mailto:bruin5612@gmail.com) or 508.887.2836.

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

October 2, 2022 + 9:30am

Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32 + "Coming Home"



PLEASANT STREET  
CHRISTIAN REFORME  
CHURCH

*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.*

#### **LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK**

Tonight 6:00p HS Youth Group Study: Foundation  
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
6:00p Women's CR Step Study: Under the Balcony  
6:30p Divorce Care: Classroom E  
6:30p Grief Share: Fellowship Hall  
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS 🙏  
6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Under the Balcony  
Th 7:00p Men's CR Step Study: Classroom E  
Sa 9:00a *Praying The Psalms*; Women's Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Create in us clean hearts, O God, Free from anxiety about the past or the future, confident in the presence of your Holy Spirit, and in your gift of peace. Cleansed by your mercy, and made strong by your love.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship—From Psalm 100*

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;**

His faithfulness continues through all generations. Come, Let us Worship the King.

SONGS: *O Worship The King*

*How Great Is Our God*

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, in you we have found our inheritance and received much more than we have ever deserved.

**Yet we squander that inheritance, choosing to spoil it rather than share it with others.**

Forgive us for the moments when we have been selfish and set our sights on our own desires instead of others' needs.

Broaden our gaze that we might live righteous lives pleasing to you.

**Greet us as the forgiving father greeted his wayward son.**

Welcome us home for we long to live within your faithfulness.

**We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.

God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,

Gathering us into the people of God.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy! **Amen.**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street;*



SONG: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*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*

*Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32 + "Coming Home"*

*ECHO Dismissal*

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

SONG: *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

**SEND**

*Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

*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: *My Lighthouse*

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

*The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.*