

### 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.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For Betsy Ryder who is healing from knee surgery in Gloucester—Ryder mailing address: 43 Riverside Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Once again please keep the world in your prayers—we pray the Lord to provide peace and hope to those who are suffering from injustice.

**CELEBRATE** — There will be cake & cookies after the service today in honor of Will Banning's 90th birthday last Friday. We hope you join us—*Kay Holm*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**PSCRC** — has always been a place that values a sense of family and the bringing together many generations. That's why several times a year our worship leaders are creating services intended to blend "kid-friendly" and "grownup-friendly" ways to worship God together. Next Sunday (after worship) we will have a Potluck gathering not only to celebrate Family Sunday, but also to celebrate our new members with a luncheon! Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert. Hot & cold drinks will be provided—we hope you join us!

**MOMS' BREAKFAST GROUP** — Come away for a morning to be fed both by good food and by fellowship with other moms who are raising children still at home. We meet at 'The Family Table' in Uxbridge on Saturdays at 7:30am. *Breakfast is provided.* Remaining dates are November 18 and December 16. If you are interested or you have questions, please contact Diana Burns at dlh21@calvinseminary.edu.

**FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS** — Please remember to put the colored tear-off tag in the offering today or any Sunday through November as a faith pledge of how much God would have you give in 2024 for local and global missionaries our church supports. You can also pledge online through the Google Form sent via email. Thanks.

**FALL SEMINAR** — We will be hosting yet another lecture series. **On Friday, November 17 at 6:30pm**, we will welcome Rev. Bonnie Gatchell co-founded Route One in Worcester, Ma., to serve women sexually exploited in strip clubs. This ministry also strives to equip the local church, and community leaders with the tools they need to understand trafficking, identify vulnerable people, and respond in the most healthy ways to those who have experienced sexual abuse. We hope you join us!

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**THE BOLTON CONFERENCE** — Will be held next Friday, 3-8:30pm, to next Saturday, 9:15-2:30pm at our church on the theme, "*Precious Fruits that Abide; Evangelism and Discipleship in New England.*" For details, to register and see a brochure, please go to BoltonConference.org.

# WELCOME

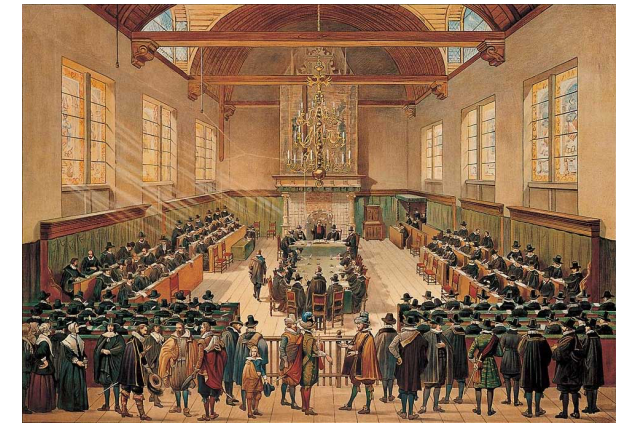
## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

October 22, 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

Today 8:30a HS Youth Breakfast: Foundation  
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room  
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation*

*O Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace and of supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from cold hearts and wandering minds, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 124, Ephesians 1*

People of God, in whom do you trust?

**Our help is the name of the Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth.**

Praise be the God and Father of our lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing!

**Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless before him in love.**

In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to God's great pleasure, to the praise of his glorious grace.

**In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.**

For this reason, we bow before the Father.

**To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations. Forever and ever.**

SONGS: *Agnus Dei*

*What a Beautiful Name*

**RENEWAL**

*Call to Confession*

We confess to you, our God, and before one another that we have sinned greatly, in thought, word, and deed.

**We have offended your holiness. We have failed to love our neighbor.**

We have followed the devices of our own hearts and have spurned the promptings of your Spirit.

**Through our own fault, we have deserved your judgment. O Lord God, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Hear the good news! 1 John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." By his grace, we have died to sin and have been raised to new life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



*Missionary Video*

SONG: *I Sought the Lord and Afterwards I Knew*

*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*

*Genesis 6:5-6; Deuteronomy 30: 1-3, 6, 9-10; Ezekiel 36: 22, 24-28; John 3: 1-5 + "Transformed By the Spirit"*

**TABLE**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

SONGS: *Behold The Lamb*

*Thank You Jesus for The Blood*

**SEND**

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Only a Holy God*

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