

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

- A-Br** — Elder Emily Fortna & Ruth Bandstra
- Bs-Eo** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan
- Ep-HI** — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Lauren McGrath
- Hm-Mc** — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Beth Bol
- Md-S** — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene
- T-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacons Connor Kuik, 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. 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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our troubled world. There is so much that we need to pray and intercede for.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL — Will be held once a month during this winter season. Our first Wednesday social will be a movie night held in the foundation. What wonderful way for fellowship amongst our members of all ages. Invite a neighbor or friend. Stay tuned for more information. 📺

FAITH PROMISE DRIVE — Pledgers may promise to donate a set amount every month, to give a single yearly donation, or a combination of these methods. Please fill out the traditional paper forms, which are located on the table by the entrance and can be placed in the offering container. To learn more about Faith Promise and our eleven missionaries, talk to any member of the Faith Promise team: *Ruth Bandstra, Beth Bol, Lauren McGrath, and Wanda VanderZee.*

CAREER TALK 2 — The second in a monthly series of career meetings for college, post-college, new professional, and working young adults coming together with panel members from various fields and levels of experience. An evening of dessert, conversation, and networking. Join us **next Wednesday**, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — Friday evening, November 18, Rev. Justin Ruddy, church planter and pastor of Resurrection Church East Boston will be with us. He will be helping us to host a conversation about another post-pandemic reality many in our churches and communities face - *Spiritual Deconstruction*. Join us for a conversation about spiritual deconstruction, and what Christianity (and denominations in particular) might have to offer to us for putting things together in a world of taking things apart. *"Choosing Church: Deconstruction, Demolition, and the Enduring Gifts of denominations"*

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

TREASURES OPEN HOUSE – Invites you to honor John and Beth Barclay, next Wednesday, October 26, from 5-7pm. Please join us in celebrating the work of the Barkley's by joining current and former volunteers at the store for a catered pasta dinner.

THE BOLTON CONFERENCE — Will be held next Friday, 3-8:30pm, to Saturday, 9:15-2:30pm, at our church on the theme, *'Deepening Our Devotions to Christ'*. For details, to register and see a brochure go to BoltonConference.org.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE — at East Blackstone Quaker Meeting House, 197 Elm Street in Blackstone, next Sunday, October 30 at 3pm. Rev. Bill Vis will be preaching. All are invited.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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

October 23, 2022 + 9:30am

Fall Sermon Series - 1 Corinthians 8 - "The Right to Refuse"



PLEASANT STREET
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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 Group Breakfast: 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	6:30p	Prayer Meeting: Foundation
	7:00p	Young Adult Career Forum: Fellowship Hall
Th	7:00p	Men's CR Step Study: Classroom E
F	3:00p	Bolton Conference: Sanctuary
Sa	9:00a	Bolton Conference: Sanctuary

Prayer of Preparation

We pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir in us a desire to faithfully follow Jesus over worldly idols. We pray you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

Proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations.

His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols.

But the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him.

Strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord!

SONGS: *All Creatures Of Our God And King*
Nothing But The Blood

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that, in our arrogance, we act as a people so full of “knowledge” that we hardly make room for love.

We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen.

We push people away when you call us to welcome them into our communities.

We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves while you challenge us to risk everything for others.

Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right”
Guide us Father, to live according to your unconditional love.

Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers, that we may learn to live as one family.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Hear this good news! There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is nothing that can separate us from God’s love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. There is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we can truly live. Put your faith in God’s great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole.

Amen.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *Be Thou My Vision*

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

*1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians 8; 9:22-23; 10: 23-24, 31 - 11:1 +
“The Right to Refuse”*

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *10,000 Reasons*

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.