

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 shut ins this winter season: Mike Beinema, Alice Cook, Nellie De Vries, Henrietta and Arthur Hoogendyke, Winifred Nydam, Theona Taylor, Ellie Van Houten and Art Wynja. Pray for our Wycliffe Bible Translators, Carol Berthelette who sent out an October newsletter. Give thanks and pray for those who currently serve in our nation's Armed Forces—thank you for your sacrifice and service!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERING — Our second offering today will be for the **Peace of Bread**. Thank you for your generosity!

HELPING HANDS INSERT — Please see the insert in your bulletin—this is an opportunity to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus by ministering to those in need or simply by volunteering in church. We are focused on assisting those in need and asking members to showcase their gifts by volunteering in many aspects of church life and who are also willing to help out in times of need—*The Deacons!*

BAKERS NEEDED — Often times we are in need of baked goods for funerals or just simply to supplement an event or festivity. Cookies, brownies and finger sweets are encouraged and welcomed. You aren't required to bake for all the requests, just the ones you are able to do. We are looking for folks of all ages, including our youth. If you are interested please contact Elaine Spaak, our funeral coordinator at elainespaak73@gmail.com.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

FALL SEMINAR — We will be hosting yet another lecture series. **Next 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.

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.

CADET CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUNDRAISER — Our cadets are now taking orders for Christmas decorations. Decorations will be conveniently delivered free of charge to houses in Northbridge and adjoining towns the morning of Saturday, December 2. Please place your order by Sunday, November 26. Contact one of our cadet boys or counselors. Order forms are placed in the mailboxes and fellowship area.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE — We will join Fairlawn Church for a Thanksgiving day service at 9am at Fairlawn Church—please join us!

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.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PERACE OF BREAD — We need some servers for Wednesday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Eve) at the Presbyterian Church on Spring Street from 5:15-6:30pm to serve warm meals to those in our community. If you can help, please reach out to Keith VandenAkker at 508.735.7764. Thank you!

WELCOME

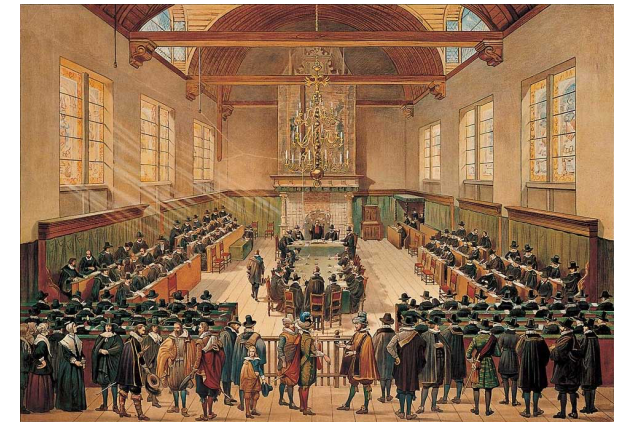
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

November 12, 2023 + 9:30am

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



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

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group 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
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
F 6:30p Fall Seminar: Sanctuary

Prayer of preparation

*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation. Amen.*

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 100

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.

SONG: *House of the Lord*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

We confess to you Lord that we fall into sin far too easily. We often follow our own desires. We speak words that all too often do not show you in our lives.

We spend so much time boasting to others, they imagine we have no need for you.

We are impatient when you don't respond immediately to our requests, but are slow to sing your praises.

We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way, we could serve them.

It is on our journey to the cross that you fill us with the riches of your mercy.

You do so, not because of anything we have done, but because of your great compassion. As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Hear this good news! God did not send Jesus Christ into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, God has made us alive together with Christ. Brothers and Sisters, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

SONG: *How Marvelous*

COMMIT

Offering Our "Helping Hands"

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) Peace of Bread*



SONG: *Before the Throne of God*

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

*Isaiah 12: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 1-10 +
"Seated Comfortably; Working Fervently"*

SEND

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Holy Holy Holy*

Apostle's Creed

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: *Your Glory/Nothing but the Blood*

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