

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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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.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — Our annual congregational meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm. Agenda items will include the selection of new elders and deacons, building update and approval of the 2024 budget.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Minnie Wiersma who will be having knee replacement surgery next Thursday—please pray for a swift recovery! Please also keep in your prayers, Denise Audette's sister, Miriam Villanueva from Lexington as she is in hospice care. Miriam a psychiatrist, has had progressive dementia for many years which has culminated to this. We pray for the family as they navigate this very difficult time.

ON BEHALF — Of the Deacons and the NAC, a big **THANK YOU** to those who generously gave so that 26 families in Northbridge could truly have a Happy Thanksgiving. We saw lots of very grateful faces Sunday afternoon, one of the most rewarding "jobs" we Deacons are blessed to have. It would not have been possible without our generous church family.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

LAST SUNDAY FOR CADET CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER — Decorations will be conveniently delivered free of charge to houses in Northbridge and adjoining towns the next Saturday, December 2.

CHURCH BREAKFAST — **Next Sunday, December 3 at 8:30am:** Join us before worship for an all church breakfast served to you by our high schoolers and leaders. Our high school youth group once again is very excited to host this event and cook breakfast for you all. **Breakfast is at no charge and there is no sign up!**

MOMS' BREAKFAST GROUP — Last chance to come away for a morning for fellowship with other moms who are raising children still at home. We will meet at 'The Family Table' in Uxbridge on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30am. Please contact Diana Burns at dlh21@calvinseminary.edu.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

THE DEACONS — will have Christmas Gift Tags in the fellowship hall. Our congregation needs to buy both clothing gifts and toy gifts for 60 children (120 total gifts), in addition to 26 food cards. Gifts will be distributed on Sunday, December 17. We encourage each of you to participate, as many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for your generosity by being a blessing to those in our community!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EVENT — The Christmas season is a wonderful time to share your gifts with family, friends, neighbors, and guests. Help us make our **Christmas Eve Day Service** merry and bright with your gifts of baking. Please bring in some of your favorite Christmas cookies or treats and share some family traditions after the worship service. We hope you take this opportunity to showcase your culinary skills with others who appreciate the art of baking and celebrate the season, one cookie at a time!

FAITH PROMISE — We have collected 26 pledges totaling \$27,780 for our 2024 Missionary Support—thanks for your pledges! This is the final Sunday we will be collecting the cards.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
ARMENIAN BAZAAR — is here next Saturday, December 2.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

November 26, 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 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 6:30p Fall Book Discussion Group: Foundation
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, you have willed to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under the gentle and loving rule of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 95; Philippians 2

Come, let us sing to the LORD; make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains. In his hands are the sea and the dry land; for he made them.

Come, worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

For he is our God.

Who did not use that to his advantage.

For he is our God.

Who emptied himself of glory.

For he is our God.

Who humbled himself to be like us.

For he is our God.

Who humbled himself to die for us.

On the Cross; there is our God.

Who has been exalted to the highest place with the highest name!

On the Throne, there is our God.

Before whom every knee will bow, and every tongue proclaim.

Jesus is Lord! And he is our God.

And we are his people, the sheep of his hand.

SONGS: *O Worship the King*
Lord, I Need You

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Friends, Hear the Good News and declare it with joy: Because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – by grace you have been saved.

God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

God did this so that in coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. In Christ we are saved.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Now, to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father.

To him be glory and power for ever and ever! Thanks be to God! Amen.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *How Firm a Foundation*

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

Colossians 1: 1-8; 15-20 + "Christ Holds All Things Together"

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *All who are Thirsty*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SEND

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: *You are My King (Amazing Love)*

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