

**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 for 10 minutes of connection (except the last Sunday of the month).

All ages are welcome for the duration of the service. There is always space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.

**FAMILY SUNDAY** — On 5th Sundays we will hold a family service where we all worship in the sanctuary together during the duration of the service. We will now be offering nursery during these services.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Randy Bol, husband of Sue Bol, brother to Alan & brother-in-law to Ruth Bandstra, Marilyn Nydam, Rebecca Smith & Laurie VanderBaan. Prayers for his hiatal hernia surgery on Fri., Dec. 5th.

**REMINDER: 2nd OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY 12/14** - Our monthly second offering will take place next Sunday. We are collecting for the World Renew organization.

**COUNCIL UPDATE** - The Council gives thanks to God for a full slate of Elder and Deacon nominees for 2026. Work also continues on cleaning and updating data for a new church directory in 2026.

**FIRST ANNUAL BLACKSTONE VALLEY FESTIVAL OF TREES** - Join us at Great Hall in the Northbridge Town Hall on **Sat., December 6th & Sun., December 7th**. All proceeds go to the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter to support those experiencing homelessness.

**COFFEE BREAK CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** — Please join us on **Tues., December 9th** at 9:30am in the fellowship hall for treats, beverages and singing Christmas carols.

**MOVIE NIGHT ~ THE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH** - Join us on **December 13th at 6:30PM** for a movie you will not want to miss! *Jingle Jangle* - a heartwarming holiday tale where an imaginary world comes to life through an eccentric toymaker, his adventurous granddaughter, and a magical invention that could change their lives forever. We'll have popcorn, snacks, drinks, and Harry's Pizza—all free!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ THE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH** This year's service will be held on **Sun., December 14, at 6:00pm**. The beauty of the Christmas season can sometimes remind us of loved ones we've lost or challenges we've faced. Our annual Blue Christmas Service offers a quiet, gentle space to acknowledge these losses, share in reflection, and find comfort together. Join us as we seek hope and peace in the midst of the season.

**CONCERT** - The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus & Orchestra presents *Here We Come A'-Caroling*, a free Holiday Pops Concert on **Sun., December 14th at 4:00pm** at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge. Donations are welcome, and the BVCC will also collect non-perishable food and personal-care items for the People First Food Pantry of Uxbridge. Enjoy a festive program for all ages!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & POTLUCK** ~ Mark your calendar to join us for the children's Christmas Pageant, followed by a potluck dinner on **Sun., December 14** following worship.

**LESSONS & CAROLS AT VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL** - Join us for a Lessons & Carols service on **Sun., December 14 at 7pm!** We will hear the story of the Nativity through Bible readings and enjoy music featuring WCS Vocal Ensemble!

**NAC CHRISTMAS GIFT TAGS** — This year we have the privilege to bless 36 kids! Each child will receive a clothing item and a toy item, from babies up to age 17. We suggest gifts in the \$25-\$35 price range, but there are no "rules" and we ask that you give as the Spirit leads. Gift suggestions are in the fellowship hall. Please sign up, buy the gift(s), wrap them, and put the "tag" on the outside so we can easily see who the gift is for. Deacons need the gifts returned **on or before Sun., December 21st**, when they will be distributed immediately after the church service. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**VERMONT TRIP** — **Save the Date: June 20-27th, 2026!** Pleasant Street is partnering with World Renew Disaster Response Services for a mission trip to Barre, Vermont, to help families affected by recent catastrophic flooding. We will be assisting with work like drywall, flooring, insulation, and painting. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome! If you are age 14 or older and would like to join or have questions, please email Emily Fortna at [ebolde@gmail.com](mailto:ebolde@gmail.com).

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**Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:**

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Ep-HI — Elder Tom Cooper & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

Hm-Mc — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Brian St. Denis

Md-S — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Cathy Greene

T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

# WELCOME

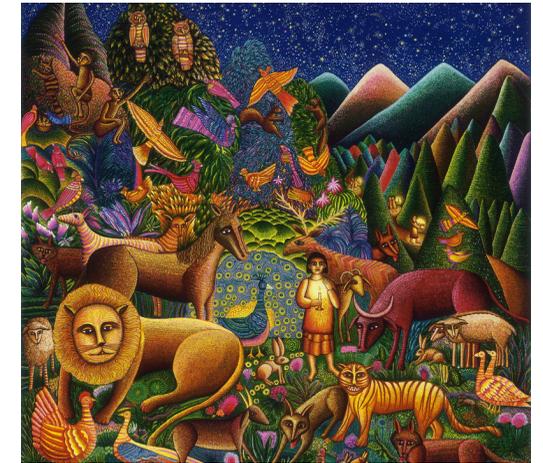
We're so glad you've joined us!

*Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:30 am*

Far As the Curse is Found

Isaiah 11:1-10

“Awaiting the King of Peace”



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. Welcome, we are so glad that you are here.

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

S	6:30p	High School Youth Group
M	9:30a	Women's Bible Study
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	9:30a	Coffee Break
	7:00p	Congregational Meeting
W	6:30p	Prayer Group
Th	7:30a	Men's Bible Study

### ***Prayer of Preparation***

*God of power and mercy,*

*You call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.*

*Remove those things that hinder us from loving you,*

*That when he comes,*

*He may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him*

*Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*One God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **GATHER**

### ***Welcome***

### ***Call To Worship***

In this Advent season, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promise to return is true.

### **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Let our praise for all that God has done resound within and beyond these walls. When all people turn to God and worship God, the poor shall eat and be satisfied.

### **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Justice and peace will surely embrace present and future generations.

### **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done, let our lives and our love proclaim the message of God's gracious and liberating acts.

### **Come, Lord Jesus, make your home among us.**

**SONG:** Angels From The Realms Of Glory

### ***Advent Prayer***

God of hope, who brought love, peace, and joy into this world; be the love that dwells between us, be the peace that dwells between us, and be the joy that dwells between us. Be the central focus of our lives always and forever, especially during this Advent time.

### ***Advent Candle Reading***

Prepare the way of the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life." We light this candle of Love as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation. (*Isaiah 42:16*)  
**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**SONG:** My Soul In Stillness Waits

## **RENEWAL**

### ***Silent Meditation***

**SONG:** O Come O Come Emmanuel

### ***Call To Confession***

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place.

### **Forgive us, O God.**

Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.

**May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more.**

### ***Silent Confession***

### ***Words Of Assurance***

**Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things.**

(*Psalms 72: 8*)

The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." "Those who believe in him are not condemned." (*John 3:17,18*)

**Thanks be to God!**

*Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



**SONG:** Crown Him (Christmas)

### **Passing The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### **KidStreet Dismissal**

[ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

## **WORD**

### ***Congregational Prayer***

**Scripture reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

### ***Sermon***

## **SEND**

### ***ECHO Dismissal***

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

**SONG:** O Day of Peace

### ***Apostles' Creed***

### ***Benediction***

**SONG:** Angels We Have Heard On High

***Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord, Jesus Christ!***