

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Cathy Greene
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

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 — Our loving sympathy is extended to the Taylor family; sons Brian & Neil, brothers Stu & Gordon DeJong—and their families in the passing of their loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Theona.—*May the Lord be with you and cover you with His peace that passes all understanding.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEONA TAYLOR

August 14, 1940—November 27, 2024

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness know through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. —Psalm 89: 1-2

THE DEACONS — Would like to thank all of you who contributed with the Thanksgiving Food Baskets last week and for the several volunteers willing to help schlep the groceries into vehicles for 30 families in Northbridge! Your generosity and effort is truly a blessing to many.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

- * **Today at 1:30pm** — Ordination Installation of Joel Vande Werken at Fairlawn CRC.
- * **Sunday, December 8 at 8:15am** — All Church Breakfast, hosted by our Youth Group.
- * **Sunday, December 15** — Worship service with participation by our own children.
- * **Tuesday, December 24 at 6pm** — Pleasant Street Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

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 28 children (56 total gifts), in addition to 32 food cards. Gifts will be distributed on Sunday, December 22. 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!

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next Sunday, is for Healing Heart Hospitality House in Worcester.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE — Thanks the congregation for their pledges given to support our Mission causes for 2025! We reached a total of \$49,050 pledges.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY — Chorus & Orchestra invite one and all to their HOLIDAY POPS concert on Sunday December 15 at 4pm. The concert will take place at Valley Chapel. Admission is free but donations are appreciated! The program promises fun and holiday cheer for all ages. Come celebrate the holiday spirit with family and friends and sing along!

SAVE THE DATE — The Whitinsville Retirement Society is celebrating 50 years with a Golden Jubilee Gala at Grand View in Mendon on Friday evening February 21. God is good- tickets and more information coming soon!

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

December 1, 2024 + 9:30am

"Holy Spirit, Present this Advent"



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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: 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 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

We set out on our Advent journey with a reminder:

Christ has come and Christ will come again!

We wait expectantly, we wait with joy.

Christ has come and Christ will come again!

Even now I wait for the Lord and in his Word, I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch

for the morning.

Even now there is no darkness with you, O Lord.

For Christ has come, Christ will come, and even now

Christ is here.

Let us proclaim the wonder of the God who came, is

coming, and will always come!

SONGS: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus & Holy Spirit*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world.

We confess that we live as though the light had never

defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior

you sent to be among us and to live in us. We’ve kept the

birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do

not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting

hearts.

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us

for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your

grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are

pardoned. The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: *Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *Christ Be Our Light*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you!

Advent Candle Reading

SONG: *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

KidStreet Dismissal - [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 1: 1-22, 57, 62-64, 67-68 +

“Zechariah & the Closed Mouth”

SEND

ECHO Dismissal - [students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *I Will Rise*

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: *Jesus Messiah*

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