

### 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.
- **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 service this morning as we are thrilled to have an intergenerational family worship. A Prayer Letter was sent out this week from our Wycliff Bible Translators —Gordon and Shirley Kooistra—*Merry Christmas to all our Missionaries around the world!*

**THANK YOU** — To all who joined us this past Tuesday for our annual congregation meeting. The 2025 budget was approved. We look forward to what God will do through our church in 2025! *Thank you for your continued prayers and support!*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**WORSHIP NIGHT** — Please join us midweek for a night of Christmas worship this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** — Tuesday, December 24, at **6pm**. Invite your family and friends to join us for a candle-light service. A special offering will be received for the Deacons' Benevolent Fund.

**WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CANCELLATION** — Notices will be posted on our website and social media pages as well as with WBZ (CBS Channel 4) and WCVB (ABC Channel 5).

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**THE DEACONS** — Will have Christmas Food Tags in the fellowship hall. Our congregation needs to buy 32 food cards ranging from \$50 - \$100 each (based on family size). Thanks to our congregation's generosity, all of the Christmas gifts have been covered last week! All Gifts and Food Cards will be distributed on Sunday, December 22. Thank you for your generosity by being a blessing to those in our community!

**CHURCH GIVING** — The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund for these next 3 Sundays of the year. Our deficit through November is \$67,000. Our projection for what is needed to cover our expenses for the year is \$110,000. Thank you.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY** — Chorus & Orchestra invite one and all to their HOLIDAY POPS concert **today 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 are now available. Please see Scott Schneider for more details.

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

December 15, 2024 + 9:30am

*"Holy Spirit, Present this Advent"*



*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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Christmas Party  
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS  
6:30p Christmas Worship: Sanctuary  
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 continue our Advent journey with a reminder:  
**Christ has come and Christ will come again!**  
Our souls magnify the Lord.  
**Our spirits rejoice in God our father.**  
For the mighty one has done great things for us.  
**Holy is God’s name!**  
People of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is full redemption.  
**For Christ has come, Christ will come again, even now Christ is here.**

SONG: *O Come all ye Faithful*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession  
Lord, God your salvation is nearer today than before. Yet we confess that we are far from you.  
**Gather us to yourself, come and find us lost in the dark.**

SONG: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem (V1)*

Merciful God, always with us and soon returning, we confess that we do not know how to wait for your Advent. We struggle to see your presence among us now. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles.  
**Speak your promise of a coming Kingdom once more.**

SONG: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (V2)*

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, we confess that we strive all year for what you offer to us for free; we clamor to be important when what we crave is to be beloved.  
**Show us again the full hope of your salvation that we might come to you empty-handed.**

SONG: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (V3)*

Lord, God, you who sent John to be a voice crying startling news, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts O God, and grant to us the wonder and obedience of Mary.  
**Make us ready for your return, O Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance  
The good news of the Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. “Comfort, comfort my people” says your God. “Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.”  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (V4)*

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *What Child is This*

Passing the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you!**

Children’s Message

Advent Candle Reading

SONG: *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

WORD

Morning Prayers

*Luke 1: 26- 38, 46-56 + “Mary & the Willing Spirit”*

SEND

SONG: *Come, Holy Ghost*

*Apostle’s Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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