

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. Please pick your children up from nursery and KidStreet after the service, but students in Echo will be released to come to the fellowship hall.

- **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.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

THANK YOU — To all who joined us this past Tuesday for our annual congregation meeting. We heard encouraging updates from Pastor Matthew, President Brett Buma, Deacon Phil Knapper, Randy DeVries and Luke Kenbeek for the Building Restoration update. Eric Wierenga & Sandy Wynja were received as new elders and Tanya Anema, Kelly Lariviere, Karyn Schneider & Jodie Woudenberg as deacons. The 2023 budget was approved. We look forward to what God will do through our church in 2023! **Thank you for your continued prayers and support.**

PRESENTING A NEW PASTORAL ROLE — Also at the congregation meeting, we were excited to share with you a new possible staff position; *Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation*; As we pray and dream about a season of ministry, we believe this role will be an important part of Pleasant Streets' future. Please look through the job description in the fellowship hall and pray with us, as we discern together, if this is something you as members would support.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Jonathan & Sarah McClure as they depart MA and head to Oklahoma this weekend. Steve and Ruth Haringa will be driving one of the 2 hauls along with Owen Cooper. We pray for safe travels for everyone and for the McClure family as they transition to new and blessed beginning's —*May the Lord bless you and keep you!* Please also keep in your prayers our shut-ins, our missionaries around the world, those who serve in our nation's armed services and please remember our Veterans—*We wish them a Very Merry Christmas!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

CHRISTMAS EVE — NEXT Saturday, December 24, at 6pm. Invite your family and friends to join us. A special offering will be received for the Deacons' Benevolent Fund. *"O come let us adore Him!"*

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).

FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES — Are available in the mailboxes; if you did not receive envelopes and would like them, contact Sadie in the office. Please note your envelope number has more than likely changed. Forms to give electronically are available in the office.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

CHURCH GIVING — We are currently running deficit. The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund for the next 2 Sundays of the year.

COFFEE SETUP — If you are willing to help make coffee before worship (instructions provided) please see Sadie. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns; matthew@psrc.org / Children Ministries: Kate Martinka; kate@psrc.org / Worship Leader: Steve Martinka; steve@psrc.org / Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins; churchoffice@psrc.org/finance@psrc.org

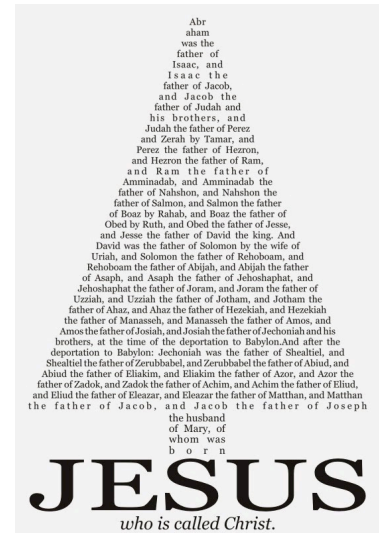
WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

December 18, 2022 + 9:30am

"Unexpected Advent; Bathsheba's Grace"



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 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
- T 6:00p Women's CR Step Study: Under the Balcony
- 6:30p Grief Share: Fellowship Hall
- W 6:15p Midweek @ PS 🍷
- 6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Under the Balcony
- Sa 6:00p Christmas Eve: Candlelight Service 🕯️

Prayer of Preparation

Lord, when we struggle to worship you, show us again the beauty and power of your rule. May your Holy Spirit strengthen us today, leading us to honor and worship you more deeply, not only through the words we sing but through the lives we live. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 130, 131

○ Lord my heart is not lifted up.

My eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great or marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.

Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

○ Israel, hope in the LORD both now and forevermore.

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in God's Word we hope.

SONG: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Lighting the Advent Candle

Reading for the Forth Sunday in Advent; Bathsheba Story:

Today we light the candle of grace. Despite our sin and the darkness in our hearts, God's grace is sufficient to restore our brokenness. That grace is offered to you as a gift this Advent in the form of Jesus, God's only Son.

SONG: *How Great Is Our God*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we selfishly want more stuff, but you alone offer what is lasting.

Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth.

Forgive us, heal us, correct us.

When we allow darkness to overcome the light.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the story of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance—1 Corinthians 1:5-8

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way—in everything we say and know. For it's through God's grace we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait with anticipation for Jesus to be revealed. God gives us strength to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

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

Matthew 1: 1, 6; 2 Samuel 11: 1-9, 14-17, 25-27; 12: 1-7a, 11-14 + "Unexpected Advent; Bathsheba's Grace"

ECHO Dismissal — [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel*

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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: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

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

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.