

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.
- **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 — Our loving sympathy to the Hoogendyk family in the passing away of their loving brother, and Uncle, Arthur. And also to the Hlustick family in the passing away of their loving mother, grandmother and friend, Lynn.— Leaving sons Micheal, Geoffrey, daughter Leia and their families.— *The Lord be with each of you!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARTHUR HOOGENDYK

September 28, 1929—December 22, 2024

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. + John 3:16-17

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LYNN HLUSTICK

March 20, 1951—December 25, 2024

'For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.'

+Psalm 100:5

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

WANT A MAILBOX? — Our church community including pastoral staff, elders, deacons, and other ministry leaders use them frequently to convey information and offer encouragement to the congregation. We encourage you to check yours regularly! If you'd like one, please inform Sadie in the church office.

WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning January 7. We will be studying *The Gift of Christmas*. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Please call Anna Bloem at 508.234.4902 with any questions.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

CHURCH GIVING — The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund for last Sunday of the year. Thanks for your generous support of God's work through our church in 2024!— *PSCRC Council*

THANK YOU — To our generous congregation, for going above and beyond this year with generous gift giving, helping 28 kids have a brighter Christmas, and providing 32 mothers and fathers food cards for groceries. One of the most rewarding experiences we deacons have is to help those truly in need, and to see so many happy faces and expressions of thanks.—*The Deacons*

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

GALA: RSVP THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 — 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 still available. The RSVP deadline is January 2, 2025. Please see Scott Schneider or Randy DeVries for more information.

2025 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 20 and continuing weekdays through January 31 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Please join us!

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

December 29, 2024 + 9:30am

"Christmas Presence"



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

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery
W **Happy New Year**

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 47

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

Come and worship!

He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

Come and worship!

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Come and worship!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Come and worship!

The nobles of the nation’s assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

Come and worship!

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

SONGS: Go Tell It on The Mountain
Joy To the World

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus.

We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word.

We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted your good news to be good.

We have failed to praise your Son’s birth and refused his peace on earth.

We have expected little and hoped for less.

Forgive our doubt.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, The Lord has comforted and redeemed us too! In Christ we receive salvation.

Glory to Go in the highest!

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children’s Message

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 2:22-40 + “Christmas Presence”

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: All Glory Be to Christ
Angels We Have Heard On high

SEND

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: Hark The Herald