

### 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.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

**PLEASE JOIN US** — Our annual congregational meeting will be next Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. Agenda items will include the selection of new elders and deacons, building update and approval of the 2025 budget.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our high school youth group with their leaders, for cooking and serving breakfast today. Please also pray for John & Carol Berthelette as they join us with breakfast and worship this morning. Our deepest condolences to Kate Mogan and family in the sudden death of her mother, Ann Cranchaw.—*May the Lord comfort and be with you!*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & COFFEE BREAK** — Will reconvene on Monday, January 6 Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30am in the Foundation. All women are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS EVE** — Tuesday, December 24, at 4pm. Invite your family and friends to join us for a candle-light service. A special offering will be received for the Deacons' Benevolent Fund.

**FAMILY SERVICE & COOKIES** — Next Sunday, December 15, at 9:30am. Join us for our intergenerational family worship. After the service we will celebrate with homemade cookies and treats —hope you can join us and celebrate the season with friends and festive fun! Speaking of cookies, the Christmas season is a wonderful time to share your gifts with family, friends, neighbors, and guests. Help us make this intergenerational service, merry and bright with your gifts of baking. Please bring in some of your favorite Christmas cookies or treats and share some family traditions after the worship service.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Today, is for "Healing Heart Hospitality House"; a charity that provides physical, emotional and spiritual support and comfort to the families and friends of hospitalized patients in the greater Worcester area.

**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!

**THE FAITH PROMISE TEAM** — Thanks the congregation for their pledges given to support our Mission causes for 2025! Blessings to all for your continued support and prayers for our missionaries!

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY** — Chorus & Orchestra invite one and all to their HOLIDAY POPS concert next 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 8, 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

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
W 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!

In the desert, prepare the way for the Lord.

Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

And all mankind together will see it.

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!

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.

Silent Confession

SONGS: My Soul in Stillness Waits & It Is Well

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Lord, God your salvation is nearer today than before. Yet we confess that we have not kept watch for your coming with the eyes of faith.

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. All season long we covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting.

Through the work of this Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your transforming love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The good news of the Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ’s way of hope and peace. Thanks be to the Advent God who comes among us, setting us free to sing and to serve.

Faithful God, we wait for you to come. We know that you will because you already have and because you promised to return. While we wait, send your Spirit so that we may grow in grace. Prepare us for your coming, Lord. Amen.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;  
2)Healing Heart Hospitality House



SONG: Come O Redeemer Come

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: 5-7,23-25,39-45,57-60 +  
“Elizabeth and the Leaping Baby”

SEND

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

SONG: O Day of Peace

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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