

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Ruth Haringa
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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 all the school families traveling to and from vacation on their winter break next week. We remember, Trena DeJong, a former member at Pleasant Street Church who passed away in Hyannis, Cape Cod last week.

MANY THANKS — to the congregation for your prayers, cards, support, and acts of kindness shown to us during the recent passing of our sister, Nancy!—*The Youngsma Family.*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

COFFEE BREAK — will not meet this Tuesday, due to Northbridge school winter vacation. We will meet again next week. Hope to see you then, ladies!

PRAYER GROUP — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm downstairs to pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—Please join us!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS — We are considering hosting a new members class this spring. But, we need your help. Are you interested in learning more about our Reformed heritage and teaching? Want to know more about the mission and ministries of Pleasant street? Looking to get connected to other folks who are new to the community? Curious what church membership even means? Then please contact Pastor Matthew and let us know you're interested. Join the membership small-group to become a member, or to discern if Pleasant street is the right fit. Right now, we are looking at hosting the class in April or May. 3 90-minute sessions, Wednesday evenings, alternating weeks.

High School Breakfast - Bacon & Catechism — The elders wanted to let you know that starting soon, the High School breakfast club will have a new item on the menu - the Hiedelberg Catechism. It's been a long and deep tradition in Reformed communities to use catechisms to deepen faith and prompt good conversation. In a few weeks, the church leaders and High School students will be reengaging this ancient practice over pancakes, eggs and, yes, even bacon. Pray with us that God uses these tools to deepen our knowledge and love for Jesus & his church.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

PEACE OF BREAD — We need some servers for next Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church on Spring Street from 5:15pm - 6:30pm to serve warm meals to those in our community. Please contact Keith VandenAkker at 508.735.7764 if you are willing to serve. Thanks!

WELCOME

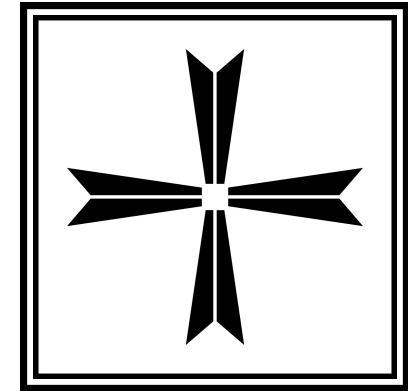
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

February 18, 2024 + 9:30am

“Traveling Light: The Gospel of Mark in Lent”



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

M *Presidents Day - Church Offices Closed*
9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
W 6:30p Prayer Group: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 23

Congregation in the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom do you trust?

Our Help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

He quiets and refreshes my soul.

The Lord watches over me and gives meaning to my life.

The Lord guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

When I walk in a dark valley, I know that the Lord is with me to help me, and he will give me courage and comfort.

The Lord prepares a table before me.

He gives me food to eat; my cup brims with blessings. Your goodness and love will follow me each day.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

SONG: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* (hymnal #543)

Opening Prayer

SONG: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (hymnal #504)

Praying Our Misery

What is God's First commandment for us?

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

Obedying this commandment means committing mind and heart to God and God alone.

It means trusting only in God, patiently looking to him for every good thing, and giving him love, fear, and honor with all my heart. In short, it is to give up anything that would cause me to go against God's will.

When Moses asks for God's name; God replies:

"I AM". Lord God, you made us in your image. We confess that often we allow our wishes, preferences, convictions and opinions to make you over into our image. You speak from cloud and fire, but we would like to domesticate you to something more predictable; something we can control.

Silent Confession

Lord, you know how easily we ruin the image you've given us – Jesus, your picture of the invisible God.

Forgive us and take away our sins. Remake us into your image that we might live and be fulfilled. Lord, hear our prayer.

Receiving God's Deliverance — from II Corinthians 3

SONG: *Blessed Assurance* (hymnal #490)

Responding in Gratitude

Brothers and Sisters, we are forgiven; we walk with God now in lives of gratitude.

Lord, send your Spirit that we might see you as the only true God. Teach us to trust in you alone. Lord, help us conform ourselves to the person of Jesus:

Silent reflection on The First Commandment:

Does God seem to me like a living reality or a static idea? What can I say to God about that? Can I ask him to make himself more real?

God reveals himself as the one who delivers from the things that trap and enslave us. When has God delivered me in my life? Is there something that God needs to deliver me from now?

When I sit in a chair, I trust it without thinking. Can I ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to me: what things do I put my hope in, even without thinking?

How can I help a friend or a neighbor or a classmate to know the living God this week?

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *He Leadeth Me* (hymnal #452)

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

Mark 10:17-31 + "What You Just Can't Give Me"

SONG: *He Leadeth Me* (see insert)

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *To God Be The Glory* (hymnal #473)

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

