

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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Please keep in your prayers Winifred Nydam as she is in the Blackstone Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center (Room 229), after spending 16 days in the hospital with severe back pain. Also pray for college students, preparing for their upcoming finals—we ask that the Lord to guard their hearts & mind and to give them great enthusiasm for their studies. *In Jesus Name, Amen!*

VISITING HOURS — For Theona Haagsma will be held next Saturday April 27, from 10am - 12 noon in the Buma Funeral in Whitinsville. All are invited to attend.

THANK YOU — We would like to thank you for all the blessings we have received from God and also from our church family. We are grateful for the meals, prayers, encouraging words, cards and baby sitting for Jackson. God has been good to us during this time of caring for our grandson—*Jack & Faye Altieri!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

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

PADDING THE PEWS — The church received a gift donation which has allowed us to begin exploring adding cushioning to the pews in our sanctuary. After research and exploring several options, we are excited to let you know that we are developing a plan for upholstering or cushioning the pews. Please see the cushion sample and color at the front of the sanctuary. It's **Blue!**

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

NAC FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — May be placed in the basket available at the main entrance. Thanks for your sharing your gifts with those who are in need.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FRIENDS OF FAIRWOODS — Thank you for those who have sent in their membership forms for 2024. If you did not receive one in the mail or would like more information on Fairwoods, please send us an email at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com.

AHADI MARATHON — Run, walk, or sponsor a runner! On Saturday, May 11, from 10am-Noon, join us at WCS for the Ahadi Family Kenya's Annual Marathon Fundraiser. Or just show up to cheer everyone on and enjoy a morning of fun, food, and fellowship! Our goal this year is \$20,000, which is greatly needed as we financially assist families, who have taken in our boys. Sign-up/sponsor forms will be available on May 5 in the fellowship hall, or you can mail your donations to SCREAM USA, Inc. 31 Benson Rd. Northbridge, MA 01534—*Many Thanks!*

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

April 21, 2024 + 9:30am



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
6:30p New Membership Class: Under the Balcony
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:15p Mid-Week
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of preparation

Holy God, we praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

SONG: *Come all you People*

GATHER — Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — Romans 8: 28-39

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called, those he called, he also justified, those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.

How will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?

It is God who justifies.

Who then is the one who condemns? No one.

Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONGS: *This is our God & Because He Lives*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — H.C. 110 - 111

Generous God, You provide everything for us. Meaningful work, gifts with which to work, teachers and families that teach us how to work, even sometimes abundance from our work.

What do we have that we have not received?

Honest God, in the face of your generosity, we confess that we have been ungrateful, feeling entitled to what we have and envious of what we don't. We treat ourselves, and squander your gifts.

Forgive us for taking credit for gifts you give freely.

Loving God, your good gifts give life to the world. We confess that we have been greedy. Never satisfied, wanting more. We keep when we should give. We take what is not ours. We do so cleverly and quietly so others will not detect it.

Forgive us for taking advantage of our neighbors.

O Lord, who sees all hearts and examines all motives, forgive us, cleanse us and make us new. Our plea is in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of God's Forgiveness — Romans 5, 8, Colossians 2, 2 Corinthians 5

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **For at just the right time.**

When we were still powerless. **While we were still dead in our sins and condemned criminals.**

At just the right time. **Christ died for us.**

God forgave all our sins. **And canceled the charges against us.**

Nailing them to the cross. Sisters and Brothers, all of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Whose blood has brought us near.

And whom we serve as ambassadors to a hostile world, declaring the good news.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lord, in the power of your Spirit, enable me to do good for my neighbors, treating them as you have treated me. Teach me to work faithfully so that I will have something to share with those in need. In Christ's Name we pray. **AMEN.**

Silent Reflection

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *They'll know we are Christians by our Love*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Acts 17: 1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 + “Turning the Upside-Down World”

SEND

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

SONG: *Heal our Land*

Apostle's Creed & Benediction

SONG: *We Will Remember*

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

