

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Bandstra
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-HI — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene
T-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

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 the unity of our church family. Pray for us to keep our relationships strong, unified, and loving in the body so we can always find the Lord among us. We know that if there are two of us calling His name, He is with us, binding our hearts and blessing our souls with His presence—*Father God, we live in a fallen and broken world. There are so many things that can try to drag our church family members down. I pray that You would give them the strength they need to overcome every obstacle. I pray that Your power would be made perfect in their lives, especially in their areas of weakness. Cover them with your strength, Lord! In the mighty name of Jesus, amen.*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

FAITH FORMING LECTURE SERIES — We are excited to host and welcome Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin, the author of 'Confronting Christianity.' Dr. McLaughlin will be leading a seminar on **Saturday, May 13 at 9:30am** called: **"The Secular Creed."** It used to be that people thought North America was getting more and more secular. Today we see that actually the world is more religious than ever. Statements of faith are everywhere today. Here are some we might see on our morning drive:

*Science is Real | Black Lives Matter | Love is Love
Women's Rights are Human Rights | Kindness is Everything*

Rebecca will encourage us to resist simply defending our tribe, but rather to take secular criticism of the church seriously. Please join us as Rebecca helps us to understand these complex issues better and more biblically ourselves.

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!*

SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

VBS VOLUNTEERS — We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for the NAC Ecumenical VBS at Pleasant Street on July 10-14, 830am-noon. Please email NorthbridgeVBS@gmail.com for the volunteer registration form or for more information. Thanks!

REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

AHADI MARATHON — Run, walk, or sponsor a runner! On Saturday, May 13, 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 \$15,000, which is greatly needed as we financially assist families, who have taken in our boys. Sign-up/sponsor forms will be available on May 7 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: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

April 23, 2023 + 9:30am

"I AM the Bread of Life"



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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: Foundation
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
6:30p Grief Share: Fellowship Hall
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS
6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E (Confronting Christianity)
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Under the Balcony

Prayer of Preparation

God of mercy, you have sung a new song for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Teach us to sing our own life, our witness to Christ, revealing to the world what you have done and desire in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 130 and John 6

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

We hunger for you Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

We hunger for you Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

With you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

We hunger for you Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

We hunger for you Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

SONGS: *God of Wonders*
Build My Life

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

Forgive us, O God.

We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that don't glorify you.

Forgive us, O God.

We put our schedules first and have not taken the time to worship you.

Forgive us, O God.

We turn to the world to fill us instead of turning to you as our life sustainer.

Forgive us, O God. For the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to live according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance—from "Christ Is The Bread Of Life Indeed"

Christ is the bread of life indeed, who nourishes the hungry soul. The one on whom our spirits feed, who makes us whole. Christ is the door which open stands. The one who watch and ward will keep. The Shepherd of the heavenly lands, who knows is sheep. Christ is the light of all the earth, to end our night of sin and gloom. The resurrection life whose birth has burst the tomb. Christ is the living vine and we abide in him, who hear his call. The Way the truth the life is he and Lord of all. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *Be Thou My Vision*

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

John 6: 25-40, 53-59 + "I AM the Bread of Life"

SONG: *How Firm a Foundation*

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *O Come To The Altar &*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SEND

Apostles Creed

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: *In Christ Alone*

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