

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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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.

TODAY IS GEMS SUNDAY! We warmly welcome our GEMS and their families and are grateful for their participation and leadership in this morning's worship.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER! — This Thursday is the National Day of Prayer—Please once again PRAY for our Nation, for our Church and God's people around this Broken World.

HEART FELT THANKS — Dear Pleasant Street members, your beautiful cards, notes, prayers and acts of kindness were very much appreciated, as we grieved the loss of our mother, Kathy. We truly experienced the love of God through you, our brothers & sisters in Christ—*The Buurma Family!*

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!** Please see your elder with any questions or concerns.

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

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 next Sunday in the fellowship hall, or you can mail your donations to SCREAM USA, Inc. 31 Benson Rd. Northbridge, MA 01534—*Many Thanks!*

FAIRWOODS — Spring Clean Up, take 2 (due to rain!) will be next Saturday, May 4, starting 9am. We'd be so grateful for your help as we care for this beautiful property that God has entrusted our community with. As always, the donuts, coffee, exercise, and fellowship are provided!

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

April 28, 2024 + 9:30am



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

Today 8:30p HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
6:15p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. FCC1
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 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.

GATHER — Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

We are called to Place our hope in God. Isaiah 40:31 tells us, those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. To put our hope in God, first we need to know Him. Here are five truths about who God is and what He has promised. God is King.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

God is our Deliverer.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

God is trustworthy. He is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

God is always at work.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

God is with you wherever you go.

Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Thanks be to the God of Hope who renews our strength so that we can rise up in every circumstance, stand secure in our faith, and have the confidence that when we put our hope in Him, we will be okay, no matter what.

SONGS: *All Creatures of our God and King*
Fairest Lord Jesus

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, who set the sun and moon above us, mountains and valleys beneath our feet, and friends and strangers among us.

We confess that we have sinned against you.

Psalm 147 guides us to, *“Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!”*

You call to us to praise you Lord, yet we turn from your presence and hide in shame.

How seldom do we seek you out, instead we often rely on ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in you.

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and live selfishly.

We desire your grace. Have mercy on us, most gracious and merciful God.

Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Words of Assurance

“The Lord builds up Jerusalem, he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power, his understanding has no limit.

God is always with us, God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

SONG: *Gratitude*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you!

COMMIT

GEMS Spotlight

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

KidStreet Dismissal

[age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Isaiah 40: 25-31 + “Walking in the Hope of God”

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *Be Thou My Vision*

Nothing But the Blood

SEND

Apostle’s Creed & Benediction

SONG: *Only a Holy God*

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

