

### 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.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound. Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires. Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis. O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP** — is celebrated 40 days after Easter and commemorates Jesus' victorious ascension to heaven. As we come together as a broader community of churches, The River CRC will host this joyous service next Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm—*Please join us!*

**CALENDAR** — There will be no Prayer Group meeting this week. We will reconvene on Wednesday, May 15.

**CADET PINEWOOD DERBY** — All are invited to the Cadets Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, June 1 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

**PLEASANT STREET CHURH ATTENDEES** — Are invited to come and support our Men's Softball Game tomorrow night at 6:15pm at the Anglican Church of Redeemer in Bellingham . This team is NOT just a baseball team, but a baseball MINISTRY. Please come and support them tomorrow night and joyfully witness their faith in a public setting. Invite others to join them for a fun-filled evening.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**GRADUATIONS 2024** — We would like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school or college. Please let Sadie know of the details of your family member's graduation. Please be sure to include the student's name, school, degree conferred, and plans for the future.

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Next Sunday, will be for Resonate Home & World Missions—*Thanks for supporting this great ministry!*

### 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 **today** 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!**

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

May 5, 2024 + 9:30am

*Sermons in 1 Thessalonians: "The Ringing Bell"*



*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 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
6:15p Men's Softball Game: Away vs. Anglican Church of the Redeemer  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
W 6:15p Mid-Week (*final meeting for the season*)  
6:30p New Membership Class: Foundation  
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 — from Psalm 85*

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Rejoice in the Lord, who grants us peace and shows us His unfailing love. People of God, listen to what God the Lord says. He promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Love and faithfulness meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

SONGS: *How Firm a Foundation*

*Blessed be Your Name*

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession — H.C. 112*

What is God's Ninth Commandment for us?

**That we do not give false testimony against our neighbors.**

What does God want from us in keeping this commandment?

**To not tell lies about anyone in court or anywhere else.**

**Do not twist other people's words or gossip about them.**

**Do not rush to judgements about anyone without a hearing. For lying is what Satan does.**

Instead, God's aim is for us to be people who love the truth, speak it candidly, and promote it.

**God wants us to be people who do what we can to guard and promote our neighbor's good name.**

*Silence Confession*

God of all truth, we are grateful you have spoken to us in words we can trust. You have called us to put away falsehood, and speak truthfully to one another. Lord, forgive us for telling lies; to get other people in trouble; to make ourselves look good; sometimes, simply because it's what everyone else is doing. Help us to tell the truth about our sins, and forgive them through Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. AMEN.

*Words of Assurance — 1 John 1: 5-10*

Brothers and Sisters, here are good words that you can trust: God, who used words to create the world, has forgiven you in Christ, and is making you a New Person.  
**Thanks Be to God.**

*Silent Reflection*

Forgiven, now, we walk with God in lives of gratitude.

**Lord, in the power of your Spirit, teach me to love the truth, and speak it graciously. Enable me now to do all I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name. In Christ's Name we pray. AMEN.**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *How Great is our God*

*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*

*1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; 2: 13 + "The Ringing Bell"*

**SEND**

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

SONG: *Oh, Church Arise*

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Yet not I but Through Christ in me*

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