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**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 for 10 minutes of connection (except the last Sunday of the month).

All ages are welcome for the duration of the service. There is always space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.

**FAMILY SUNDAY** — On 5th Sundays we will hold a family service where we all worship in the sanctuary together during the duration of the service.

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**CARE** — Please pray with us for Audrey Baker, mom of Karyn Schneider, who will be having back surgery on August 22nd. We pray for the skilled hands of her surgeons, for comfort and healing for Audrey, and for peace for both her and her family during this time. Please also keep Nellie DeVries in your prayers as she had emergency abdominal surgery on Wednesday. Additionally, please pray that she will be able to return to her new residence at the Oasis at Dodge Park in Worcester where she is so lovingly cared for.

**THANK YOU** — Our sincere thanks for all the many prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy upon the death of our son in law, John. We take comfort in knowing he is with our Heavenly Father.  
Stu and Deb VandenAkker

**WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY, INC.** — WRSI members are invited to join us for our Summer Cookout celebration (free food, music, games, face painting, photos and more) on Saturday September 6, 2025 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Chestnut Street. This is our second Jubilee event celebrating 50 years. To learn more or join WRSI either talk with board members Randy D, Christine E or Scott S after church or phone WRSI at 508-234-6381.

**JOHN 21 BREAKFAST** — Pleasant Street will be hosting the John 21 Breakfast on Saturday, August 23rd at St. Pat's Church.

**NAC BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — Deadline is THIS SUNDAY, August 17th! Please drop off all donations in the plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall under the coat racks. Thank you for your generosity!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursdays, beginning September 4, 2025 at 7:30AM! New members are welcome as we begin our new season studying God's Word. Our first meeting will include a summary of the Books of Acts and planning for lessons as we enter the Fall seasons.

Refreshments will be served. Please contact Hal Blau or Jack Crawford for further details.

**PEACE OF BREAD** — Help needed this Wednesday, August 20th, at the Presbyterian Church on Cottage Street. We are looking for six people that can serve meals and assist with cleanup. Arrive at 5:15pm and we will be finished by 6:30pm. Enjoy a meal with the other volunteers! Please reach out to Keith VandenAkker 508-735-7764.

**MINISTRY ORIENTATION & SAFETY TRAINING** — We are asking anyone involved in ministry to children or youth (GEMS, Cadets, Kidstreet, Nursery, Middle & High School) to join us for a 90-minute ministry policy and training event on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30pm. We will spend some time with a walk through of our evacuation procedures, medical protocols and abuse prevention procedures. RSVP to Kate Martinka so we can get a head count!

**THE BANNER MAGAZINE** — Ready for some exciting reads? Grab your copy of The Banner Magazine! It's waiting for you on the Welcome Counter, right next to the Sunday Bulletins.

**KEYS TO THE BUILDING** — Thanks for all the patience in the transition to the Fob system. We are looking for the return of the old front door keys to the church office. You can bring them to Jen, Kate or Matthew during the week or after Sunday services.

**COFFEE BREAK AT FAIRWOODS** — Get ready for a refreshing August Summer Coffee Break on Thursday, August 21st, at 9:30 AM! We're gathering at Fairwoods Christian Recreation Grounds in Uxbridge with Coffee Break groups from Fairlawn Church and Pleasant Street Church. Our combined study will focus on "50 Commands of Jesus in the Gospels," exploring Prayer, Worship and God's Kingdom. Study materials will be provided. Afterward, pack a picnic lunch and stay to enjoy the beautiful grounds with us. It's a perfect morning to connect and reflect! We can't wait to see you!

**Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?**

*Sr. Pastor:* Rev. Matthew Burns; matthew@psrc.org

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*Hours:* Monday-Thursday 8am–12pm / 508-234-5268

**Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:**

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere

Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider

Ep-Hl — Elder Tom Cooper & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

Hm-Mc — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Brian St. Denis

Md-S — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Cathy Greene

T-Y — Elder John Woudenbergh & Deacon Jodie Woudenbergh

# WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us!

*Sunday, August 17, 2025, 9:30 am*

Exodus 33: 12 - 34: 10

*"God's Back"*



*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.  
Welcome, we are so glad that you are here.*

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

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| M | 6:30p | Celebrate Recovery       |
| W | 9:30a | Senior Coffee Fellowship |
| W | 6:30p | Prayer Group Meeting     |

## *Prayer of Preparation*

*Mighty God and Everlasting Father, Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, to hear your voice, and to experience your presence. Fill us with joy as we meet with you. Show us your glory and splendor. Open the eyes of our hearts to know you more and delight in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## **GATHER**

### *Welcome & Announcements*

### *Call To Worship from Isaiah 55:10-13*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We sing for joy to the Lord,

**We dwell in His perfect peace.**

He is greater than hardship or any trouble; The mountains sing His glory, the hills burst into song!

**We trust in the word of God and we let it flow from our hearts.**

SONG: House Of The Lord

## **RENEWAL**

### *Call To Confession*

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience and ask for more than we need, come asking for your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then take all the credit.

**We beg your forgiveness,**  
and then repeat our sins.

**We experience your grace,**  
and then toss up our hands in defeat.

**We rely on your power,**

but only when we've exhausted other options.

**We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection, Lord God.**

Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ who is the Way of hope, the Truth of God, and the Life of love, now and always.

### *Silent Confession*

Forgive us, O God, through the riches from your Son Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, in order to set us free from sin and to set us on your path of life.

**Through Jesus, our Lord, Amen.**

### *Words Of Assurance from Psalm 103*

Brothers and Sisters – the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*

SONG: Gratitude



### *Passing The Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### *GEMS Leader Recognition*

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

## **WORD**

### *Morning Prayers*

Exodus 33: 12 - 34: 10

“God’s Back”

### *Sermon*

## **SEND**

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

SONG: How Great Is Our God

*Apostles' Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: We Will Remember

*Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord, Jesus Christ!*