

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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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 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 — For our students & teachers returning to school this week. Also pray for our college students and graduates as they head back to school or look for employment. Blessing to our missionary David Kooistra who celebrates his birthday next Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS — to Douglas Ostroskey and Meghan Mahoney who were united in marriage Saturday, August 24th. God's richest blessings to you! 🥰

MINISTRY GROUPS — We will be highlighting various ministry groups within our church. We encourage you to chat with them after the worship service to learn more information and get involved! Today's highlight are Cadets and Gems.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MISSIONS EVENT — Breakfast with David & Janice Kooistra, whom we have supported for many years through Faith Promise. Our missions team will provide a brunch on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00-11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner, if you plan to attend.—*The Missions Team!*

MINISTRY POLICY & 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 4. 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!

MIDWEEK KICKOFF! — Wednesday September 11 @ 6:15pm. Families of GEMS, Cadets, and Middle Schoolers please join us for pizza, to meet leaders, and to fill out registration forms. Stick around for a couple songs at our high school led worship time before we break into our separate groups.

WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning September 10. We will be studying Galatians: Freedom in Christ. Childcare is provided. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Call Anna Bloem at 508.234.4902, for more information.

MENS BIBLE STUDY — We are excited to begin a new series starting Thursday, September 12 at 7:30am in the fellowship hall. This Fall we will study the book of Acts "The True King". This chronicles the history of the early Christian church from the time of Christ's ascension into heaven to Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PEACE OF BREAD — We need some servers for next Wednesday, August 28 at the Presbyterian Church from 5:15 — 6:30pm to serve warm meals to those in our community. Please contact Keith VandenAkker at 508.735.7764, if you can help.

CHICKEN BBQ AT FAIRWOODS — Enjoy our mouth-watering chicken, along with farm fresh corn, baked potatoes, salad, and the famous Wright's Dairy cinnamon rolls. Dessert and drinks are also included. It's a steal of a deal at \$12 for a 1/4 chicken and \$16 for a half (cash or check only). If you're coming for take-out, please consider bringing your own container. Find us at 116 W Hartford Ave in Uxbridge on Saturday, September 7 from 5-6:30pm. (unless we sell out earlier!).

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

August 25, 2024 + 9:30am

"Flourishing Are: The Persecuted"



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 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
W 6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 25

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you.

Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways.

According to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord, therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. The Lord confides in those who fear him, he makes his covenant known to them.

My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me

from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!

Guard my life and rescue me, do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

SONGS: *House of the Lord & Death was Arrested*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have
forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

We confess that we fail to love as you love.

We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. You call us your friend, and instead of trusting in you, we turn our backs from you and look to the world for validation and acceptance.

We confess our sins and our real need for a savior. Help our unbelief.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance — from John 3:16-17

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have**

eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Matthew 5:1-12 + "Flourishing Are: The Persecuted"

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONG: *Behold The Lamb & At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *We Will Remember*

