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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** — Nellie DeVries was able to return to the Oasis at Dodge Park this week after successful surgery. Please continue to pray for her as she receives rehab. Please pray for Audrey Baker who had back surgery last week, as she recovers at home.

**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 9th. We will be studying Nehemiah: Rebuilding a Life. Childcare is provided. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Call Anna Bloem for more info: 774-287-9449.

**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 Blaue or Jack Crawford for further details.

**RETREADS** —Interested in digging deeper into the Sunday sermons? Join ReTreads, an adult study group meeting twice a month on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Coopers' home. Each Monday, you'll get a transcript of the previous Sunday's sermon and a link to the YouTube video. We'll then meet on Saturday to discuss the sermon and "extract the gold" together. Come when you can! An official start date will be announced soon. If you're interested in receiving the transcripts, please email Sue Cooper at [suecoop@proton.me](mailto:suecoop@proton.me) or talk to Sue or Tom.

**COMMISSIONING SERVICE AT THE RIVER** — The River Community Church invites Pleasant Street Church to the commissioning ceremony for Rev. Blake Phillips to active-duty Naval chaplaincy. The ceremony will take place at 1 PM on Sunday, September 14th at The River Community Church (164 Davis Street Douglas, MA 01516). Please join us for light refreshments afterwards.

**MIDWEEK KICKOFF!** — Get ready for a new year! Join us for a Midweek Kickoff on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:15 PM. This is a great chance for GEMS, Cadets, and Middle School families to meet the leaders and complete registration forms. We can't wait to see you there! The evening will run from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM.

**FAIRWOODS BBQ** — Please join us for our Annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser on September 6, 2025. We will serve dinner from 5-7pm or until we run out. The cost is \$17 for a half chicken, \$13 for a quarter chicken and kids under 5 free. Dinner includes salad, corn, rolls, baked potato and desert. Please come early to enjoy the beautiful property and fellowship with one another.

**RETURN TO SANCTUARY** — We are excited to announce our return to the Sanctuary for worship on Sunday, September 14th!

**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 contact board members Randy D, Christine E or Scott S after church or phone WRSI at 508-234-6381.

**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 45-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!

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

*Sr. Pastor:* Rev. Matthew Burns; [matthew@psrc.org](mailto:matthew@psrc.org)

*Children Ministries:* Kate Martinka; [kate@psrc.org](mailto:kate@psrc.org)

*Worship Leader:* Steve Martinka; [steve@psrc.org](mailto:steve@psrc.org)

*Office:* Jen Graham; [churchoffice@psrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@psrc.org)

*Finance:* Sadie Perkins; [finance@psrc.org](mailto:finance@psrc.org)

*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

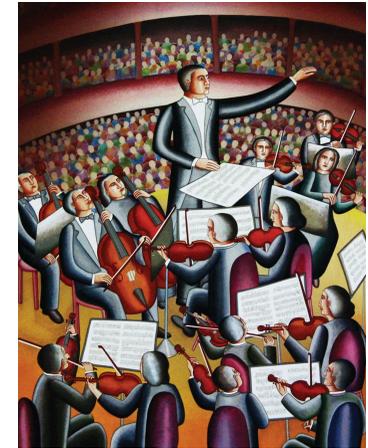
T-Y — Elder John Woudenbergh & Deacon Jodie Woudenbergh

# WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us!

*Sunday, August 31, 2025, 9:30 am*

*Psalm 81; "A Listening People"*



*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

M	<b>Labor Day - Holiday (Office Closed)</b>
M	6:30p Celebrate Recovery
W	6:30p Ministry Orientation & Safety Training
W	6:30p Prayer Group Meeting
T	7:30a Men's Bible Study
F	6:00p Parent Listening Session

### *Prayer of Preparation*

*O Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **GATHER**

### *Welcome & Announcements*

### *Call To Worship from Psalm 81*

The Lord Be With You

**And also with you.**

Come, people of God, come and gather in God's holy presence.

**God said: "Come and listen to my word of truth, and follow in my way."**

Come, people of God, come and worship the God of the ages.

**God said: "I am the God who rescued you and I will satisfy your needs."**

Come, people of God, for God said: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it...with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

**Glory to You, O Lord, for you know our deepest needs.**

**SONG:** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## **RENEWAL**

### *Prayer of Adoration*

**SONG:** All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

### *Call To Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are slow to respond; we fail to follow him.

### **Forgive us our reluctance to bear the cross.**

You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We confess that we are more interested in who we want you to be, than who you are. worship that shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want.

**Forgive us our attempts to shape you into the god we want, rather than to be shaped into the people want us to be.**

You made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

We confess that our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do; we neglect the means of grace, and evade service to your kingdom.

**Forgive us for neglecting the one thing that matters.**

### *Silent Prayer*

**Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.**

**Soften our hearts and shape our lives with your faithfulness.**

We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus. AMEN.

### *Words Of Assurance from Ephesians 2*

Brothers and Sisters – you were dead in your sins when you lived the ways of this world. But because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in sin...

**Even when we turned away from the One who had created us;**

**Even when we were oblivious to God's gifts;**

**Even when we followed our desires blindly;**

**Even when we wandered far and willfully away;**

**Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks...**

Even then it was by grace that you were saved. And God still showers us in the riches of His grace so our lives might display the kindness of God in Jesus Christ.

**For it is by grace we have been saved, and it is the gift of God in which we boast. Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

**SONG:** And Can It Be

*Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*

### *Passing The Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## **WORD**

### *Morning Prayers*

**SONG:** Speak O Lord

Psalm 81; "A Listening People"

### *Sermon*

**SONG:** Take My Life & Let It Be

### *Communion*

## **SEND**

*Apostles' Creed*

*Benediction*

**SONG:** Fill Thou My Life O Lord My God

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

