

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 college students as they are settling into the rhythms of a new school year. We pray for our missionary, Carol Berthelette who celebrates her birthday on September 12.

CONDOLENCES — Our loving sympathy is extended to the Morrow family in the passing of Dave's mother, Shirley. Please keep the Morrow and the Crawford family in your prayers. *"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."* — 1 Thessalonians 1:14

THANK YOU! — To Stuart De Jong and others who have been very generous in bringing to church many kinds of vegetables from their gardens to share with the congregation this summer.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERING — Our second offering today will be for the Pleasant Street Christian Education Assistance Fund which helps active church members in providing a Christian education for their children. Thanks for your support!

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

FALL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— *London Street; a memoir*
Join us Join us for a reading and discussion group. We meet on Wednesday evenings (opposite weeks of mid-week), starting next Wednesday.

MENS BIBLE STUDY — We are excited to begin a new series starting next Thursday, at 6:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be studying the book of Acts. Hope you can join us!

MOMS' BREAKFAST GROUP — Come away for a morning to be fed both by good food and by fellowship with other moms who are raising children still at home. We will encourage one another in the challenge and privilege of nurturing our children's love and knowledge of Jesus. We meet at 'The Family Table' in Uxbridge on Saturdays at 7:30am. Fall Dates are September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16. If you are interested or you have questions, please contact Diana Burns at dlh21@calvinseminary.edu.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — Begins on September 17! Youth Group is 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm, Breakfast Club is 2nd & 4th Sundays, 8:30-9:30am. Email HSYouth@psrc.org, if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will begin a new season on Monday, September 18 at 9:30am, studying the book of James. We would love to have new members join us. Please call LeeAnn Lukianuk at 603.793.9107 or Judy Metzger at 716.665.0899 for a study guide.

ADVANCE NOTICE — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 1. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

HELP NEEDED — We need help with serving meals at Peace of Bread next Wednesday, from 5:15pm-6:30pm at the Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville. Please reach out to Keith VandenAkker 508.735.7764. Thank you!

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 10, 2023 + 9:30am

"The Secret to Joy"



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.

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:30p Fall Book Discussion Group: Foundation
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we may love you and magnify your Holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—from Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

SONGS: *This Is Amazing Grace*

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus said: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.* This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us confess our sins to God, trusting Jesus as our savior.

Forgive our lukewarm love and disobedience to your commandments.

Lord have mercy.

Forgive us for our lack of trust in your provision.

Lord have mercy.

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord have mercy.

In this and so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings.

Lord have mercy on us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

The good news of the gospel is that in Christ we are forgiven! Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *I Surrender All*

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) Pleasant Street Christian Education Fund*

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

Philippians 4:10-23 + "The Secret to Joy"

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Rejoice in All Your Works*

Apostles Creed

SEND

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *Ancient of Days*

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

