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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.

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**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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**CHURCH DIRECTORY** — We have a draft of our new 2025 Church Directory available for your review! Please take a moment to look over the information and let us know if there are any corrections needed. The draft will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall at the entrance to the Sanctuary, each Sunday before and after service throughout the month of September. Please use the red pens provided on the table to make any necessary notes or corrections directly on the draft. Your help is greatly appreciated as we work to create a directory that is as accurate as possible for everyone. Thanks!

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** — Are there church members you feel would be great candidates for the offices of elder or deacon? We're currently accepting nominations for Council, and both men and women are welcome to serve. If you know someone you'd like to put forward, please send their name and the office you're nominating them for to Brett Buma, President of Council, at [brett.buma@amd.com](mailto:brett.buma@amd.com).

**FAITH PROMISE** — Faith Promise Sunday will be held on October 5, 2025. We are honored to have Marco Avila, Regional Resonate Missions Leader, who will help us kick off the Faith

Promise Pledge Drive. This drive is our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad.

**RETREADS** — ReTreads, a study group for adults of all ages, singles, couples, etc. is starting its third season on Saturday, September 27th. We will be digging deep into the Sunday sermons. ReTreads generally meets twice a month on Saturday evenings at 7pm at the Coopers. You can come when you are able as each week will be a different sermon. Email ([suecoop@proton.me](mailto:suecoop@proton.me)) or talk to Sue or Tom Cooper if you are interested. October 11th and October 25th are our first dates. Hope to see you all.

**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 this Sunday, September 14th at The River Community Church (164 Davis Street Douglas, MA 01516). Please join us for light refreshments afterwards.

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

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

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*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

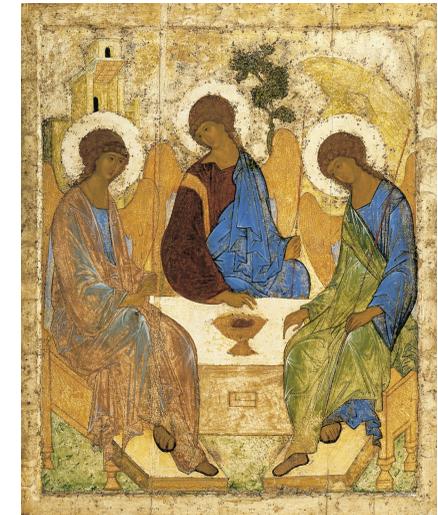
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

# WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us!

*Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:30 am*

Life In God: The Nicene Creed



*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.*

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

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

S	8:30a	HS Breakfast
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	9:30a	Coffee Break
W	6:30p	Prayer Group Meeting
Th	7:30a	Men's Bible Study

### *Prayer of Preparation*

*Heavenly Father, You spoke the world into existence. You speak new life into Your children to give us the light of the knowledge of Your glory in Christ. Give us the grace to receive Your Word and rejoice in it. Amen.*

## **GATHER**

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Call To Worship*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We come today to worship God, the one who is our strength, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

**We take refuge in Christ through worship.**

SONG: All Creatures Of Our God And King

*Confession of Faith from Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
**Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
**Begotten from the Father before all ages.**

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

**He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

SONG: O Worship The King

## **RENEWAL**

*Call To Confession from Psalm 51 & 1 Peter 5*

Humble yourselves, under God's mighty hand, he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;**

According to your great compassion blot out my wrongdoing.

**Wash away all my offenses and cleanse me from my sin.**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in my heart; you teach wisdom deep within me.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a faithful spirit within me.**

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and give me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings; but the sacrifice of a broken and humble spirit, O God, you will not despise.

*Silent Prayer*

*Words Of Assurance from 1 Peter 5*

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SONG: How Firm A Foundation

*First Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



*Second Offering: PSCRC MS/HS Youth Group*

SONG: Before The Throne Of God Above

*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*

Life In God: The Nicene Creed  
"We Believe"

*Sermon, 1 Peter 1 : 3-9*

## **SEND**

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

SONG: This I Believe

*Lord's Prayer*

*Benediction*

SONG: This Is Our God

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