

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Bandstra
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene
T-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

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.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our ministries and their leaders this fall and winter. The Lord continues to do amazing things in our lives, and we are confident it's the result of prayer.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

COFFEE BREAK RETREAT — *"Favored"* is October 20 to 22 in Ashford, CT. Scholarship money is available. Even if you do not want to be there for the whole time, you could just come for Saturday with the meals being the only expense. Register at globalcoffee.org/Events. See Anna Bloem for more information.

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY — will be next week, 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. We have the pleasure of having Karen Masso join us who will update us on her ministry. Karen is involved in the mission of *Serge* through leadership training of missionaries worldwide. This month we are also excited to introduce a new missionary, Joshua Jiang from Resonate Global, China. Please hang around after the service as we will be serving Wrights cake with coffee, to celebrate the beginning of a successful 2024 pledge drive—*Your Faith Promise Team!*

PRAYER GROUP — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm to pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—Please join us!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES
NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — May be placed in the basket at the main foyer. Thanks!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL — Alumni Reception at Homecoming for Willow Street & WCS Alumni Friends on Saturday, September 30 at 9:00am in the Krull Gymnasium. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heather Rufo by September 20 at hrufo@whitinsvillechristian.org or 508.234.8211 x3261.

TEAM PLEASANT STREET CRC — is raising funds for the 2023 Blackstone Valley Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 21, registration is at 8:30am at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, the walk begins at 9am and ends at the Uxbridge Town Center. We are looking to raise funds and for walkers/sponsors to help raise awareness for World Hunger. The easiest way to donate is online: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/pleasant-street-crc>. Our goal is to raise at least \$1200 this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

WELCOME

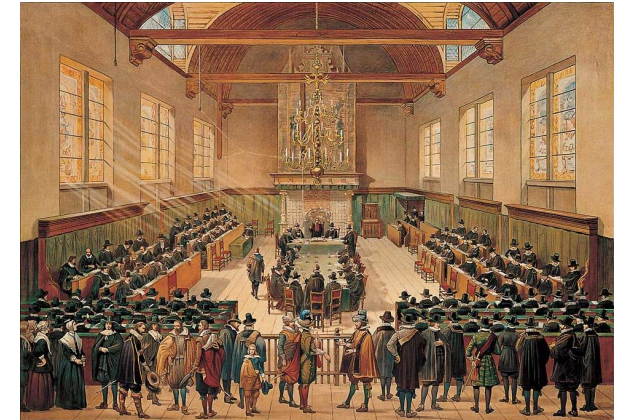
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 24, 2023 + 9:30am

"God Chooses to Adopt Us for God's own Reasons"



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 Breakfast: Foundation
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
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 Psalm 51:1-2

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 124, Ephesians 1

People of God, in whom do you trust?

**Our help is the name of the Lord our God, maker of
heaven and earth.**

Praise Be the God and Father of our lord Jesus Christ, who
has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual
blessing!

**Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ to
be holy and blameless before him in love.**

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through
Jesus Christ, according to God's great pleasure, to the
praise of his glorious grace. In Christ we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the
riches of his grace. For this reason, we bow before the
Father.

**To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations. Forever and ever.**

SONGS: *O Worship the King*

Grace Alone

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things
of this world above you.

We turn to you now, God of Grace.

We have made idols of possessions and people. We have
used your name for causes that are not consistent with
you and your purposes.

We turn to you now, God of Grace.

We have allowed our schedules to become overgrown;
we've not worshiped you with our whole heart.

We turn to you now, God of Grace.

We have taken too much credit for what's gone well in
our lives; we've not honored the ways you work in those
who have guided us.

We turn to you now, God of Grace.

We have fallen in love with a dream of independence;
we have not been faithful to our covenant relationships.

We turn to you now, God of Grace.

We have longed for what we lack; we have not honored
you for all you've given us.

**Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our
sins. Soften our hearts and shape our lives with your
faithfulness so we might represent you to a broken
world.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Brothers and Sisters hear the Good News – God's words
of conviction are those of a friend. For the Lord Jesus
said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and
bear fruit..."

Praise the Lord, who chose us for his friends.

Praise the Lord Jesus who said: "Come and follow me."
**Lead us Lord that, forgiven, we might learn to walk in
your ways and love one another, AMEN.**

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *His Mercy is More*

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

John 15:9-17; Romans 11: 33-36 +

"Beggars, Chosen: Election"

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *Come As You Are*

Nothing But the Blood

SEND

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: *Holy Holy Holy*

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

