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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 MESSAGES** — Thank you all for prayers, cards, and well wishes during my recent surgery. God is good! — Audrey Baker.

**CROP WALK** — Our Annual Crop Hunger Walk is coming up soon, the deacons will be in the Fellowship Hall with information about the event and are hoping to receive donations and to recruit walkers who will also raise donations for this 3-mile walk on October 25, starting at the Village Congregational Church at 9am. Please consider giving a donation to this cause, our goal is to raise at least \$2,000, 25% of the proceeds directly benefit our Northbridge community. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**FAIRWOODS** — Mark your calendars for the Fairwoods Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy a heartwarming evening with homemade soups, chilis, and a warm apple crisp dessert. This is a cash-only event, so please come prepared. Want to volunteer? We are looking for community members to donate a soup or chili to be served at the fest. To share your recipe, please contact me at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com and let me know what you will be bringing. We can't wait to see you there!

**MISSIONARY JOURNEYS** - Join Dr. Jeff Weima, a leading Pauline scholar and professor at Calvin Theological Seminary, on an inspirational 11-day tour tracing Paul's second and third missionary journeys through Greece. Travel includes 6 days by motor coach and 3 days by cruise ship, visiting major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at (616) 328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

**ARK ENCOUNTER** — Join Valley Chapel for an exciting 6-day, 5-night trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum from November 3–8, 2025! The package is priced at \$1040 per person (Double Occupancy) or \$1450 (Single Occupancy) and includes admission to both attractions, 5 nights of

lodging, 5 breakfasts, and 3 dinners (including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise with entertainment), motorcoach transportation, a Guided Tour of Cincinnati, a souvenir gift, luggage handling, and all taxes and meal gratuities. A \$100 deposit is required to confirm your seat, and you can secure your reservation by contacting Sharon L. Howard at (508) 278-2315.

**CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR** — Many top Christian colleges will be represented at Whitinsville Christian School (279 Linwood Ave) on Tuesday, September 30th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Open to high school/ college-aged students and families. Info/Registration: www.FindYourChristianCollege.com

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** — Please review the **DRAFT** of the 2026 Church Directory! We need your help to ensure it's accurate. The draft is on the rectangular table near the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday (before/after service) through early October. Please use the red pens provided to note any corrections directly on the draft. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**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 October 11th and October 25th. 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) or talk to Sue or Tom Cooper if you are interested. Hope to see you all here!

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

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**Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:**

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere

Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider

Ep-HI — 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

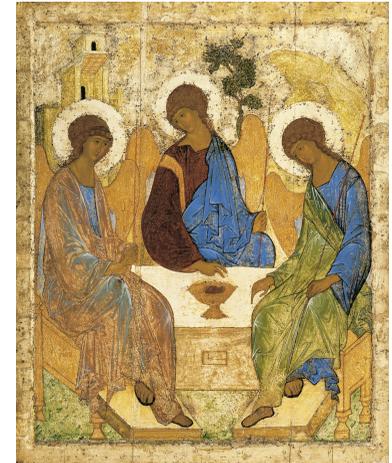
We're so glad you've joined us!

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 9:30 am

Life in God: The Nicene Creed

Colossians 1: 15-23; 2: 1-4

“Begotten, Not Made”



*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	9:30a	Women's Bible Study
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	9:30a	Coffee Break
W	6:30p	Prayer Group
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 & Ministry Spotlight*

### *Call To Worship*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God:

**The one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.**

This is our God! Let's worship together.

SONG: God of Wonders

### *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: Seek Ye First

## **RENEWAL**

### *Call To Confession*

Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You.

**We confess our lack of faith. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow.**

True God of True God, Light from Light eternal, we acknowledge we have let our desires foolishly lead us astray.

**O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.**

Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view.

Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way.

**Amen.**

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Words Of Assurance*

The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life.**

Loving God, you are not impatient and tight fisted like us, your generosity flows freely to all your creatures.

We praise you that our sins are forgiven, and that the future has again become an open door.

**Thanks be to you, God of grace and glory!**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen!**

*First Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street*

SONG: Only A Holy God

### *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

Colossians 1: 15-23; 2: 1-4

“Begotten, Not Made”

### *Sermon*

SONG: The First Place

## **TABLE**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation

Tasting Grace

SONG: Behold The Lamb

## **SEND**

*Lord's Prayer*

*Benediction*

SONG: King of Kings

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

