

\*IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Call to Worship

**PRAISE**

- \* *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* (PH 188)
- \* *Let Everything That Has Breath, Praise the Lord*
- \* *God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises*
- \* Peace of the Church

**FAITH**

Welcoming New Members  
 Prayers of God's People  
*(Children age 3 - grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School downstairs)*  
 Offering for God's Kingdom through Pleasant Street CRC  
*Ancient Words*

**WORD**

Scripture: Genesis 16:1-14, 21:14-21 ✚ "The God Who Listens"

**TABLE**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a church that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer.

*Prayer for those searching for the truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me not to fear the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I see that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Believing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Lord and Savior. Please come into my life by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

**SENDING**

- \* *Mighty to Save*
- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude

*If you would like to find out more about following Jesus, or if you desire prayer, come to the front of the sanctuary following worship and we will be there to pray for you.*

**PRAY**

**REMEMBER OUR SICK:** Hank Ebbeling, Neil Creaser, Kathy Bangma, Garrit Ebbeling, Janice Krull, and Dave Miedema. Lance Holmes is in Memorial Hospital for a hip replacement. Jared Williams broke his collarbone this past week. We give thanks that Jacob Oosterman was released from the hospital on Monday.

**HANK EBBELING** is feeling much better and is able to begin some of his usual activity, and he's started physical therapy twice a week. He still has more doctor appointments scheduled and appointments for testing, but we're real happy with his progress since his hospitalizations. He'll always have to be followed for the lung cancer, but we've learned to be thankful for each day. In spite of the challenges during the past six months, we've also seen many blessings for which we're thankful. We're very appreciative of your continued prayers, encouragement, cards, and support in other ways. This church family has truly been one of our blessings. Thank you so much! Hank & Bev Ebbeling

**OUR LOVING SYMPATHY** is extended to Paul Phillips in the passing of his mother, Ruth Theresa Phillips, on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at age 83. Calling hours will be Monday, 4-7pm at Edwards Memorial Funeral Home, 44 Congress Street, Milford, and the funeral will proceed from there at 9am on Tuesday with the service at 10am at St. Mary of the Assumption, 24 Winter Street, Milford.

**CONNECT**

**COME TO OUR CHURCH RETREAT!** On February 3-4, we are hosting a 2-day conference on *How to Live in Light of the Gospel*, on Friday from 6:30-8:30pm and Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Using materials from World Harvest's *Sonship* ([whm.org/sonship](http://whm.org/sonship)) we will experience the Gospel in a fresh way that will help us live the theology we believe. Topics include: 'What does it mean to Repent and be Transformed?', 'How does the Gospel Shape our Conflict?', 'How can we Share the Gospel in Personal and Corporate ways?' and more. Registration is \$20 with meals and materials included; childcare will also be provided. Register with Judy at [office@pscrc.org](mailto:office@pscrc.org) or 508.234.5268. Please come!

**HIGH SCHOOL REALIFE:**

- ReaLife will meet TONIGHT, 6-8pm. There will be no meal but plenty of snacks.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NITELIFE:**

- NiteLife will meet again THIS Wednesday, February 1, 5:30-8pm, beginning with dinner in the fellowship hall. Bring a donation for our sponsor child and a friend!

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

- The Camp Berea winter retreat is March 2-4. The deadline to register is TODAY. Pick up an information packet at the Welcome Center or in the Student Center.
- The Student Center is open Sundays at 9:00am for middle and high school students. Come hang out and have some bagels and donuts before worship.

**CRAFT NIGHT** at West End Creamery is now discontinued due to other commitments.

**THE 2012 DIRECTORIES** are in the mailboxes. If you need another copy please contact the church office. We thank the excellent volunteers who collated, stapled and cut the directory and cleaned up afterward: Marilyn Baker, Joy Briggs, Stuart De Jong, Carol Lewis, and Kathie Pierro.

## SERVE

**CAN YOU HELP FOR OUR RETREAT?** If you would like to bake or make desserts and other snacks, please let Derek know if you can help out: [derek@pscrc.org](mailto:derek@pscrc.org).

**HELPING HANDS** is a ministry at Pleasant Street with the purpose of showing the love of Christ to church members and friends, as well as to those in need from the community. To increase our number of volunteers, a form with various tasks is in the church mailboxes today. Please prayerfully consider how to become involved in this ministry. Complete the form and place in an offering basket or the church office. With any questions please contact Beth Bol, Anna Bloem, or Betsy Ryder. Thank you.

**WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** is seeking highly qualified candidates for the position of Middle School Principal. The ideal candidate will be a leader of people and servant of God with a passion for middle school education, a breadth of teaching and administrative experience, and a demonstrated ability to build trusting and respectful relationships with 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, their parents and teachers. Responsibilities include leadership and management in academic, spiritual, social, fiscal, facility, and personnel matters related to the middle school. Interested candidates should contact Lance Engbers, Headmaster, at 508-234-8211 ext. 11.

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT PLEASANT STREET

- **Tech:** Dexter Greene, Kevin Pierro, Randy De Vries
- **Ushers:** Rob Miller, Keith Vanden Akker - **Coffee Set-Up:** Len Jellesma
- **Greeters:** Mick & Shari Cronin; Carol Schaver, Nagbe & Ellen Tequah
- **Council Greeters:** Mark Geurkink; Mark Hackathorn, Beth Bol
- **Nursery:** Cathy Greene, Katie Kenbeek, Josh Bloem, Jonathan Buma
- **Library:** John & Sandi Vriesema - **Prayer Partners:** Brian & Cathy Burt

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School in the Rose Room Open Student Center with Refreshments for Grades 7-12
	6:00 PM	High School ReaLife in the Fellowship Hall
MON.	3:30 PM	Young Voices in Praise in the Fellowship Hall
TUE.	9:30 AM	Coffee Break in the Fellowship Hall; Preschool Childcare
	6:30 PM	Fresh Start (divorce care) - Fellowship Hall; DC4K - Room 2
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study in Room 16
WED.	7:45 AM	Stand in the GAP Prayer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Dinner for Faith Formation Night in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Nursery (0-2) & Wed. Wonder (3 - Gr. 2) in Nurseries Gems in Room 7 & Cadets in Room 2 Middle School niteLife (Gr. 7-8) in the Fellowship Hall The Alpha Course in the Pastor's Office
	6:45 PM	Choir in the Worship Center
	7:00 PM	Catechesis in the Rose Room
THU.	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	His & Hers Bible Study at the Home of Joy Briggs
	7:30 PM	Galileo Group in the Student Center
FRI.	6:30 PM	Sonship Retreat
SAT.	8:30 AM	Sonship Retreat

## WELCOME TO PLEASANT STREET!



January 29, 2012

Genesis 16:1-14, 21:14-21 ✦ "The God Who Listens"  
Pastor Derek Zeyl

### Loving God, Serving People

**We welcome you into our community and our lives!** We hope you experience God's presence as you worship with us this morning. Help us get to know you by filling in the Communication Card in the pew and putting it in the offering basket. Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after worship. Stop by the Welcome Center for more info about our church. Thanks for being here today!

**Young children:** A nursery for ages 2 and younger is available downstairs. Sunday School children are dismissed before the sermon: ages 3-4 to room 5, grades K-1 to room 4, and grades 2-3 to room 3.

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