

**IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND*

GATHERING PRAISE

Here I Am to Worship

- * Call to Worship
- * *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
- * *Hear Our Praises with Gloria*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Children's Message

Prophecy from Isaiah 61

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

- * Peace of the Church

(Children age 3 - grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School downstairs)

Prayers of God's People

Offerings for God's Kingdom through: 1) Pleasant Street CRC 2) (Peter Fish)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Matthew 2:1-2 ✚ "A New Star Rising"

LORD'S SUPPER

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.

- * *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
- * Benediction
- * Postlude: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*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.*

THE FAMILY WEDNESDAY NIGHT which would have been on December 14 was moved up. So the last family nights in 2011 will be on November 30 and December 7.

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM! Advent is a four-week period in the church's year in which we join the angels and the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and the wise men who left behind the busyness of life to see the birth of our only hope. During the weeks leading up to Christmas we will reflect on the second chapter of Matthew's gospel which describes the journey of the wise men, and our own journey to find this Savior in our Sunday morning worship. Come and also join us for some other special worship times as we will host:

- ~ Advent Carol Sing: Sunday, December 4, 6 PM
- ~ Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 18, 6 PM
- ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Saturday, December 24, 5 PM
- ~ Christmas Day Celebration: Sunday, December 25, 10 AM

ALSO THE RIVER INVITES US TO THEIR CHURCH (164 Davis Street, Douglas):

- ~ Stillwater Cafe Acoustic Night: Friday, December 16, 8 PM
- ~ The Joy of Christmas: Friday, December 23, 6:30 PM

SNOWBIRD ENVELOPES: Church-addressed envelopes are at the Welcome Center for those away this winter who desire to send communications or offerings.

SERVE

FAITH PROMISE: Thank you for the pledge of \$29,846 so far. In order to meet our missionary needs of \$52,500 in 2012, we need to raise an additional pledge of \$22,654. If you have not yet pledged or want to pledge more, please do so by TODAY! Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center.

GIVE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFTS: The deacons will be in the fellowship hall today through December 11 to sign up those who would like to participate in the Northbridge Association of Churches Christmas gift and food card program. May we show the love of Christ to our neighbors as we celebrate this joyous season.

THE SYMPATHY SERVICE needs volunteers to either provide a baked good or serve at funerals. We are trying to expand our list of volunteers so that each person is only called upon a couple of times per year. If you can help, please email Kathie Pierro, KIPierro@comcast.net. If you can no longer serve, please let her know that too.

CADET CHRISTMAS DECORE FUNDRAISER: Cadets are taking orders for Christmas decorations ranging in size (small/medium/large trees, 12" wreaths, 25' garlands, kissing balls, and cemetery baskets) and in price (from \$10 to \$55). Decorations will be delivered free of charge to houses in Northbridge and adjoining towns THIS Saturday morning, December 3. This is our only fundraiser of the year! To know more about our Cadet program, call Scott Schneider, 508.234.0014.

GEMS ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE: Two sizes are available (\$10 or \$25) and orders will be received until tomorrow! Plant pick-up is on Friday, December 2, 2-6 pm. Thank you for your support. Call Donna, 508.234.4942, with any questions.

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) at Whitinsville Christian School: Your gift certificates for Christmas can all be ordered through WCS, saving time and travel and also supporting WCS without any cost to you. Your tuition credit may go into your personal account, another family's, or the tuition aid fund. Orders are next due November 29; forms are in the fellowship hall. Or order at www.shopwithscrip.com; code: A4DDBFB51821. Will and Helen Banning will answer any questions.

A NEW WCS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOME IS NEEDED for a bright, serious WCS student who enjoys the school. Hosts receive a generous stipend. Contact Lyn Gordon, 508.892.8027 or www.nacelopendoor.org/ipsp, if able to house him.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING WITH FAIR TRADE: What could be a better stocking stuffer than an orange chocolate bar or a package of tamari roasted almonds? Equal Exchange products include organic and sustainably grown coffees, teas, cocoa, chocolate bars, almonds, and more. Order by December 1: contact Barb Vander Klay, MrsRev@charter.net or 508-234-1619. Order forms are in the fellowship hall.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT PLEASANT STREET

- **Tech:** Brett Buma, Dennon Audette, Christian Van der Schijff
- **Ushers:** Keith Vanden Akker, Rob Miller
- **Coffee Set-Up:** Phil & Fran Wassenar
- **Greeters:** George & Deb Nydam; Dave & Betsy Ryder, Will & Helen Banning
- **Council Greeters:** Mick Cronin, Betsy Ryder, Jack Crawford
- **Nursery:** Lauren Mc Grath, Lori Sawyer; Kelley Finger, Owen Brookhouse
- **Library:** John & Sandi Vriesema
- **Prayer Partners:** Howard & Marlene De Vries

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 AM	Prayer & Bible Study in the Rose Room
	9:45 AM	Council & Worship Team Prayer under the Balcony
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship in the Worship Center
	Noon	Membership Class & Lunch
	6:30 PM	Bible Study of I Timothy 6 at Home of Dave & Betsy Ryder
	7:00 PM	Straight Ahead Ministry at Grafton Girls' Oakes D
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	DivorceCare in the Fellowship Hall; DC4K in Room 2
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study in Room 16 Building Team Meeting in Room 13
WED.	7:45 AM	Stand in the GAP Prayer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Retirement Home Bible Study in the Retirement Home
	3:00 PM	Straight Ahead Ministry at U. Mass. Connections
	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
	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	Praise Team Rehearsal in the Worship Center His & Hers Bible Study at the Home of Joy Briggs
	7:30 PM	Galileo Group in the Student Center
FRI.	2:00 PM	Gems Poinsettia Sale Pickup begin in the Fellowship Hall
	3:30 PM	Crafters' Clutch at West End Creamery (and evening)
SAT.	2:00 PM	Christmas Tea for Seniors at Whitinsville Retirement Home

WELCOME TO PLEASANT STREET!



November 27, 2011
Matthew 2:1-2 ✦ "A New Star Rising"
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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PRAY

OUR SICK: Linda Nydam had successful surgery and has returned home. Pray for Diane Milligan's father, Rick, that his cancerous tumor decrease. Joan Oosterman's younger brother, Calvin Vander Kooi, has Lou Gehrig's disease plus tumors. Carolyn Stahl will continue in St. Camillus at this time. Dave Miedema is in Westboro Health Care Center again. Betty Kuipers is in Whittier Rehab Hospital in Westboro.

BLESSINGS to John Berthelette, missionary in Togo, who celebrates his birthday on November 30, to Phyllis Schotanus whose 80th birthday is November 28, and to Ron and Edie Jorritsma whose 55th anniversary is November 29!

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS: The Masso newsletter was emailed this week and hard copies are available at the missions bulletin board.

CONNECT

HIGH SCHOOL REALIFE:

- Realife will not meet next week. Join the Advent Carol Sing instead on Sunday, December 4, at 6 pm!
- The ReaLife Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 7, 5:30-8 pm. Stay tuned for details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NITELIFE :

- NiteLife meets THIS Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-8 pm, beginning with dinner in the fellowship hall. Bring a donation for our sponsor child and a friend!
- The NiteLife Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 7, 5:30-8 pm. Stay tuned for details!

CORRECTIONS FOR THE 2012 DIRECTORY: If you have any further address/phone/email changes, please send to office@psrc.org by November 27. Thank you.

KIDS, WE NEED YOU TO HELP US WORSHIP JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS! Mrs. Vanden Akker and Mrs. De Vries ask elementary schoolers AND middle schoolers to come to Monday rehearsals, 3:30 to 4:30, November 28 through December, to sing twice this season. Thanks for your help and we will see you then!

WCS ELEMENTARY MUSICAL, JUST BELIEVE: All are invited to WCS to this free performance by grades K-5 Thursday, December 1, 10 am, and Friday, December 2, 7 pm. The story tells of a children's choir whose bus breaks down and they eventually learn the true meaning of Christmas. Music includes hip, Latin, country, and swing.

THE CHRISTMAS TEA FOR SENIORS will be THIS Saturday, December 3, at 2:00 pm at the Whitinsville Retirement Home for those over age 75 and their spouses from our church and Fairlawn. The Lord's Supper will be commemorated. Please call your shepherding elder if you need transportation.

THE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT is available at the Welcome Center.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Monday, December 5, at 7:00 pm to ratify the council-approved 2012 budget and part-time position of Director of Worship Ministries and to hear reports on other church activities. The agenda and budget were in the mailboxes. Any proposed amendment to the budget to be considered at the congregational meeting must be submitted in writing to Vice President Harry van der Meer, HAVDM@charter.net, no later than TODAY. Absentee ballots will be accepted only if the budget is not amended. Absentee ballots by email are accepted provided the email address of the sender is known by the church office.



THE STOCKINGS ARE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE BUT THE WRAPPING ISN'T DONE! AND THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE!

Hectic Christmas Schedule?

Don't worry! We can help reduce your stress!

Don't miss our

2nd Annual Wrap and Bake Sale

Last year was a great success so we thought we would do it again. We are offering an opportunity for you to have your gifts wrapped into beautiful packages and buy delicious homemade Christmas treats to snack on while you wait or to bring home to share with friends and family.

Oliebollen, Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate, Festive Holiday Treats

Date: December 17
Time: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Where: Pleasant Street Church
Why: Support the 2012 Mission Project to be announced soon!
Hosted by: The 2012 Mission Team

Would you like to help?

- Donations of wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows, ribbon, tape and gift tags can be left in the labeled box in the fellowship hall.
- Wrapper and baker volunteers; please contact Leona van der Meer : 508-278-2317 or LeonavanderMeer@gmail.com