

*IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

GATHERING PRAISE

Organ Prelude

* Call to Worship

* *Glorious and Mighty** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Children's Message

Prophecy from Isaiah 9

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

Offering for God's Kingdom through Pleasant Street CRC

*The King of Glory Comes***HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Matthew 2:1-8 ✚ "A Frightening Hope"

SENDING* *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

* Benediction

*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****OUR SICK:** Lee Oppewal has improved and is in Whitney Place, room 2, at Beaumont, PO Box 940, Northbridge 01534. Neil Creaser is in Milford Hospital with heart trouble. Hank Ebbeling is experiencing complications from radiation and chemo.**BLESSINGS** to Steve Frieswick whose birthday is December 14 and to Joyce and David Campbell whose birthdays are December 16 and 20 respectively.**FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS:** The Spalink newsletter was emailed this week and hard copies are available at the missions bulletin board.**OUR LOVING SYMPATHY** is extended to the families of Ruth and Steve Haringa and Ben and Melissa Haringa in the passing of mother and grandmother, Carolyn Stahl, on Thanksgiving Day.

In Loving Memory of
CAROLYN GRACE STAHL
January 12, 1923 - November 24, 2011
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a).

CONNECT**THE POINSETTIAS** in the worship center are given in memory of Earl Ruitter and Bob Wood by Ruth Ruitter and Deb Wood. We give thanks for this gift of beauty.**HIGH SCHOOL REALIFE:**

- ReaLife will not meet tonight so all may join the Advent Carol Sing at 6 pm!
- The ReaLife Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 11, 6-8 pm. Come ready to compete in a Christmas scavenger hunt!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NITELIFE :

- The NiteLife Christmas Party is THIS Wednesday, December 7, 5:30-8 pm, beginning with dinner in the fellowship hall. Bring a wrapped Yankee Swap gift (max \$5), a donation for our sponsor child, and a friend!

THE FINAL FAMILY WEDNESDAY NIGHT for 2011 is this Wednesday, December 7.**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be tomorrow, 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. Refreshments will be served.**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!** During the four weeks of Advent we join the angels and shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and the wise men who left behind the busyness of life to see the birth of our only hope. We are reflecting on Matthew 2 which describes the journey of the wise men, and our own journey to find this Savior. Come and also join us for these other special worship times as we will host:

~ Advent Carol Sing: TONIGHT, 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

CHRISTMAS WRAP & BAKE SALE: Come to the 2012 summer mission project fundraiser on Saturday, December 17, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall to get your Christmas gifts wrapped and purchase delectable goodies like fresh oliebollen and Christmas treats. You may also help by donating wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows, ribbon, tape and tags to the labeled box in the fellowship hall. Or be a wrapper or baker and contact Leona, 508.278.2317 or LeonavanderMeer@gmail.com.**SERVE****THE FAITH PROMISE TEAM** has made the following difficult decision for 2012:

~ NEED: Our missionaries need what we are giving them in 2011, \$52,500.00.

~ PLEDGE: Our families have pledged \$31,146 in missionary support for 2012.

~ PROMISE: With extra funds from 2011 and special offerings in 2012, we should be able to give our missionaries \$43,200 in 2012. Please pray that we exceed this amount so as not to reduce our missionary giving by 20% in 2012.

GIVE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFTS: Sign up in the fellowship hall through December 11 to join the Northbridge Association of Churches' Christmas gift and food card program for our neighbors in need. Bring wrapped gifts *with tag attached* to the fellowship hall by Sunday, December 18.

THE SYMPATHY SERVICE needs people who can 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.

THE DEACONS THANK all who were involved with serving the 80 guests at the Peace of Bread Community Kitchen dinner on November 30. Through this ministry, we are "united in Christ to feed His people, body and soul."

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/ips, if able to house him.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT PLEASANT STREET

- **Tech:** Hugh Leahy, Nathan Brookhouse, Randy De Vries
- **Ushers:** Keith Vanden Akker, Alan Bol
- **Coffee Set-Up:** Bill & Shirley La Fleur
- **Greeters:** Carol Schaver; Mick & Shari Cronin, Art & Sandy Wynja
- **Council Greeters:** Beth Bol; Thalia Towle, John Vriesema
- **Nursery:** Elsabe Van der Schijff, Marilyn Baker, Anneke Zeyl, Elizabeth Groot
- **Library:** Kathie Pierro
- **Prayer Partners:** Steve Stinson, Edie Jorritsma

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
	6:00 PM	Advent Carol Sing in the Worship Center
	7:00 PM	Straight Ahead Ministry at Grafton Girls' Oakes D
MON.	3:30 PM	Young Voices in Praise in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Tech Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
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
WED.	7:45 AM	Stand in the GAP Prayer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	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
FRI.	3:30 PM	Crafters' Clutch at West End Creamery (and evening)

WELCOME TO PLEASANT STREET!



December 4, 2011

Matthew 2:1-8 ❖ "A Frightening Hope"

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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