

# PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • November 15, 2024

## This Weekend (November 16 & 17)

Saturday Worship: 5:00pm / Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sermon Series: Free to Serve  
Sermon Title: Set Free to Trust Completely  
Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7  
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Todd

### Special Worship Elements

- Matt and Melissa Leshley will bring their daughters, Allison and Norah, before the church for Baptism (Sunday)
- Men's Choir will sing in both services

## Free to Serve Commitment & First Fruits Celebration Sunday - November 24 @ 9:30am

We look forward to one of the most significant worship services in the life of Pearce Church on Sunday, November 24 at 9:30am. We will unite as a whole congregation to celebrate our commitment to God through the Free to Serve Campaign and to offer the first fruits offerings toward our commitments. This will be a special day of worship and celebration of God's grace and provision. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a reception with hors d'oeuvres, hot potato bar, mac & cheese bar, and more! **(Note: there will not be a Saturday service on November 23.)**

## This Week (November 15 – November 22)

### Saturday, November 16

- Saturday Worship Service at 5pm in the Sanctuary (note the location change for this weekend only)
- Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry volunteers meet at 6pm (directly after the service) to move items into the FLC for packing

### Sunday, November 17

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am in the Parlor
- Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry volunteers meet at 10:45am (directly after the service) to move items into the FLC for packing

### Monday, November 18

- Celebrate Recovery meets in the Loft at 6:30pm

### Tuesday, November 19

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast meets 7am at the Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Chili, NY 14624)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study for men and women will meet from 9- 10:15am in Room 80
- Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets at noon in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 20

- Common Grounds Café open from 10am – 2pm
- Community Bible Study (CBS) meets from 10:30am - 12:20pm
- Oasis (Youth Group) meets at 6:30pm in the Loft
- Choir Rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:20pm in the Sanctuary
- Worship Team rehearses from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry volunteers meet at 9:30am in the FLC to pack Thanksgiving boxes
- Mary & Martha's Group will meet at 11:30am in the Friendship Center

## Plan Ahead

**November 28 & 29:** Building closed for the Thanksgiving holidays

**December 3:** Financial Forum

- Time: 7pm
- Location: Friendship Center
- What: Review the proposed budget for 2025
- Dessert will be provided

**December 13:** Christmas Story Hour for kids and their families:

- Time: 6:30 - 8pm
- Location: Parmerter Chapel
- Join in the fun by bringing a blanket or sleeping bag, wearing your pajamas, etc.
- A reception with snacks and crafts will immediately follow Story Hour
- To help with this fun event, contact [Mattie Laley](#)

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Service

- Date & Time: December 24 at 5pm
- Nursery provided through preschool age

## Giving & Serving Opportunities

• Thank you to all who are donating to our Food Cupboard! This week's needs are:

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| ○ Tomato Products | ○ Canned Corn    | ○ Sugar        | ○ Deodorant                 |
| ○ Pasta           | ○ Canned Peas    | ○ Flour        | ○ Cleaning Supplies         |
| ○ Pasta Sauce     | ○ Peanut Butter  | ○ Foil         | ○ Feminine Hygiene Products |
| ○ Chunky Soups    | ○ Jelly          | ○ Razors       |                             |
| ○ Tuna            | ○ Salad Dressing | ○ Toothbrushes |                             |
| ○ Canned Beans    | ○ Juice          | ○ Toothpaste   |                             |
| ○ Mixed Fruit     | ○ Baking Mixes   | ○ Bar Soap     |                             |
|                   | ○ Pancake Mixes  | ○ Shampoo      |                             |

If you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment.

• **Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry:**

Our Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry is underway! We're excited to launch this annual ministry. Pearce, together with our sister church Heart & Soul, Rochester Family Mission, other city churches, and local agencies, are identifying families in need throughout the Rochester area. Our shared goal is to provide boxes of food, fresh produce, and frozen turkeys to 1,150 families. Pearce's specific contribution is to prepare 250 Adopt-a-Boxes.

### How Can You Help?

- **Drop Off Adopt-a-Boxes:** Filled Adopt-a-Boxes can be brought to Pearce Church by November 17. So far, we've received 202 Adopt-a-Box commitments—there's still time to bring in a box!
  - **Volunteer for Food Collection:** Join us on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17, after our services, to help transport food items, Adopt-a-Boxes, and supplies from various storage areas to the Family Life Center. Volunteers will meet in Pearce's main lobby for instructions.
  - **Help Pack Thanksgiving Boxes:** On Thursday, November 21, we'll gather in the Family Life Center (gym) at 9:30 AM to pack over 800 Thanksgiving boxes. It usually takes 1-2 hours, and we need all hands on deck to ensure families in need have a special meal for the holiday.
  - For more details, [follow this link](#) or stop by the table in the main lobby this weekend, where you can sign up to adopt a box and pick up a shopping list to help fill it.
- Check out the various [ways to give](#)

## Prayer

- **10@10:** Join others in our congregation who pause wherever they are for 10 minutes each day at 10 am to pray for Pearce Church. If you'd like more information, contact [Robin Day](#).
- **Prayer Chain:** Daily prayer updates are sent Monday through Friday at 3:30pm, providing information about the needs of our Pearce community. If you have a personal prayer request, update, or bereavement information to

share, send it to [pearce@pearcechurch.org](mailto:pearce@pearcechurch.org), or call the church at 585-594-9488, and we will be sure to include it in our next update.

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