

# PEARCE CHURCH

## News, Events & Updates • January 23, 2026

### This Weekend (January 24 & 25)

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

Sermon Series: Church Arise  
Sermon Title: Arise to Freedom  
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Austin  
Scripture: Psalm 33:10-22

#### Special Worship Elements:

- Rev. Dr. Kevin Austin will be joining us in worship this weekend. Kevin serves as Director of the Free Methodist Church's [Set Free Movement](#), a global initiative dedicated to combating human trafficking. Following each service, we will receive a special exit offering to support Set Free's *Thrive* ministry in Kenya. In many communities, girls drop out of school when they begin menstruating due to a lack of access to hygiene supplies and education. This loss of dignity increases vulnerability for girls, and women, to human trafficking, child marriage, teen pregnancy, and lifelong poverty. *Thrive* is working to change this reality by providing menstrual health education and [Wunders](#) hygiene kits, empowering girls to remain in school and pursue brighter futures. *Thrive*'s impact in Kenya continues to grow and is now expanding into Rwanda, including partnerships with Kibogora Hospital and, eventually, Connected Communities such as the Pearce's own Connected Community in Nzige. Interested in learning more about this important issue? Roberts Wesleyan University will host the documentary film, [The Right Track: True Survivor Journeys](#), on January 29 at 6pm. [Go here](#) for more information.
- During the Sunday service, we will celebrate teen, Emiley Madison as she takes the next step in her faith journey through baptism, and Christina Halter as she affirms her infant baptism before the congregation.

### Upcoming Voting Information

All full members of Pearce are encouraged to vote for new members of the Official Board and Nominating Committee.

The voting process will be conducted in-person at these designated times:

- Before and after services on Saturday, January 24 & Sunday, January 25
- During business hours Monday – Friday (6:30am – 6pm) January 26 – Thursday, January 29

#### The nominees for the Official Board

(3 openings for three-year terms) are:

- Cait Bates
- Tom Corbett
- Rob Hoose
- James Kerwin
- Karenza Reber\*

For more information, or if you have questions about the voting process, contact the church office via [email](#) or call 585-594-9488.

#### The nominees for the Nominating Committee

(3 openings for three-year terms) are:

- Nadine Bailey
- Lois DeRoo
- Lettie Hursh
- Karenza Reber\*
- Bill Roushey
- David Scheible
- Alicia Thomson

\*By rule, a person can only serve on the Board or the Nominating Committee, not on both. Karenza Reber has been nominated for both positions but may only serve on one of them. Please take this into consideration when voting.

### Annual Celebration

Join us for our Annual Celebration, themed "*The Church God is Building*," on Sunday, February 1 at 10:45am! After the morning service, swing by the "Munch and Mingle" tables to grab a bite to eat and a drink and head to Parmerter Chapel. Celebrate with our pastors, support staff, and volunteer ministry leaders as we reflect on the past year and look forward to the exciting ministry opportunities ahead. Plus, we will announce the voting results during the event.

## This Week (January 23 – January 30)

### Sunday, January 25

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am – feel free to spend time in prayer in the Parlor prior to the service
- Bible Quizzing meets from 6:30 – 8pm in the Loft

### Monday, January 26

- Pearce 4 Kids Nursery School/Pre-K registration opens at 12am – go to [this link](#) to register
- Celebrate Recovery, a space for honest connection and shared experiences as God is invited into our healing, meets at 6:30pm in the Loft - to learn more, go [here](#) to email your questions

### Tuesday, January 27

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast – 7am at Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study for men and women from 9-10:15am in the Friendship Center
- Widows & Widowers group meets at noon at the Town & County Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624)
- Adult Floor Hockey meets from 6:45 – 8:45pm in the family Life Center for older teens and adults

### Wednesday, January 28

- Oasis (Youth Group) meets at 6:30pm in the Loft
- Worship Team Rehearsal from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 29

- Young Adults Small Group from 6:45 – 9pm at the home of Karenza Reber – go [here](#) for more details

## Plan Ahead

- **January 31:** Preschool Open Gym from 9-10am in the Family Life Center
- **February 1:** Annual Meeting at 10:45am in Parmerter Chapel
- **February 2:** Workshop: “*You Are Not Crazy, Stupid, or Broken*” at 6:30pm in the Loft

Have you ever wondered if something is “broken” inside you—or questioned whether someone you love is “crazy”? Led by Celebrate Recovery Facilitator, Ron Follansbee Jr., Clinical Social Work/Therapist, LCSW, participants in this workshop will explore new and encouraging insights into mental health that help explain what’s really happening within us and those around us. Topics will include the impact of trauma, understanding mental health diagnoses (causes versus symptoms), medication interventions, polyvagal theory, and attachment theory. Time will also be set aside for personal questions. You will leave this seminar with a deeper understanding, greater compassion, and renewed hope—for yourself and for others. All are invited and no registration is required.

- **February 5:** Family Serve Night from 5:30 – 7:30pm (starts in the Café )  
Everyone is welcome to help pack food backpacks for students at Churchville-Chili. Beforehand, enjoy a pizza dinner and connect with some of our younger families before we serve together. Register [here](#)
- **February 8:** Teens to Greystone Tubing – [go here](#) for more information and/or to register
- **February 14:** Preschool Open Gym from 9-10am in the Family Life Center
- **February 14:** Mission Team to Latin America leaves (see below for in *Prayer* section for a prayer team opportunity)
- **February 18:** Ash Wednesday Service in Parmeter Chapel at noon
- **February 21:** Mission Team to Latin America returns
- **February 27:** KidsMin Family Night Out – watch for more information and registration soon
- **February 28:** Preschool Open Gym from 9-10am in the Family Life Center

## Giving & Serving Information/Opportunities

- **Heart & Soul FMC:** we are collecting thick winter socks and gloves for both women and men to support our Heart & Soul Coffee and Jesus ministry - donations may be placed in the bin by the Food Cupboard grocery cart outside the Family Life Center
- If you need **food support**, please contact the church to set up an appointment
- **Great Commission Leadership Team:** go to [this link](#) to read the most recent edition of the GCLT Newsletter
- **Check out the various [ways to give](#)** to support Operations, Missions, and the Free to Serve Campaign
- **2025 Year End Giving:** go to these links to see the end of year giving updates: [Missions Giving](#), [Operations Giving](#), [2025 Giving Update through December 31](#)

## Employment Opportunity: Welcome Desk Receptionist

Visit [this link](#) to view the job opening, or contact [Lydia Monroe](#), HR Director, for more information. The position requires availability Tuesday through Friday, from 2:30pm to 6:00pm.

## Prayer

- **Latin America Mission Team:** We invite you to join the prayer team for our team members as they travel to and serve in Latin America from Saturday, February 14, through Saturday, February 21. [Click this link](#) to sign up and let us know you are committing to pray. Prayer requests and updates will be shared by the team as they become available, starting next week.
- **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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