

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery

T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare

2:00p Open Door: Foundation

6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office

6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online

W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

7:00p Prayer Meeting: Office in the Nursery

Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation

7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Care Ministries: Rev. Howard

De Vries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka;

Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/

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SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Bt — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Ruth Bandstra

Bu-E — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan

F-I — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath

J-Mh — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol

Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene

Sw-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Becky as she steps down as our Director of Worship, we say thank you for all that God has done through her work. Becky taught us about the power of praise and the vibrancy of God's Spirit. She encouraged us to raise our hands and our voices. She nurtured our gifts. She walked us into the presence of God and helped us to know what to say—**Thank you, Becky, for leading and modeling our worship.**

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

PSCRC — has always been a place that values a sense of family and the bringing together many generations. That's why several times a year our worship leaders are creating services intended to blend "kid-friendly" and "grownup-friendly" ways to worship God together. Plans are currently being made for our next Family Worship service next Sunday, October 31. Don't miss it!

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will begin a new season Monday, November 1 at 9:30am, studying the book of Nehemiah. We would love to have new members join us. Please call Minnie Wiersma at 508.234.7166 for a study guide.

REMINDER — RSVPs and payments are due to Diane Williams today for the Middle School Late Nighter event happening on November 5. Middle Schoolers you don't want to miss this fun, unforgettable night!

COFFEE BREAK — You are invited to Coffee Break's Connect Conference, a two-day virtual experience for people who love the gospel, discipleship, and leaders. You can watch this virtually on November 12-13 or at Fairlawn Church. Please see the full lineup of speakers and breakouts at theconnectconference.org or on the magnetic board in the fellowship hall. Women and men are welcome. Contact Anna Bloem 508.234.4902 for questions or if you are interested in attending at Fairlawn Church.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FAIRWOODS FALL CLEAN UP — Will be Saturday, November 6 at 9am. Come exercise with your friends while you serve your community! Please bring your own rakes and gloves or larger tools (chainsaw, wheelbarrow, etc.) with you. Hope to see you there.

CROP HUNGER WALK — Last Saturday was a success. Several of us walked the 3-mile journey to Uxbridge on a beautiful autumn morning! PSCRC exceeded our \$1,200 goal, raising \$1,640 (\$1,200 online + \$460 in cash and checks!). **Thank you** for your generosity to not only help raise awareness about World Hunger, but also DOING something about it! 25% of what was raised on Saturday (with the other churches) will go to the Northbridge, Uxbridge, and Douglas Food Pantries—Keith VandenAkker

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri

October 24, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service.

We are excited to serve you!

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

O God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name

SONGS: Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)
How Great is Our God

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

Forgive us, we pray.

Silent confession

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

“In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord your Redeemer. “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no

more.” “I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

Thanks be to God!

SONG: How Marvelous

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Jonah 3 (p 754) + “A gentle Word to a world of Wrath”

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: Turn Your Eyes

SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

May you, people of God, know that God our Father made you and guides your every step; Jesus Christ gave his life for you and brings you new life; the Spirit keeps you in the Lord's presence and empowers you to serve. May almighty God continue to bless you and move you to give thanks.

Amen.

SONG: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Quote & Question:

“Without understanding the wrath of God, it is impossible to fully understand why so many societies, empires, institutions, and lives break down... Alec Motyer wrote that in a world created by a good God, evil and injustice are ‘inherently self-destructive.’... God has created the world so that cruelty, greed, and exploitation have natural, disintegrative consequences that are a manifestation of his anger toward evil.”

Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet*. 94.

“In our current cultural moment, outrage has become more expected than surprising, more normative than odd... more rewarded than rejected... On some level, we are all engaged in the seemingly insatiable, ubiquitous theme of us-against-them. The whole idea of being *for* something has gone out of style. Instead, we prefer to preach an angry ‘gospel’ about whatever we have decided to stand *against*. We warm ourselves next to the fire of digital hashtags, ideologically slanted newsfeeds, political slogans, and religious doctrines... this [has] become a great way to build a platform, gain followers... and earn some cash. *Outrage sells.*”

Scott Sauls, *A Gentle Answer*, xxii - xxiii

Does Jonah's message about the wrath of God trouble you? Why or why not? Can you talk to God about that?

The bible describes our problem in the world as our sins, but also the problem of Sin. What might be the difference between the two?

Our tradition – Reformed theology – defines our situation as Misery (Hiedelberg Cat.). How would you describe the Misery we experience in our world? What does it look like? What does it sound like? What does it feel like?

How might Jesus speak Gently to the Misery that you are describing? What stories in the bible show us God showing mercy or speaking gently to Misery like ours?

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.