

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
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
6:15p Mid-Week @ PS
7:30p 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 — **"Dear Lord, we want to thank you for our church family and friends that have taken time out of their busy schedules to come and worship and celebrate this day with us. Lord, we pray that you watch over them as they travel home. But for today, we are grateful for them arriving safely and together we gather to glorify your holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen"**. Please also pray for our delegates who will be attending the fall Classis (regional church) meeting October 6-7 in Ashford, CT. Pastor Matthew and Jack Crawford will be attending— pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will. Pray for Donna Wiersma who will be having total knee surgery tomorrow morning—we pray for a swift recover!

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

ADVANCE NOTICE — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 17. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

SCIENCE AND RELIGION — On which day did God create the heavens and the earth? What's a Christian perspective on the big bang or consciousness? Who made God? If you enjoy thinking about such things then it's is a great time to join Galileo's Group, a monthly small group resuming Thursday evening meetings to start a new book. Please contact Scott Schneider at 508.922.3575 for more information.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE FAIRWOODS — Harvest Festival returns on Saturday, October 23. An array of delicious soups will be served between 4:30 and 6:30p. If that doesn't entice you, how about warm apple crisp with ice cream and hot apple cider to complete the fall experience. Invite your friends and celebrate God's creation with an evening out! Adults (12 and up) will pay \$9, children (6-11) cost \$5, and littles are free.

THE FAIRLAWN CHURCH — Outreach Team invites you to its FALL MISSION CONFERENCE on Saturday, October 16. Jim Halstead, retired pastor of Community CRC in Fort Wayne IN, will share about "Go and Tell" ministry. Plan on coming to this seminar on Saturday morning at 8:30am for a continental breakfast; the seminar will start at 9am and go till noon. Contact Brandon Hehn at 508.951.4806 if you have any questions or call Amanda in the church office at 508.234.2838 to register.

CROP WALK — The NAC Annual Blackstone Valley CROP Walk for Hunger will be Saturday, October 16. If you would like to walk and raise money with us, click (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/pleasant-street-crc>) the big blue button "Join Our Team." Or, if you prefer simply to donate money, which is the main purpose of this fundraiser, simply click on the gold "Donate Now" button, where you can donate with your credit card. Deadline is October 16, our goal is to raise at least \$1,200 this year. Thanks in advance for your support—Keith VandenAkker

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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

Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is faithful.

He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity. We therefore praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying, **“Great is your faithfulness! We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things. Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God.”**

SONGS: *God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises*
Lord, You Are Good

Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful 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.

We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray

Silent confession

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Words of assurance—based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

Hear the good news:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against us any of our sins nor our sinful nature, which we need to struggle against all our lives. Rather, in his grace God grants us the righteousness of Christ to free us forever from judgment.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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

*Psalm 90:1-12, 17 (page 480) +
“Looking for God in the Past”*

SONG: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

TABLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

COMMIT

Confessing our Faith: Apostles’ Creed

SONG: *We Will Remember*

SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

SONG: *The Blessing*

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