

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
6:30p GriefShare: Room E & Online
- W 5:00p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices
6:15p Mid-Week @ PS
6:30p MSYG at Fairwoods
7:30p Prayer gathering on Becky VA's back porch
- Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices
7:30p Galileo's Group Meeting: Foundation

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Tra'Vorus Weaver, from Emmaus City Church, who will preach the Word.

CARE— COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is extended to the Bajema family— Sons Roger & Lewis in the passing of their loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother Gladys—*The Lord be with each of you!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GLADYS BAJEMA

September 18, 1926 —September 27, 2020

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. + John 3:16-17

LET'S PRAY! — For Flo Jorritsma as she had back surgery last Thursday—pray for a swift recovery. Praise for a good surgery and doctor's report for Erin Howden. Also pray for our delegates who will be attending the fall regional church meeting October 7-8. Because of the current concerns about COVID-19, this Classis meeting will be done virtually using Zoom. Elders Mark Hackathorn and Thalia Towle will be joining along with Pastor Annika who is the CRC designated Youth Champion for our Classis. Pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

GALILEO'S GROUP — is starting this Thursday. Please contact Scott Schneider at 508.922.3575 for more details.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

PARSONAGE CLEAN-UP — It's crunch time! Even though it's a holiday weekend, we're planning a work party next Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning/afternoon to get the parsonage spiffed up. Come to both or just one day, but let's get all hands on deck and be the church together! Watch your email for more information coming this week.

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS — We do not have a leadership team in place for DC4K for the Fall session, so we are not currently offering this program. If someone is interested in being trained as a leader, please contact me or Howard, and we could offer it again in January—*Marleen De Vries*

GRIEFSHARE — is currently meeting in person and online from 6:30-8pm every Tuesday. People can register online for the GriefShare group at GriefShare.org.

SERVICE DAY - On Saturday, October 17, PSCRC will be blessing the Healing Heart Hospitality House (Worcester, MA; ministry of Carol Lewis) with finishing a few projects that were started during SERVE@Home. We would love your help scraping and painting a large fence, gardening, and more! 9:30am-2pm; come when you can, leave when you must! All ages welcome. For more information talk to Deacon Phil Knapper or Pastor Annika Bangma.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN DOOR REMOTE LEARNING SUPPORT — We are looking for one or two adult volunteers who are willing to be present during the program and occasionally assisting students, as needed. Able to help with this or looking to get involved in another way? Talk to Pastor Annika or Open Door Coordinator Diane Williams.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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

October 4, 2020 + 9:30 am



PLEASANT STREET
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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 pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,

but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died.

We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.

SONGS: *Open Up the Heavens & Holy, Holy, Holy*

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have called us to be a new community in Christ,

and yet we remain divided.

Forgive us the sins of disunity, O Lord:

pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness.

Forgive us the sins of false unity:

lack of imagination, apathy, and indifference.

Forgive us our fear, anxiety, prejudice, and misunderstandings.

Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve to promote the unity of your church.

Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust.

Make us many in gifts and talents and vision.

Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God.

To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled. Let us be “forever one”. **Amen.**

SONG: *Land of the Rising Sun*

Guide to Grateful Living—Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

Celebrating God’s good work during SERVE@Home

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Matthew 13:18-23 (p794) + Jesus Invites Us to Receive & Sow the Word of God

COMMIT

Morning Offerings

SONG: *We Labor Unto Glory*

SEND

Benediction

As you leave this place this day, may God’s love sustain you, and may you love those who surround you. May God’s Spirit empower you, and may you empower all those you meet. May God’s joy fill your hearts, and may this joy overflow to the ends of the earth for God’s glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God*