

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery

W **Happy New Year**

### MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Interim Pastor: Ron Vanderwell; Care Ministries: Pastor Howard DeVries; Youth: 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 Leona van der Meer

**Bu-E** — Elder Steve Haringa & Deacon John Hendrikse

**F-I** — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Alicia Wierenga

**J-Mh** — Elder John Vriesema

**Mi-Sv** — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Sue Cooper

**Sw-Z** — Elder Mark & Deacon Lillian Hackathorn

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Joel Vande Werken from Fairlawn CRC to preach the Word and his wife Brandie who will lead us in music.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For all the potential the new year holds. We pray for the persecuted Church around the world. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of the spirit be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—Amen

### GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK & WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY — will reconvene on January 6 & 7 at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome!

DIVORCE CARE & GRIEF-SHARE — New groups will start Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30pm. See Pastor Howard for more information.

THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will meet again on January 9 at 6:30am every week in the fellowship hall with our continued study in Colossians using material from Faith Alive Christian Resources. New members are welcome.

SWEETHEART SUPPER — Save the date! This year's Sweetheart Supper will be held on Saturday, February 15. Reservation information coming soon!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

CHURCH GIVING — We are currently running deficit. The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund for this last Sunday of the year. Also as a reminder: If you are planning on a year end donation to the church, please bring it in this week or mail it to the church postmarked by December 31. Thanks for your generous support of God's work through our church in 2019!— PSCRC Council

WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CANCELLATION — Notices will be posted on our website and social media pages as well as with WBZ (CBS Channel 4) and WCVB (ABC Channel 5).

### REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL — meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 at 6pm, here at Pleasant Street. We encourage all church members to make time to be a part of the decisions that go into making Fairwoods a wonderful place for our church family to gather!

FAIRWOODS RECREATION SOCIETY — is looking for volunteers to be a part of our board, beginning in our 2020 season! Responsibilities of these positions vary based on skill set and interest, but include a monthly meeting and involvement in our 3-4 annual fundraisers. If you are interested, please contact Claire Macomber at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com.

2020 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 8 and continuing weekdays through January 28 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january) for more details on the presenters, topics, the remote site locations, times, online listening, and past presentation archives.

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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DECEMBER 29, 2019 + 9:30 am



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CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
CHURCH

Welcome! We're so glad that you're here. If you've been worshipping with us for a long time or you're entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you'll 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!

### WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

We would love to assist in helping your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the KidStreet check-in station in the foyer to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. If you arrive after the worship service has started and need help checking in, assistance is available at the nursery. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds. We are downstairs ready to serve you! Our KidStreet Class for PreK-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children after the service. We are excited to serve you!

## GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship —based on Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

**now God has spoken to us by a Son.**

God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

**The Son is the exact representation of God's being, sustaining all things by his powerful Word.**

Praise God for the gift of the Son.

**We welcome the light of the world!**

SONGS: *Joy to the World* & *Once in Royal David's City*

## Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Encouragement—based on 2 Corinthians 4:6

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness through the birth of the child in the manger, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SONG: *Away in a Manger*

Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

KidStreet Dismissal

## WORD

Morning Prayers

John 17:6-19 + "Sent Into the World by the One Who Came"

## COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of PSCRC

## TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came among us as the Word made flesh to show us your glory, full of grace and truth. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

We serve a majestic God, whose compassion moved him to send his only Son from heaven to earth. This Son, born in a stable, lived and worked among us. He taught, he healed, he served, and he loved. This Son loved so much that he died for us, rose for us, and lives for us. He ascended to heaven, where he is our mediator, interceding with the Father on our behalf. Before that he broke bread with his disciples and simply said: "Do this in remembrance of me." And he took a cup and drank and simply said: "This is a new covenant." Therefore, in remembrance and in celebration, with hope for our future with the God who has come to dwell with us, we eat the bread and drink from the cup. We proclaim our Lord's death and life until he returns.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Preparing the Table

Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

**The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

**Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, in the hope of his coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord.**

*Tasting Grace (For those with food allergies, the station on the far left contains gluten-free bread)*

SONGS: *What Child is This?* & *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Communion Prayer —based on Luke 2:29-32

Now, Master, you are letting your servants go in peace as you promised; for our eyes have seen the salvation that you have made ready in the sight of the nations; a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. Through Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

## SEND

Benediction—based on Titus 2:11-13

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Live now in the power of Christ, to the praise of his name!

SONG: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God!**