

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery
W 5:30p Midweek @ PS
6:30p Celebrate Recovery Step Study: Howard's Office
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
2:00p Open Door: Foundation
5:15p HS Youth Group: Foundation

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Howard DeVries who will preach the Word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — For Steve & Sandy Frieswick, our African Inland missionaries who send out a December Newsletter this week. Please also remember our Russian *Back to God* missionary, Sergei Sosedkin as he celebrates his birthday next week. Our loving sympathy to the VandenAkker family in the passing away of their loving father, grandfather and brother Mel. The Lord be with each of you!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MELVIN VANDENAKKER September 22, 1942—December 27, 2018

*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*

ADDRESS CHANGE — Joyce Buteyn is now residing at Atria Draper Place, Apt 322, 25 Hopedale Street, Hopedale 01747. Visitors are welcome.

DIVORCE CARE & GRIEF-SHARE — New groups will start Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30pm. See Pastor Howard for more information.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MIDWEEK @ PS — this Wednesday! Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15pm. Classes and groups start right after dinner and end at 8:00pm. Bring your friends and join us!

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

COFFEE BREAK — will reconvene on January 8 at 9:30am. We will continue our study with the book of John. Hope you can join us!

SWEETHEART SUPPER — Save the date! This year's Sweetheart Supper will be held on Saturday, February 9. 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.

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).

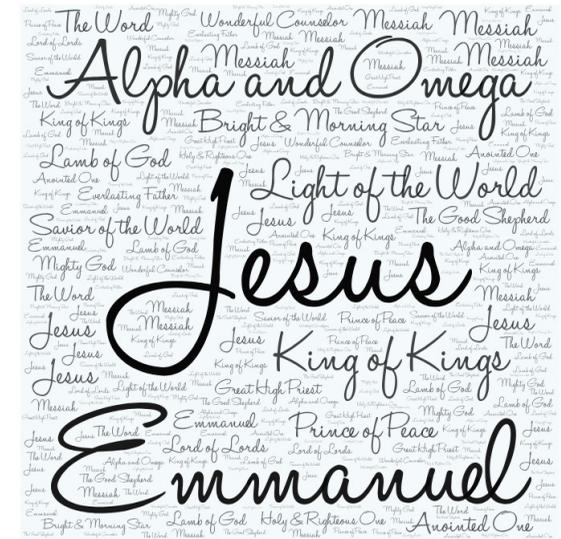
COFFEE SETUP — If you are willing to help make coffee before worship (instructions provided) please see our office admin, Sadie. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL MEETING — is January 15 at 7:00pm held right here at church. The Executive Board hopes that all available Fairwoods members can attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

2109 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 3 and continuing weekdays through January 23 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Visit calvin.edu/january for more details on the presenters, topics, the remote site locations, times, online listening, and past presentation archives.

psrc.org + 508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri

DECEMBER 30, 2018 + 9:30 am



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! Visit the KidStreet check-in station in the foyer to get a security tag so your kids 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 to infants-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!

The Names of Christ—Alpha and Omega

In Revelation 1:8, Jesus says he is the “Alpha and the Omega—who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Among the Jewish rabbis, it was common to use the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet to denote the whole of anything, from beginning to end. Jesus was at the beginning of all things and will be at the close. It is equivalent to saying He always existed and always will exist. He is the first and last, the all in all of salvation. Only God incarnate could make such a statement. Only Jesus Christ is God incarnate. [from “GotQuestions.org website, Got Questions Ministries, © 2002]

GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in you.

God of the past, our times are in your hand;
with us abide.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow you.

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year,
make us thankful, O Lord.

SONGS: *Your Name + O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Call to Confession—based on Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession

As we draw to the close of this year and claim the year ahead, our Father, we need to confess to you those pieces of the past that persist in pulling us backward.

Through admitting our failures and sharing our sin, we would like to put away those things that nibble and nag, de-energize and depress.

We admit to squandering time and talent, good intentions and better ideas, opportunities for growth and occasions for grace.

We admit that we have most often taken care of ourselves while others have stood in line.

We have defined our own interests and goals, sometimes to the detriment of family, friends, community, and church.

We agonize with memories that sit heavily and images that cause us to blush and ask that you would grant us your forgiveness as we confess our individual regrets and remorse in silence. . .

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement—based on Jeremiah 33:14

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

People of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *Hours and Days and Years and Ages*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KIDSTREET Dismissal — Children Pre-K to 2nd Grade

COMMIT

Morning Prayers

Offerings: Pleasant Street Ministries

SONG: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

WORD

John 1:1-18, Rev. 21 1-7 and Rev 22:12-14 + “Alpha and Omega”

TABLE

SONGS: *Jesus Messiah + There Is a Redeemer*

SEND

Benediction

As you leave this place, may the Eternal God guide your feet as your steps take you into an unknown future. May you have confidence in his faithfulness and be supported with his love, so that you can work with him and rest in him. **Amen.**

SONG: : *All Glory Be to Christ*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!