

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
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 Divorce Care for Kids: Gems Room
6:30p GriefShare: Room 6
6:30p Free Tech Support: Foundation
- 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
4:00p HS & MS Bible Basis: Foundation

WE WARMLY WELCOME — back this morning, Pastor Justin Ruddy and his wife Sarah who minister in downtown Boston. This year, the Ruddys are endeavoring to plant Resurrection CRC in the neighborhood of East Boston. Welcome Justin and Sarah!

NOTE ON COMMUNION — This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Communion. We welcome all baptized Christians who are sorry for their sin, love Jesus, and desire to serve him, to join us in this celebration. Today we celebrate the sacrament via intinction, that is, we come forward to one of the stations up front and we dip the bread in the cup before partaking. A communion server will be available to serve you if you are in need of assistance. If you are immunocompromised you are invited to use the gluten free station.

FROM COUNCIL — At the congregational meeting last Sunday, the congregation approved unanimously to call Pastor Ron Vander Well as interim pastor for a term of one year, starting April 1, 2019. Pastor Ron and his wife Deb are planning to move into the parsonage by the end of March to start their ministry here. Pastor Ron is a trained Specialized Transitional Minister and one of his main tasks will be to help our congregation through the current time of transition towards our new Sr. Pastor. Pastor Ron and Deb have sold their house in Illinois and will spend the coming weeks with family including their three sons in California, Wyoming, and Michigan. Please keep them in your prayers. They would love to receive notes of encouragement from members of our congregation. The email address is: ron@newlifewellennox.org.

SR. PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY — This week, the survey was sent via e-mail to members of the congregation. The link is <http://bit.ly/pscrsurvey>. Hard copies are available in the Fellowship Hall near the entrance to the sanctuary. We encourage everyone high school age and older to complete the survey by March 10. If you have questions, contact a member of the Transition Team.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

POT LUCK SUNDAY! — Top o' the mornin' to ye! Channel your inner Irish and join your church family for a time of food, fun, and fellowship after the worship service next week (March 3)! Please bring an Irish-themed dish to pass (if possible!). If you're unable to join us this time, never fear! We plan to continue this tradition on the second Sunday of every month, so you can plan accordingly for next month. "Dia duit" ("May God be with you").

HAVE YOU EVER — been encouraged in your own faith walk after someone shares how God has been working in their life? Maybe they're celebrating a successful medical procedure; perhaps they've had an answer to prayer; sometimes they're struggling with unemployment, a marriage on the rocks, a wayward child, a broken relationship, infertility, or another heartache, yet they're grounded in God's faithfulness... and you've been blessed through their testimony! As we continue to build and strengthen our faith community here at Pleasant Street Church, we'd like to encourage you to share your story and faith journey with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Would you be willing to share during a worship service? Would you be willing to share by way of a video interview? Would you be willing to write down even the small ways that you've caught God at work this week? No matter your age, if God is nudging you, please reach out to any one of your church staff members or council members. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

HS STUDENTS — Come be involved in SERVE this summer. Applications for Whitinsville SERVES Barnabas Team (July 13-20) are due March 10. In addition, the SERVE trip to Virginia still has a few spots available. All applications and registration materials are in the Foundation. Please see Annika for more information.

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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 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!

Prayer of Preparation

As we prepare for worship, Lord God, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

SONG: *All Who Are Thirsty*

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

SONG: *Nobody Loves Me Like You*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

Open our eyes,

that we may see you in the ones we say we love.

Open our ears,

that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Open our mouths

to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

Open our hands

in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.

Open our hearts

to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.

We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, “Your sins are forgiven.” He also says, “Follow me.” Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *Revelation Song*

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: *Speak, O Lord*

WORD

Proverbs 8:32-34; 12:15; 15:5; 18:1-2, 13; 19:20; 22:17-19; 29:1

Message: “Listening”

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 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 by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

Words of Institution

Invitation to the Table

SONGS: *Grace Flows Down + How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Tasting Grace

Communion Prayer

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son.

How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SEND

Call to Service & Benediction

As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have received, give. As you have heard, proclaim. And the blessing that you have received from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen.**

SONG: *O For a Thousand (Hallelujah)*

Dismissal

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