

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
7:00p Council Meeting: Council Room
- W 6:30p Celebrate Recovery Step Study: Howard's Office
- Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
2:00p Open Door: Foundation
7:15p Galileo's Group Begins: Foundation
- Sa 5:30p Sweetheart Supper: Foundation

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Care Ministries: Rev. Howard DeVries; Youth: Annika Bangma;
Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/
Finance: Sadie Perkins / firstname@pscrc.org

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 & Deacon Michelle Graves
Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Sue Cooper
Sw-Z — Elder Mark & Deacon Lillian Hackathorn

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Mike Laird from New England Chapel who will peace the word.

FROM COUNCIL — A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 17, immediately after the worship service, to approve a motion from council to call Rev. Ron Vanderwell for a period of 1 year as an interim pastor. Ron is a trained Specialized Transitional Minister (STM) who will help us discover God's plans for Pleasant Street and determine the desired profile of our next Senior Pastor. More information will be forthcoming.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE — Please use the red pens to update and checkmark your information (including college students!) on the tables in the fellowship hall. Regular attendees, we'd love to have your information updated as well. Thanks for your help!

REALM — if you are having trouble logging onto Realm or need help, please see Sadie in the office.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SPECIAL OFFERING — Wild fires completely destroyed 31 homes and severely damaged approximately 42 more homes in Betty's Bay, South Africa. Many of these homes belong to retirees on fixed income who will have difficulty rebuilding and recovering from the fire. There is no equivalent for FEMA in South Africa and therefore the local churches and civic organizations have started a disaster fund to assist everyone affected by the fire to get back on their feet. The deacons are having a special offering today and the proceeds will be donated to the fire recovery fund in Betty's Bay, South Africa—*Thank You*

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FAIRLAWN CHURCH — Ellen Stahl has indicated her intention to retire as Fairlawn CRC office coordinator in the next few months. The Fairlawn Church council is seeking qualified applicants to fill this position at Fairlawn. If you are interested, or know of someone who should be considered for this position, please contact the clerk of council, Bob Banning rbanning2@charter.net for more information and for a position description before February 17.

WCS — Speaker Series Event on February 7 at 7pm in the Nehemiah Center, Dr. Ruth Potee, Board Certified Family Physician and Addiction Medicine physician, will present "Effects of Drug-Taking Behavior on the Brain." This event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, please visit whitinsvillechristian.org/potee.

WCS — Christian recording artist Jonas Woods will present a special concert at Whitinsville Christian School on Friday, February 15 in the Nehemiah Center for Arts & Worship at 7pm. Jonas, an alum of Whitinsville Christian, and his wife Becky are releasing a new album this spring with Old Bear Records, then they will depart for a 3-month US tour followed by an overseas tour. Jonas is a gifted singer, songwriter, worship leader, speaker, producer, artist, and worship team developer. This family-friendly show is a great opportunity to bring your family, friends, and neighbors to an awesome evening of music! Tickets are \$10 general admission and are available at whitinsvillechristian.org.

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FEBRUARY 3, 2019 + 9:30 am



PLEASANT STREET
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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! 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

Loving God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.

We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you.

You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.

In you we become; in you we live.

Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.

In you we hope; in you we live.

You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

In you we are still; in you we live.

Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.

Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.

SONGS: *Better is One Day + Nobody Loves Me Like You*

Call to Confession — based on Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement — from Romans 3:22; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

By faith I have a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, 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: *Amazing Grace*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KIDSTREET Dismissal — Children Pre-K to 2nd Grade

WORD

Morning Prayers

Psalm 139 (p 505) + "Prayer as a Tool Allowing God to Bring Out Your Best"

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal — Children 3rd through 5th grade

Offerings: 1) Pleasant Street Ministries; 2) South Africa Fire Recovery

SONG: *Before You I Kneel*

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.

SONG: *Take My Life*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON NOTES