

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation

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: Room 5

6:30p GriefShare: Room E

W 5:30p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices

Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

2:00p Open Door: Foundation

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices

7:15p Galileo's Meeting: Foundation

LENT — is a forty-day season of preparation and repentance, during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. This year we will use the Lenten Triad to help us make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and death. You'll notice the three sides of a triangle which represent the Trinity, and six candles which stand for the six Sundays in Lent. The white candle in the center represents the Christ candle. Each Sunday in Lent, we will extinguish one candle, and as the darkness grows, we will draw one step closer in our journey to the cross.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — that we would not only give things up for Lent, but that we would give you glory through Lent, Lord. May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship you through all that we say and do throughout the weeks to come.

GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

HS STUDENTS — SERVE Barnabas Team applications are due March 1st to Annika! Not interested in being in on the Barnabas Team but would like to experience SERVE? Consider going "on" Whitinsville SERVE and being a participant! Applications due March 15.

POT-LUCK — March 8, we will have a church family potluck lunch after the worship service and you are all invited! Families, please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert. Couples and singles, please bring a main dish, or salad, or dessert--your choice! We need a few people to help out and you can sign up for a slot on the sign-up sheet on the coffee table.

SOFTBALL — Men interested in playing/learning about our church softball team please contact Scott Schneider or Jon Steele ASAP.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next Sunday will be in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

NAC ECUMENICAL VBS FOR 2020 — Join us at the NAC VBS Volunteer Fair this Saturday, March 7 from 9-11am at Pleasant Street Church. We need volunteers for the week of VBS, but also volunteers to help plan ahead of time. Join us on an adventure with the **Knights of North Castle VBS** as we explore the quest for the King's armor. Our quest takes place on July 20-24 right here at church. More info on how to register coming soon! *Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power—Ephesians 6:10*

REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

SANTO, SANTO, SANTO/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church is hosting a festival of song featuring hymns and choruses from Latin America and beyond, sung in Spanish and Portuguese as well as English. Join us next Sunday, March 8 at 5:30pm as we praise God and celebrate the unity of the church in vibrant congregational song. We look forward to seeing you!

WCS — warmly invites you to join us for a free, special concert on Monday, March 9, from 7-8pm in the Nehemiah Center for Arts and Worship featuring the Gordon Symphony Orchestra. The GSO is comprised of music students from Gordon College in Hamilton, MA, including some WCS strings alumni. In addition to a special, side-by-side piece with the WCS orchestra. Admission is free and all are welcome. Doors open at 6:45pm.

A WOMEN'S GATHERING — Hosted by women from Pleasant Street, Fairlawn and Emmaus City church on Saturday, March 28 will be held at WCS (Library Media Center) from 9am-4pm. Please register at <https://local.ifgathering.com/whitinsville/brandievw@yahoo.com>. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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

MARCH 1, 2020 + 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! 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!

Prayer of Preparation

*Journey with us, O holy God, as we begin our way to the cross.
Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.*

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,
come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,
come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us,
come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SONGS: *Come Thou Fount*
Here I Am to Worship

Renewal

Call to Confession

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Encouragement—from Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

SONG: *All the People Said Amen*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

KIDSTREET Dismissal

WORD

Morning Prayers

Morning Offerings (Ministries of Pleasant Street Church)

SONG: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Matthew 5: 3-8 (p785) + “Letting Go”

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *Come As You Are*
His Mercy is More

SEND

ECHO Dismissal

Benediction—Galatians 1:2-5

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SONG: *Shine On Us*

Dismissal

Let us leave this place with a sending prayer:
Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERMON NOTES