

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation  
Today 4:30p Sunday Bible Study @ Godekes'; 1 Samuel 20-21  
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  
W 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 Basics: 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@psrc.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

### OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Ministry** — Elder Scott Schneider & Deacon Keith Vanden Akker  
**Administration** — Elder Harry van der Meer (Council VP) & Dave Eckbold (Deacon chair)

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Tra'Vorus Weaver, from Emmaus City Church, who will preach the Word.

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.

## CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — For the SICK, GRIEVING and LONELY. Keep in your prayers our missionary, Karen Masso, as she celebrates her birthday on March 23. Blessings to Mike Beinema who celebrates his 95th birthday March 22. Best wishes to you all!

## GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

LENT — Today is the second Sunday of Lent, a forty-day season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and resurrection (*The Worship Sourcebook*). During Advent, as a church community, we explored the various names of Christ that helped us to gain an understanding of his character. As we now journey through Lent and Easter, we will continue this study by reflecting on what Jesus calls himself. By saying, "I AM...", Jesus shows us still more of his character and who he is. It is our prayer that through this season you will continue to grow in a deeper knowledge and love of the Savior who gave all of himself for you.

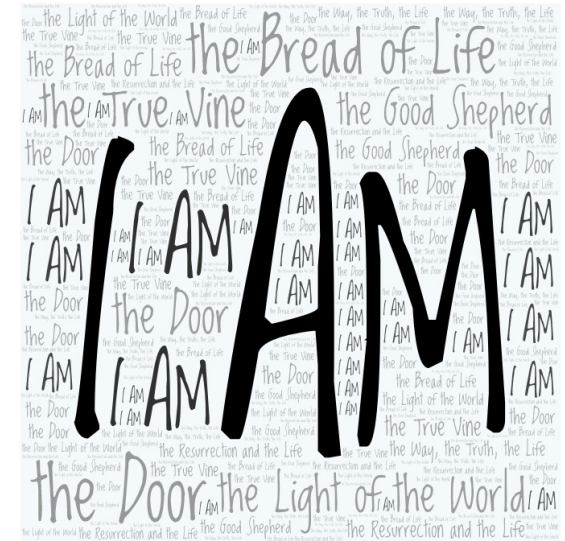
TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS — For families who have students attending WCS are available by the bulletins at the entrance of the sanctuary. Families applying for assistance from the church must also apply through WCS. Please put completed applications in the Cooper mailbox. Questions? Contact Sue Cooper at suejcoop@gmail.com. SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

PEACE OF BREAD — Volunteers are once again needed for this upcoming meal on Wednesday, March 20, as we always need people to help serve the meals to approximately 120 people from 5:15pm - 6:45pm at the Presbyterian Church. If you are willing to help in this ministry, please contact Keith VandenAkker keithva@charter.net or 508.735.7764 to make sure we will have enough volunteers. Thank you!

VBS MEETING — Join Kate on Monday, March 25 at 7pm in her office, if you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School. VBS is July 22-26 here at PSCRC. Feel free to email kate@psrc.org for more information.

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MARCH 17, 2019 + 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 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 continue 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

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.**

The Lord says to his servant, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

SONG: *Here I Am to Worship*

*Prayer of Confession*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness.

Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world.

**We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

SONG: *Come, O Redeemer, Come*

*Words of Encouragement — from John 8:12*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

This is the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

SONG: *Christian Hearts in Love United*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

*KIDSTREET Dismissal — Children Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*John 1:1-4 & John 8:1-12. + "Jesus, the Light of the World"*

## 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.**

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

Together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

**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.**

*Invitation to the Table*

SONGS: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts + Jesus Messiah*

*Tasting Grace*

*Communion Prayer*

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMIT

*ECHO Dismissal - Children 3rd through 5th grade*

*Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*

*Moment for Missions (Missions India)*

## SEND

Benediction and Dismissal

May Christ, the Light of the World, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SONG: *Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)*