

## **HOLY WEEK @ PS** — “Looking Beneath the Surface”.

The four gospels all include different details about Jesus’ life and ministry. But all four of them spend most of their time focusing on the last week of his life.

In the same way, during Holy Week, Christians pay special and careful attention to the events from Palm Sunday to Easter – the final days and hours of Jesus’ life on earth.

We do this because we want to see what happens to Jesus but also because we need to know what it means. For that we can do no better than the apostle Paul, who writes over and over about the wonder and mystery of what God is doing in and behind the bracing events of Jesus’ final week.

This year, join us for daily Holy Week meditation videos in which we reflect on some of Paul’s most famous passages about the gospel; join us as we look at the life of Jesus while Paul tells us what it means:

**Monday:** *Romans 3: 21-26* - Matthew Burns, Pleasant Street CRC.

**Tuesday:** *2 Corinthians 4: 7-12, 16-18* – Joel Vande Werken, Fairlawn CRC

**Wednesday:** *Titus 3: 3-8* - Jodi Koeman, Church with Community Coordinator, World Renew

**Thursday:** *Ephesians 2: 1-10* - Dan Vos, Fairlawn CRC

**Friday:** *Colossians 2: 9-15* – Mike Sullivan, Emmaus City Church

## **CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

**LET’S PRAY TOGETHER** — For Babe Nydam as she is recovering from Covid at Milford hospital. Please also pray for Babe’s daughter, Cindy Frieswick who is in Memorial hospital with Covid. Please pray for the SICK, GRIEVING and LONELY. If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office. Thanks for praying!

## **GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**A MEMBERSHIP CLASS** — will be held after Easter beginning on Sunday, May 2 from 11:30am to 1:30pm, for anyone interested in knowing more about our Reformed heritage and how that shapes our mission and ministry here at Pleasant Street. We would love for you to join us—lunch is provided! Please contact Pastor Matthew if you are interested so that we can plan materials and coordinate COVID compliance.

## **LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK**

**M** 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
**T** 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom  
6:30p Divorce Care: Office in the Nursery  
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online  
**W** 12:30p Open Door Remote Learning Tutoring: Foundation  
5:00p CR Women’s Step Study: Office in the Nursery  
6:15p Mid-Week @PS  
**Th** 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation  
7:00p CR Men’s Step Study: Office in the Nursery

## **MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?**

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Care Ministries: Rev. Howard DeVries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; [firstname@pscrc.org](mailto:firstname@pscrc.org); Office/ Finance: Sadie Perkins; [churchoffice@pscrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@pscrc.org); or [finance@pscrc.org](mailto:finance@pscrc.org); Elders; [elders@pscrc.org](mailto:elders@pscrc.org); Deacons; [deacons@pscrc.org](mailto:deacons@pscrc.org).

## **SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:**

**A-Bt** — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Ruth Bandstra  
**Bu-E** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan  
**F-I** — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath  
**J-Mh** — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol  
**Mi-Sv** — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene  
**Sw-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

## **REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

**(WSCI) — Whitinsville Society for Christian Instruction** will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30pm. In order to be a voting member, a donation of at least \$50 (not including tuition) must have been made to WCS since January 1, 2020. We welcome applications for new members. If you have any questions, please contact Lillian Hackathorn at [lhackathorn@whitinsvillechristian.org](mailto:lhackathorn@whitinsvillechristian.org) or 508.372.3275.

**STEPPING STONE PRESCHOOL AT WCS** — is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. We have a variety of programs for three and four-year-olds. Learn more by calling 508.234.8211 x3246.

## **Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church**

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri  
March 21, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



*If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will 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!*

*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—Psalm 84:1,2,4*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

***My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.***

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

***Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.***

SONGS: *Better is One Day*

*Out of Need and Out of Custom*

**RENEWAL**

*Call to Confession*

*“The Man Who Didn’t Have Any Friends (None)” (from the Jesus Storybook Bible, © 2007 by Sally Lloyd-Jones)*

*Prayer of Confession*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not look down on sinners but welcomed them with love.

***Look upon us in mercy, we pray.***

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with hearts that are sorry and sad.

***Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.***

We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

***Forgive us O Lord.***

In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us.

***Amen.***

*Silent confession*

*Words of Assurance—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Hear the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

SONG: *God, You’re So Good*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you!***

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (p476) & Luke 18:35-19:10 (p852)*

+ *“Lent in Mirrors: Zacchaeus Worth Looking”*

**TABLE**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

**SEND**

*Benediction*

Sisters and brothers, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by his self-giving on the cross. May he enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

SONG: *King of Kings*

*The candle on the table is lit as a reminder that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.*

[Sermon Notes](#)