

## 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: Howard's Office  
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online  
W 12:30p Open Door Remote Learning Tutoring: Foundation  
5:00p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices  
6:15p Mid-Week @ PS  
Th 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation  
7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices  
F 7:00p HS Youth Group: Foundation

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

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### 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

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Bill Vis, who will preach the Word.

### 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. If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office. Thanks for praying!

WE ARE THANKFUL — that Alan has returned home last Monday. He is on Intravenous Antibiotics through next week Tuesday and he will follow up with his doctor after the antibiotics have been completed. We thank the congregation for their prayers as Alan continues to recover—*God is good, Beth Bol.*

THE DEACONS — would like you to know that if there are any seniors 75 and older that have not received a COVID vaccination and would like to be vaccinated, you may contact Kelly Bol at the Northbridge Senior Center at 508.234.2002. She can get an appointment scheduled for you!

GREAT NEWS — We are pleased and very excited to let you know that worship services are now allowed up to **50% occupancy**. If you feel comfortable in doing so, we would love to see you in person on Sundays. Also on this note, a quick reminder that we still need to observe the good practice of wearing masks, hand-sanitizing and signing in when coming into the fellowship hall.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS — Begins next Sunday, March 14.**  
**Be sure to “spring ahead” one hour!**

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS — will be held after Easter beginning on Sunday, April 18 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.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

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

FAMILY DIRECTORY — The 2021 Pleasant Street Family Directories are in the fellowship hall. If you would like one mailed to you or an electronic version, please contact Sadie in the office.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

STEPPING STONE PRESCHOOL AT WCS — is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Through the instruction of our caring staff in our secure, warm environment, your little one will discover that the wide world is filled with God's amazing handiwork. 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 7, 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*

Lord Jesus, as you journey to the cross for us this season, give us courage to follow you there. Along the way please show us how we have turned astray so that we might delight in your straight path toward Jerusalem - your death and our life. Mark us with a deeper repentance, not the outward sign of apology, but repentance of heart. In the hope of new life and the strength of your devotion to us we pray. Amen.

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

**We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.**

Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

**We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

SONGS: *How Deep the Father's Love*

*Your Grace is Enough*

*Grace Flows Down*

*Prayer of Confession*

O God, our great Shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you; following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely...

*Silent confession*

Through Jesus Christ, our good Shepherd, we pray. **Amen.**

*Words of Encouragement — Isaiah 53:4-6*

It was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins. But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG: *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Luke 15:1-32 + "Reaching Out"*

**TABLE**

*Invitation to the Table, Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, Tasting Grace*

**SEND**

*Benediction*

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! **Amen.**

SONG: *Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

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