

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 Midweek @ PS
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

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Annika Bangma, Ari Kasper and Jonathan Nardone who are at the SERVE Host Team Summit this weekend. Pray that they, along with the rest of the PSCRC Host Team and Host Teams from throughout the US and Canada, would be encouraged and equipped for the coming summer of ministry.

PRAYER UPDATE FROM PASTOR RON — Some weeks ago we shared a prayer request with the congregation for our lifelong friends Brian and Sue. At that time Sue had just been diagnosed with an extremely aggressive form of uterine cancer—generally too aggressive to treat with chemo or radiation. Sue went in for surgery in January and the doctor was disappointed to discover that he couldn't remove all of the cancer. Further procedures in February attempted to remove the cancer sites that the surgeon could still see. The surgeon reported afterward that the masses were obviously cancerous but too difficult for him to reach.

A week later the surgeon brought back test results from those masses and was dumbfounded to discover no cancer at all in the test results. The results were sent to Mayo Clinic as well. One member of the medical team cautiously used the word **“miracle”** to describe what seemed to have happened.

Deb & myself plan on spending a couple days visiting with Brian and Sue after my upcoming meetings later this month. We will all give thanks together: *“Behold I will close their wounds and give them health, and I will cure them: and I will reveal to them the prayer of peace and truth”*—Jeremiah 33:6

GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

POTLUCK GATHERING — *Today* after worship service—we *hope you can join us!*

OUR COUNCIL — has established a Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF) to encourage and assist families in providing a Christian education for their children. All active church members who will have children attending Whitinsville Christian School (K-12) during the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to participate. Please see your pastorate deacon for any questions or an application which is due by April 12.

HS EKKLESIA RETREAT — MARCH 27-29: Join us for a weekend trip to dive deep and explore what it means to be a "called out one" in our church, communities, and the world today as we are taught to pray by Jesus himself through the Lord's Prayer. Grow in your relationship with Christ and others during this weekend away from the norm! Information and registration materials have been emailed to all HS families, and hard copies are available in the Foundation information center. Registration due to Annika by Sunday, March 15.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — *Today* will be in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

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 *Today* 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.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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

MARCH 8, 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!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence, for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have received through the gift of your Son.

May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear your presence among us.

Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship.
Amen.

SONGS: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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

O gracious and gentle and loving God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Encouragement

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Blessed are They*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

KIDSTREET Dismissal - Children age 4 through 2nd grade

WORD

Morning Prayers

Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) Calvinist Cadet Corps

SONG: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Matthew 5:9-12 + “Freed to Follow”

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *O Sacred Head,*
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Ah, Holy Jesus

SEND

ECHO Dismissal - Children 3rd through 5th grade

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Amen.

SONG: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

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