

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:15p CRC Softball Game: Away vs. Cornerstone Church  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom  
6:30p Divorce Care: Office in the Nursery  
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online  
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery  
7:00p Stories & S'mores: Fairwoods  
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home  
Th 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 De Vries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/  
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### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Please remember our sick: Brian Towle who is now recovering at home. Carol Hansen, awaiting her chemo treatments. Mark Hackathorn, still recovering from his COVID side effects. We celebrate with Steve & Karen Stinson on their 42nd wedding anniversary on June 16 (we missed this in the newsletter).

OPEN HOUSE — Bernie and Minnie Wiersma will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16, the Lord willing. To help celebrate this occasion, they will have an "Open House" at Fairwoods Christian Grounds on Saturday, June 19, from 2-4pm. All are welcome to celebrate with them.

INVITATION — The family of Grace Nyenhuis would like to invite you to an informal Celebration of Life to be held on Saturday, June 26, on the front lawn of her home at 87 Thurston Ave, Whitinsville. Please feel free to come by anytime between 1-4pm to share your memories and to help us celebrate her life—We hope to see you there!

SET THE DATE — For our annual church picnic, Sunday August 8.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be for Whitinsville Christian School—a school that nurtures the academic, spiritual, personal, social, creative and physical development of students, in cooperation with their parents, for Christ-like service in God's world. Thank you for your support!

PICNIC COORDINATOR IS NEEDED — Please let the office know if you are willing to coordinate this year's church picnic, to be held on August 8.

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

SERVE@HOME — Save the date! SERVE@Home is returning **August 4-8th!** Plan to join us for a long weekend of intergenerational worship and service! Registration, information, and more coming soon!

STORIES & S'MORES RETURNS! — All incoming and outgoing MS & HS students are invited to join us at Fairwoods for a campfire and testimonies on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. We are excited to have the opportunity to gather outside under the stars and get to know one another and our great God better!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

THE DEACONS — Are hoping you will take a few minutes to sign-up for our Helping Hands Program by filling out the surveymonkey link below or by filling out the sign-up sheet in your church mailbox. The Helping Hands Program helps those in our church family who may need a meal, a ride to an appointment or help with a small household task. Once you are on the Helping Hands list you may be called only a few times a year to help with the items you signed up for. Our hope is to have a large list of names so that it will lessen the load for everyone. This is truly a way that we can serve one another and show Christ's love. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DFS966F>

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

June 13, 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!

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

Prayer of Preparation—based on Psalm 119:14

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

## GATHER

SONG: *Christ our Hope in Life and Death*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.  
**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**  
For you the kings of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.  
**Your love and mercy shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**  
Great is your name.  
**Great is your love. Amen.**

SONGS: *How Great is Our God*  
*How Great Thou Art*

## RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord.**  
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispering sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.  
**Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that  
we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them  
all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we  
were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

SONG: *God, You're So Good*

Passing the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

## WORD

Morning Prayers

Psalm 1 (page 431) +  
"Prayer for When Life Makes Sense"

## COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

One: People of God, what is our prayer?  
**All: Almighty and loving God,  
thank you for the gift of your Word.  
Help us to believe what we have heard, plant it deep  
in our hearts, and live in ways that honor you above  
all. Amen.**  
One: Go in peace to love and serve Jesus.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

[Kids grades 3 through 5 are dismissed to the classroom B downstairs  
for reflection time.]

Morning Offering — 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) WCS

Ministry Highlight: WCS video from Sue Cooper

## SEND

Benediction

As you leave this place this day,  
may God's love sustain you,  
and may you love those who surround you.  
May God's Spirit empower you,  
and may you empower all those you meet.  
May God's joy fill your hearts,  
and may this joy overflow to the ends of the earth  
for God's glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG: *Christ our Hope in Life and Death*

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

[Sermon Quotes and Questions](#)

"...the Psalms are necessary...[but] not necessary to salvation - (Eph. 2: 8-9). Our prayers, whether clumsy or skilled, heretical or orthodox, verbatim from the [psalms] or ad libbed from a sinking ship, get us no merit with God...God hears anything we whisper or shout, say or sing. All the same, ...If we wish to develop in the life of faith, to mature in our humanity, and to glorify God with our entire heart, mind, soul, and strength, the Psalms... are God's gift to train us in prayer that is comprehensive and honest...they are prayer masters...we apprentice ourselves to these masters [because through them]...we become more and more ourselves." - Eugene Peterson, *Answering God*. p. 3-4

**Taking Stock:** There are different categories of psalms - thanksgiving, praise, lament, plea for vengeance, plea for help, etc. If you think about the "categories" of your own prayers, which kinds are most frequent for you? Which kinds come most naturally? Which ones are the most unfamiliar? What do you think that means in your life with God?

**Filling in the blanks:** When you read psalm 1 does it feel like a prayer or more like a proverb? When you imagine praying it, who are the people who come to mind as you're doing so? Can you talk to God about why those people?