

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:15p CRC Softball Game: Away vs. Greater Grace
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
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/
firstname@psrc.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

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our shut-ins this summer: Mike Beinema, Alice Cook, Nellie De Vries, Babe Nydam, Harold Swart and Theona Taylor.

MANY THANKS — Randy and Shirley DeVries would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, meals, continuing prayers and visits following the loss of Ryan. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated. *'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint'—Isaiah 40:31*

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Please forward any announcements you may have this summer to Sadie by Wednesday afternoon at the latest, as the bulletins will be printed on Thursday—*Thank you!*

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

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED — for various aspects— please see Shirley De Vries, our church picnic coordinator and share a little of your time—we need more and new volunteers!

KIDSTREET VOLUNTEERS — As we resume Nursery and Children's Church during our Sunday morning services we would love for you to consider volunteering once a month caring for and teaching our kids. We need 4 more adults, and would love more teens as well! Contact Kate Martinka at kate@psrc.org.

NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — may be placed in the baskets available each Sunday at the main and back entrances.

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!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

The 125th Anniversary Celebration — of the church will take place on October 2 & 3. This will include a banquet on Saturday night with a catered, sit-down dinner and a special worship service on Sunday. Several former pastors and their wives plan to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness. A commemorative anniversary book is also being put together.

The Anniversary Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with the planning. This includes.....

- * 2 people to work with the caterer and coordinate the menu, table settings, and decorations.
- * 2 people to help plan the program for the banquet.
- * 1-2 people to assist with gathering and selecting photos to be used in the anniversary book.
- * Several people to take photos at church events and activities.

If you want to volunteer for one of these positions or would like more information, please contact Chris Epplert at cjepplert@gmail.com.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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

June 27, 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 fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service. We are excited to serve you!

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**, some with stress, loneliness, or depression.
As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

SONGS: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession—Psalm 130, vs. 1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Silent confession

SONG: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Words of Assurance—Psalm 130, vs. 7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Thanks be to God!

Guide to Grateful Living—Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SONG: *Oceans*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

One: People of God, what is our prayer?

All: Lord, continue to show us your Wonderful, Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always, and Forever love. Amen.

People: The Lord be with you.

KidStreet: And also with you!

One: Go in peace to love and serve Jesus!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Psalm 69: 1-5, 13-16, 20-29 (p 466) + "DisOrientation: Prayer When The Floods Rise"

SONG: *Sovereign*

TABLE

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

COMMIT

Morning Offering—Ministries of Pleasant Street

SEND

Dismissal & Benediction—based on Ephesians 1:18-19/ Numbers 6:24-26

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SONG: *It is Well*

Sermon Quotes and Questions

"...I suggest that most of the Psalms can only be appropriately prayed by people who are living at the edge of their lives, sensitive to the raw hurts, the primitive passions, and the naive elations that are at the bottom of our life. For most of us...entry into the Psalms requires a real change of pace. It asks us to depart...the world of public survival, to move into the open, frightening, healing world of speech with the Holy One." Walter Brueggemann, *Praying the Psalms*.

What are your questions about the above quote? Do you understand what he means? What would it look like to move into the "open, frightening, healing world" in your conversations with God?

Most of our words happen during the middle of the day - radio, music, emails, conversations. But I wonder - when you wake up, what are the first things on your mind/heart? When you are ready to sleep, what are the things left on your mind/heart? What would it be like to pray those morning & evening thoughts? Are they different from the middle-of-the-day words?

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