

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall

W 5:30p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices

Th 7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices

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

Interim Pastor: Ron Vanderwell; Care Ministries: Pastor Howard DeVries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma; Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/  
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### SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

**A-Bt** — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Phil Knapper

**Bu-E** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan

**F-I** — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Lauren McGrath

**J-Mh** — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol

**Mi-Sv** — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene

**Sw-Z** — Elder Mark & Deacon Lillian Hackathorn

WE WARMLY WELCOME — back this morning, Pastor Justin Ruddy from Resurrection Church in East Boston, who will preach the word.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE — After discussion, prayer, and discernment, Council wholeheartedly recommends to the congregation the motion to extend a call to Matthew Burns to be the next Sr. Pastor of Pleasant Street Church. A congregational meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, August 24 at 7:00pm to discuss this motion. The vote with professing members participating will be done electronically. Paper ballots will be available for those who are unable to vote on-line. For further details, please see the e-mail that was sent and be on the lookout for more information prior to the meeting.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is extended to the Davison family, in the passing of Matthew's mother, Hilda. She was taken into hospice care last week and passed away peacefully in the hospital. Matthew completed his 14 day quarantine just in time to take his Dad to visit with her and spend time with her over the last couple of days.

LET'S PRAY! — For Gordon Kooistra who is now in the hospital. He has an IV and was given antibiotics. Congratulations to Liz True & Zach Akeley who were united in marriage on August 10.

### GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

FAIRWOODS! — Our worship next week will be at Fairwoods at 9:30am (116 W. Hartford Ave., Uxbridge). Last week it was wonderful to be together and be able to sing and see each other's faces. We will not be live-streaming the service, but will record it so that those who are unable to attend can watch it at a later time. We will also reserve a few parking spaces in front of the caretaker's house for those who wish to come, but need to remain in their vehicles. Please pray for good weather too!

ADVANCE NOTICE — Our worship on **September 6** (Labor Day weekend) will ONLY be available online. You can enjoy the service in your jammies at home or from your favorite vacation spot, but there won't be anyone in the building to greet you with hand sanitizer! :-). We'll be back in the building for the following Sunday, September 13.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — May be placed in the baskets at the main and back entrances. Thanks!

### REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

THE NAC FOOD PANTRY — is in need of new coordinators! This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and glorify God! Responsibilities include going to the Food Bank a couple times a month to ensure the pantry is stocked, and volunteering some Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please email [kate@pscrc.org](mailto:kate@pscrc.org).

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

August 16, 2020 + 9:30 am



PLEASANT STREET  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
CHURCH

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!

*Prayer of Preparation*

*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.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

SONG: *You Never Change*

*Call to Worship—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13*

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshipping him in spirit and in truth.

SONG: *Blessed Be Your Name*

*Prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

You have created this world in splendor,

**and your Spirit renews the face of the earth.**

You have made us in your image,

**and you renew us in the image of your Son.**

You have given us your law,

**and your Spirit leads us in the ways of righteousness.**

You have grafter us into your covenant of grace,

**and you have written your law on our hearts.**

You promise to make all things new,

**and you give us your Spirit as the first fruits of a renewed creation.**

All glory be to you, Lord our God, giver of every good and perfect gift.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Renewal*

*Prayer of Confession*

Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

**Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.**

Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.”

**Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.**

Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

**We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

**Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.**

Lord, you said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.”

**We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.**

Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”

**In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

*Silent confession*

*Words of Assurance—Psalm 145:13-14*

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

This is the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Declaring our Faith—Our World Belongs to God, st. 1-2*

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
which some seek to control,  
and others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust:

**Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning,  
through all the crises of our times,

until the kingdom fully comes,  
God keeps covenant forever:

**Our world belongs to God!**

**God is King: Let the earth be glad!**

**Christ is victor: his rule has begun!**

**The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!**

**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

SONG: *Be Still My Soul*

Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Matthew 6: 25-34 + “Be Not Anxious”*

**SEND**

SONG: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

*Benediction*