

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 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@pscrc.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 —

We mourn with the Ruth family after the death of Melissa. We pray that God would comfort them and be their shield in the midst of loss and many decisions.

We continue to pray for those healing from, and undergoing procedures. Brian Towle, Mark Hackathorn, Jen Burgess.
For Henny Kuipers & family as she endures treatment for cancer.

DIVORCE CARE & GRIEF SHARE — If you or someone you know of could benefit from finding healing and grace in the midst of a divorce or grief—there is hope! Please join us for Divorce Care (DC), DC for Kids, and Grief Share. Care groups will restart here at church on Tuesday evenings on September 7, 6:30-8:30pm. For questions, more information, and/or referrals please contact Pastor Howard at howard@pscrc.org.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — If there are church members you believe should be considered for either office, please forward names and offices to Jack Crawford, Clerk of Council at john.h.crawford@verizon.net. Offices of elder and deacon are open to both men and women.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration is only 6 weeks away. The banquet will be on Saturday, October 2. A flyer with information is in your mailbox. RSVP by September 12. Don't wait, sign up today at the table in the Fellowship Hall.

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS — Is looking for two individuals who would be willing to help in this ministry which is held every Tuesday, 6:30-8pm, starting Tuesday, September 7. Please call Marlene or Howard, if you can help.

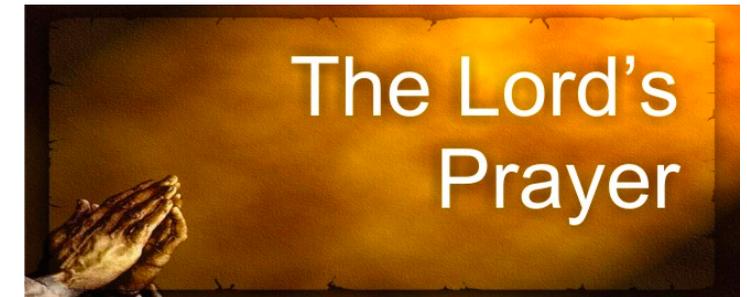
REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

The UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — is looking for a part-time Church Administrative Assistant. Must be proficient in MS Office and web-based communication. If interested send a resume/cover letter to bookmen3@msn.com (please include Church Job Search in the subject line).

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri
August 22, 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

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

In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you.

May our worship today help us to offer our entire lives to you and unite us with your whole church throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We come to worship God in our need,

bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts,

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

and God has promised never to turn us away.

SONGS: *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*
Christ our Hope in Life and Death

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

○ Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world, so much suffering through the ages, wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

○ Lord, you love and care for us as a parent; you came to share life with us as a brother. But we confess we have failed to live as your children and instead have broken many bonds.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

○ Lord, you have called us to live together in community, to consider one another as brother and sister, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or

popularity. Yet we prejudice one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

○ Lord, giver of all life, you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. Yet we endanger the lives of one another, abuse the lives of young children among us, destroy those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

**Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Assurance

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Thanks be to God!

Guide to Grateful Living—Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live— not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the

Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

SONG: Seek Ye First (LUYH 899)

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Matthew 6:5-15 (p 787)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "Give and Forgive Us"

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offering — 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) 125th Anniversary Banquet

Closing Prayer & Benediction

May you, people of God, know that God our Father made you and guides your every step; Jesus Christ gave his life for you and brings you new life; the Spirit keeps you in the Lord's presence and empowers you to serve. May almighty God continue to bless you and move you to give thanks. Amen.

SONG: Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me