

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 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 GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
- W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home
- Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For those in our church who are healing;. Remember our shut-ins. Pray for our world, especially those who remain in Afghanistan and fear what the future holds. Pray for the women and girls of Afghanistan—*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms—Ephesians 6:12*

CELEBRATION — The 125th Anniversary Celebration is coming soon. Six of our former pastors will be joining us for this special occasion. A banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall on October 2. A flyer with information is in your mailbox. RSVP by today. We will also have a special worship service on October 3. All are welcome to attend.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Upon polling members of our Thursday morning Bible Study & monitoring the continued increase of the Covid-19 virus in both deaths and hospitalization of patients, the Thursday morning Bible study will NOT be meeting until further notice. I will advise each of any changes as we monitor this pandemic. I hope you all remain safe and healthy as we enter the fall session—*Blessings, Jack Crawford*

GOSPEL FORMATION — In addition to Mid-week, we are going to add another gospel formation opportunity **starting next Sunday, September 19**. After the worship service we will be adding a 30 minute formation opportunity for KidStreet, for Echo, and for our teens and adults. In kids street and in Echo, our kiddos will have a chance to learn some of the New City Catechism, a resource developed by Redeemer Presbyterian in New York. Through songs and games they will have a chance to commit questions and answers about God to memory. To take the good news of Jesus and plant it deep in their lives. Meanwhile during that same 30 minute window, adults and middle and high school students will have a chance to participate in 2 differing pilot projects this fall. The first will involve a sermon discussion time while we study the book of Jonah. The second will come later in the fall.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION — On which day did God create the heavens and the earth? What's a Christian perspective on the big bang or consciousness? Who made God? If you enjoy thinking about such things then it's is a great time to join Galileo's Group, a monthly small group resuming Thursday evening meetings to start a new book. Please contact Scott Schneider at 508.922.3575 for more information.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERINGS — Our second offering today will be for our 125th Anniversary Banquet. We are hoping to off-set some expenses with this collection. Thanks for helping us to celebrate yet another milestone at Pleasant Street Church.

COFFEE BREAK — is looking for leaders for our small groups. We lead mostly by asking questions and helping women figure out for themselves what the Bible is saying. *Coffee Break* meets on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11. We have leaders' meetings on Thursday mornings to prepare. If this sounds good to you, or for questions, please call Anna Bloem at 508.234.4902.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

September 12, 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

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship —based on Psalm 124:8

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. They received God’s covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

SONGS: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Covenant of Grace

Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love.

We need you, God.

Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires.

Forgive us, God.

Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. **Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Assurance—from 1 John 1:5, 7

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Thanks be to God!

SONGS: *Is He Worthy?*
Agnus Dei

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

Jonah 1:1-10 (page 753) +
“The Word of the Lord & the Runaway”

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

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

SEND

Dismissal & 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: *We Are Called*

Quote & Question:

"The book of Jonah yields many insights about God’s love for societies and people beyond the community of believers; about his opposition to toxic nationalism and disdain for other races; and about how to be ‘in mission’ in the world despite the subtle and unavoidable power of idolatry in our own lives and hearts. Grasping these insights can make us bridge builders, peacemakers, and agents of reconciliation in the world. Such people are the need of the hour.” Dr. Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet; Jonah and the mystery of God’s mercy*. 4.

Do you know the story of Jonah? Have you ever seriously considered it, or has it always seemed to you like a "whale" of a tale?

Jonah hears the voice of God and runs away. When has God's voice called you to the last person or place you'd want? What did it sound like? What did you do?

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