

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
6:30p Divorce Care for Kids: Room 5
6:30p GriefShare: Room E
W 6:15p Mid-Week @ PS
6:30p MSYG at Fairwoods
5:30p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
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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CARE— COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — The Council is pleased and excited to inform you that Pastor Matthew Burns has accepted our call to be the next Senior Pastor of Pleasant Street CRC. In the weeks ahead, Council, Staff and Transition Team will be working on plans to relocate and welcome Matthew, Diana and children to their new home and as part of our church family. Please watch for the weekly church email each Friday as we will provide updates on a timeline for their travel, arrival, and welcome as things develop. We ask that you continue to be in prayer for them as they begin the process of departure from their current church, pack, and move to New England to join us.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MIDWEEK — Our GEMS, Cadets, and MS YG leaders are excited to re-start our Wednesday night MidWeek Faith Formation evenings! Beginning again this Wednesday (September 23rd) and continuing approximately every other week, we are not able to offer a family meal due to COVID restrictions. GEMS and Cadets will start at 6:15pm here at PSCRC (Cadets, please enter through the main doors under the overhang, GEMS please enter through the side door closest to the playground) and conclude at 8pm. MS YG will take place from 6:30 - 8:15pm at FAIRWOODS in Uxbridge (please dress for the weather!). See you Wednesday

GALILEO'S GROUP — is starting the new book 2084: *Artificial Intelligence*, the Future of Humanity, and the God Question by Dr John C Lennox on Thursday October 8 and November 5. In 2084, christian apologist, scientist and philosopher John Lennox will introduce you to a kaleidoscope of ideas: the key developments in technological enhancement, bioengineering, and, in particular, artificial intelligence. You will discover the current capacity of AI, its advantages and disadvantages, the facts and the fiction, as well as potential future implications. Please contact Scott Schneider at 508.922.3575 for more details.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — At our congregational meeting in December, we'll be selecting new elders and deacons. Please forward names and offices to Jack Crawford, at john.h.crawford@verizon.net by **September 27**.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN DOOR REMOTE LEARNING SUPPORT — Our church is coming alongside the students and families of our Open Door program (many of which struggle to find proper educational supports) to support remote learning! The Open Door program has partnered with NPS to offer a full-day support 'educational pod' for up to 20 at-risk middle and high school students on Mondays and Thursdays this fall.

A huge THANK YOU to our congregation for the immediate generous outpouring of sponsorships of student workstations! We have collected enough to cover the cost of every station!

Current Needs:

- We are looking for one or two adult volunteers who are willing to be present during the program and occasionally assisting students, as needed.

Able to help with one of these needs or looking to get involved in another way? Talk to Pastor Annika or Open Door

Coordinator Diane Williams.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

September 20, 2020 + 9:30 am



PLEASANT STREET
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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!

Prayer of Preparation

God of the universe, hear our prayer this day, as we gather together in this place. Send your Spirit to prompt our prayers. May our voices join the voices of those scattered far from here so that in all that we are, and wherever we might be, we may join with the saints throughout the ages in serving and praising your holy name. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship —based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

SONG: *10,000 Reasons*

Only a Holy God

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune; sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in you. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most: his cross makes our forgiveness possible, and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises. Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins. Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love.

Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance—Psalm 103:7-18

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.

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

This is good news.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *Your Grace is Enough*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Joshua 3:1-17 + "Looking Forward"

SEND

SONG: *We Will Remember*

Benediction

SONG: *The Blessing*

SERMON NOTES