

PLEASANT ST. KIDS - We would love to help your children become devoted followers of Christ! Check in and get a name tag at the kids cart in the fellowship hall before service.

- **NURSERY** - (Babies-Age 3) during the service for Bible stories, music, play, and more!
 - **KIDSTREET** - (Age 4-2nd Grade) dismissed before sermon for a Bible story, craft/activity, music and more!
 - **ECHO** - (3rd-5th Grade) dismissed after the sermon for 10 minutes of connection (except the last Sunday of the month).
- * All ages are welcome for the duration of the service. There is always space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out. *
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** - On 5th Sundays we will hold a family service where we all worship in the sanctuary together during the duration of the service. We will now be offering nursery during these services.

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper each Sunday of Lent; during this time, ECHO will not be held. ECHO will resume following Easter.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER - We are delighted to welcome back Michael Sullivan, City Minister of Emmaus City Church as the guest preacher this Sunday. Please join us as Mike shares an inspiring message from the Word.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BEVERLY EBBLING - We offer our prayers and condolences to the Ebbeling family on the passing of Beverly Ebbeling. **Please note the following service details:**

- Saturday, March 28th from 9:30-11:00am at Pleasant Street Church
- Calling hours from 9:00-11:00am;
- Followed by a funeral service at 11:00am in the sanctuary;

CRC SOFTBALL OUTREACH MINISTRY - Men 16 years and older interested in fun, competition, and fellowship are invited to join the combined Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team. Games are played most **Monday evenings at 6pm late April through early August**. For more information, contact Scott Schneider at smschneider68@hotmail.com or Jonathan Steele jsteele1964@gmail.com.

EASTER FOOD CARDS! - On behalf of the NAC, the deacons will be collecting and distributing food gift cards to 40 families in our community. Please pick up a "tag" on the table in the Fellowship Hall, and return the food gift card **TODAY (March 22)**. Feel free to put the card inside an Easter greeting card, or place in an envelope with the family # clearly marked. We will distribute the cards after the Palm Sunday morning service. Thank you!

WED LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE at 6:30pm:

Mar 25: at Fairlawn CRC- Mr. Mark Widner (UPCW)
Apr 1: at United Presbyterian Church- Rev. Kim Manion (BVUMC)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - It's time to register your kids and volunteer! Visit NorthbridgeVBS.com for more info. Volunteers, please come to the open house meeting on Wed. April 1, 6:30-7:30pm. With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS delivers joy and meaning, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NRSV).

ReTREADS - The adult study group will meet for the final session on **Saturday, April 4th at 7pm at the Coopers home**. If interested, you can talk to Tom or Sue Cooper or email Sue at suejcoop@gmail.com. You will receive a transcript of the sermon and/or a link to watch on youtube if you prefer. Come join us as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND - PSCRC Christian education assistance application forms are located by the entrances to the sanctuary. All active church members who will have children attending a Christian school (K-12) during the 2026-27 school year are eligible. Please return the PSCRC application to Cathy Greene or Jodie Woudenberg by **March 31**. Thank you.

WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK - Group will meet this **Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am** in the fellowship hall. The group will continue the study in 1 & 2 Peter (A Living Hope in Trials) Lesson 4: Suffering for Doing Good. All women are welcome! Bring your pre-school children along. Childcare is provided.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- *Mike Beinema's birthday on March 22nd
- Karen Masso's birthday on March 23rd
- *Mike Masso's birthday on April 7th
- *Sandy Frieswick's birthday on April 10th
- *Scott & Hanne Larson's anniversary on April 4th

Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:

- A-Bt — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Taryn Flagg
- Bu-Fz — Elder Scott Schneider & Deacon Karyn Schneider
- G-Kt — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Beth Bol
- Ku-Nz — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Steve Fortna
- O-Tq — Elder Dexter Greene & Deacon Cathy Greene
- Tr-Z — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us!

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 9:30 am

Series: The Way of the Cross
 "The Way of the Kingdom?"

Text: Matthew 5:3-10



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. Welcome, we are so glad that you are here.

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

LENT ~ February 18 through April 2

S	6:30p	HS Youth Group
M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	9:30a	Coffee Break
W	6:15p	Mid-Week
	6:30p	Prayer Group
Th	7:30a	Men's Bible Study

Prayer of Preparation

*Almighty God, grant us your Spirit that we may know our hearts, our lives, and our inmost thoughts as you know them. Grant us your grace that we may repent sincerely of all sin. May the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in his redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

GATHER

Welcome

Call To Worship

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

Praise the name of the Lord!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Praise the Lord!

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Salvation comes from God who saves us.

Praise the Lord!

SONG: Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer

Christ, as a light, Illuminate and guide us.

Christ, as a shield, Overshadow us.

Christ under me, Christ over me,

Christ beside me, On my left and my right.

This day, be within and without us,

Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,

In the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day, be within and without me.

Lowly and meek, yet all powerful,

Lowly and meek and all powerful.

SONG: In Christ Alone

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Lord Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit and give them the Kingdom.

But we turn away from those whose physical poverty reminds us of our true spiritual state, and we build our own little kingdoms of self.

Lord, have mercy.

You bless those who mourn and you comfort them.

But we turn from grief that leads to repentance, and we seek comfort in possessions. Lord, have mercy.

You bless the meek, and promise them the earth, you bless the merciful, and promise them mercy.

But we are far from meek — we try to make the world our own through pride and self promotion. Lord, have mercy.

You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. You bless the pure in heart, and promise that they shall see God.

But we hunger and thirst after the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes; our hearts are not pure, and so we cannot see you.

Lord, have mercy.

You bless the peacemakers and the persecuted.

But we covet each other's things, jobs, and successes. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Silent Confession

Words Of Assurance

Hear this Gospel truth, you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do, and think. **God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins. God is rich in mercy and love. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG: Amazing Love

Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: Holy Spirit (Living Breath of God)

Doxology

Passing The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Congregational Prayer

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:3-10

Sermon *The Way of the Kingdom?* Michael Sullivan

COMMUNION

SONG: The Kingdom is Yours

SEND

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

SONG: You Are My Vision

Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord, Jesus Christ!