

**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. Please pick your children up from nursery and KidStreet after the service, but students in Echo will be released to come to the fellowship hall.

- **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 to reflect and get to know each other, lasting 10 minutes. We don't meet on the last Sunday of each month.
- All ages are welcome to stay in the service. There is space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

**CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — Please keep in your prayers Henry Kuipers as her health is rapidly declining. Pray for Thalia and Brian who are now in Arizona to be with mom, Oscar and Larry. Keep in your prayers Deb VandenAkker who had hip replacement surgery this week. Also pray for students returning to school and college for the upcoming semester.

**DEAR PLEASANT ST. FAMILY** — *Thankful, Grateful, Blessed...*  
I am **THANKFUL** for your overwhelming support, words of sympathy and memories that you have shared in the recent passing of my dad. For over 40 years, he called Pleasant Street his church home and although life changes took him to Fairlawn CRC and ultimately to Florida, he always considered his Pleasant Street family to be “home”. I am **GRATEFUL** to call PSCRC my church home and family as well. To be loved and cared for as part of the body of Christ here on this earth. I am **BLESSED**. Blessed to be journeying with each of you as, together, we live out our mission to experience Christ’s love, receive Christ’s word and live Christ’s life. Thank you, family—  
*Dawn Lefrancois*

**GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**DIVORCE CARE & GRIEF-SHARE** — New groups will start on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm. See Pastor Howard for more information.

**SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES**

**SECOND OFFERINGS** — Our second offering next week will be for World Renew Disaster Relief.

**COFFEE SETUP** — If you are willing to help make coffee before worship (instructions provided) please see Sadie. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

**NAC FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** — The NAC is currently in need of; toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, clorox/lysol wipes, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant. Donations may be placed in the basket available in the foyer.

**WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CANCELLATION** — Notices will be posted on our website and social media pages as well as with WBZ (CBS Channel 4) and WCVB (ABC Channel 5).

**REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

**2023 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES** — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 9 and continuing weekdays through January 27 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january) for more details on the presenters, topics, the remote site locations, times, online listening, and past presentation archives.

**THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL** — meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23 at Fairlawn CRC, starting at 7pm. The Agenda and Budget for 2023 will be sent out to all Fairwoods members in early January. Voting at the annual meeting is open to Professing Members of PSCRC who have fully paid their Fairwoods membership dues for the 2022 season. We still encourage all church members to take part in this meeting even if you have not paid your membership dues.

# WELCOME

**We're glad you joined us!**

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

January 1, 2023 + 9:30am

"Born, in the time of King Herod"



*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.*

**LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK**  
*Happy New Year!*

- M Church Offices Closed  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
- W 6:15p Midweek @ PS 🍷  
6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Under the Balcony

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Holy, Creating, Creative God.*

*We sing from the depths of our sorrow.*

*We sing from the abundance of our joy.*

*We sing in voices separate and unique.*

*We sing with one voice as your body.*

*May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song  
and the meditations of our hearts. Whether in prose or poetry,  
be pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

*— Joanna Harader*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship—Hebrews 11:16; Psalm 130*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Friends, the people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**On those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

**Come and worship!**

All who have come from near and far, Those who thirst  
for God.

**Come and worship!**

Those who are full of joy and hope, those hollowed out by grief  
and loss.

**Come and worship!**

Those who doubt his presence, those who are certain of where  
to find him.

**Come and worship!**

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit.

**Come, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

SONGS: *Here I Am To Worship*

*This Is My Father's World*

*Prayer of Confession*

Lord, God your salvation is nearer today than before.

And yet we confess our failure to wonder at your arrival  
and to live accordingly.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magic to the child Jesus.

We lose track of it and get lost in the dark.

**Forgive us, Lord.**

Lord, you brought eternal life to us clothed in human flesh.

We reduce Christmas to plastic things and get wrapped up  
in ourselves.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Loving Father, you gave your Son into the hands of a world  
at war. Our hearts are hard, and the wars around us are  
out of mind.

**Forgive us, Lord and move us to compassion for  
those who suffer. Cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance—Titus 3; Matthew 1*

The Lord God declares Good News to you: At one time we  
were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved; But when the  
kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,  
not because of righteous things we had done, but because of  
his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and  
renewal by the Holy Spirit. He poured it out on us generously  
through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by  
his grace, we might become heirs who have the hope of  
eternal life.

**Mary gave birth to a son, and we call him  
Jesus, because he has saved us from our sins.  
Amen.**

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

*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 2: 1-3, 8-23 + "Born, in the time of King Herod"*

## TABLE

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

## SEND

SONG: *You Are My Vision*

*Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face  
towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *Praise To The Lord (Joyful Joyful)*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!*

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