

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
W 5:00p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices
7:30p Prayer Gathering: Becky VandenAkker's Home
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices

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@pscr.org.

FROM COUNCIL — today we will be installing Tony Brookhouse & Dawn Lefrancois as Elder and Connor Kuik & Ruth Bandstra as Deacon. We are thankful for the service of Elders Mark Hackathorn & Steve Haringa and Deacons Dave Eckbold & Lillian Hackathorn. Brett Buma, Jack Crawford and Steve Haringa will continue to serve as Treasurer, Clerk and Vice president respectively. The Deacon Chair will be selected by the deacons during their next meeting. The new pastorates will be announced in the coming weeks.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is extended to Edie Jorritsma and family in the passing of her loving husband, father and grandfather Ron—*The Lord be with each of you!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RON JORRITSMA

January 11, 1938 — January 7, 2021

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him. + John 3:16-17*

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS — For the many cards and well-wishes we received this week in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary. We are grateful to be part of such a loving church family—*Richard and Gloria McMahon*

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For God's presence and healing to be with Al Baker, Ron Jorritsma, Babe Nydam, Grace Nyenhuis and all the sick in our congregation. Pray for Don Godeke who has an immobile leg which prevents him from walking—he is in Encompass Rehab Hospital in Framingham. Also keep in your prayers Rick Lukianuk as he is currently visiting his failing mom in Florida—***O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me***—*Psalm 30:2*. If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office. Thanks for praying.

THANK YOU — Healing Heart Hospitality House wants to Thank You for the very generous collection of \$1,350. Our God is so good to work in your hearts to help us as we help those in medical crisis in the Worcester area hospitals. Nancy and I will be able to continue to pay it forward over the next coming year. God bless and thank you for the encouragement—*Carol Lewis and Nancy Whalen*

GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE — Please notify Sadie of any changes to your information (including college students!). Regular attendees, we'd love to have your information updated as well. Thanks for your help!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS — are available through Realm. Please use the dates 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 to generate your report. If you are unable to print, please see Sadie in the office.

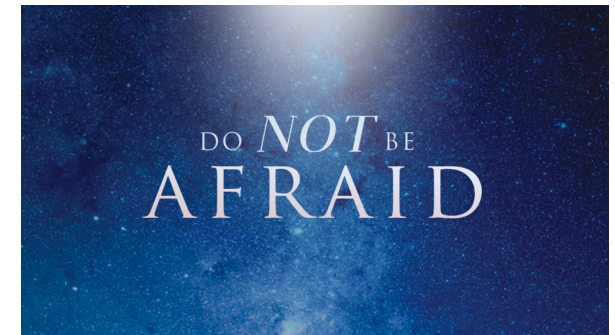
REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL MEETING — will be virtual only. This will be streamed via Zoom at 7pm. The Zoom link will be emailed next week before the meeting.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

January 10, 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 pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — based on Isaiah 53; Matthew 3:17; 17:5

God said, “This is my Son, with whom I am pleased.”

But this one has no splendor, no beauty we would fancy.

“This is my child, in whom I take delight.”

But this one carries the load of a servant, not the scepter of a king.

“This is my child, whom I have called.”

But this one demands justice from all earth’s nations; his words shall judge our own.

“This is my child, whom I uphold.”

But this one would release the dungeon’s prisoners; he would set the captives free.

“This is my child, whose hand I hold.”

But this one is a man of sorrows; he is no stranger to grief.

“This is my child; I give him to you.”

Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders and carry our rejection in his heart. Wounded for our transgressions, he will be cut off from the land of the living. Like sheep we have gone astray; like a lamb he shall be led to the slaughter.

And still our God declares it:

“This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased.

Listen to him.”

SONGS: *Our God Saves*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

RENEWAL

Remembering our Baptism

Prayer of Confession

SONG: *Healer of Our Every Ill (Chorus & Vs 1)*

Loving Creator, in the beginning you made all things good and there was peace. Merciful God, when we see the brokenness and violence of our world, it is tempting to point a finger of blame at others. Yet in your presence we see that we are not blameless. We too contribute to the brokenness and pain of our world. We confess to

you now our sin and its consequences; disorder in the world and in our own lives.

Forgive us, Lord.

From peace that is not peace, from the grip of all that is evil, from a violent righteousness, O from unbridled desire and stunted hopes, from pride that says “we know what to do.”

Deliver us Lord, from that which disorders our world.

From moodiness and irritability that makes us difficult to live with, from insensitivity that makes us careless, from selfishness that makes life harder for others.

Deliver us Lord, from that which disorders our home.

From the fear that there is not enough, from a need to control our surroundings, from the belief that we cannot trust you.

Deliver us Lord, from that which disorders us.

Healer of our Every Ill (Chorus & Vs 2)

Forgiving Father, at just the right time you made peace through the blood shed on the cross by your Son.

Forgive us, Prince of Peace.

By your weeping over the city, your refusal of the sword, by your facing of our horror,

heal your world, Lord.

By the folly of your Gospel, by choosing to put on flesh, by your nakedness and pain,

heal our homes, Lord.

By your bursting from the tomb, by your coming in judgment, by your making of peace with your blood,

heal our wounds and divisions, Lord, and grant us peace.

Healer of our Every Ill (Chorus & Vs 3-4)

God’s Assurance of our Pardon—Isaiah 53

Sisters and Brothers hear God’s healing and reconciling good news: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering. We thought him punished by God, stricken and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Like sheep each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, and no wound so isolating that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God for you.

Lord, marked as those who belong to you, send us out to heal divisions and to declare: Our world belongs to God. In Jesus name, AMEN.

Passing of the Peace

Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons: Dawn Lefrancois & Tony Brookhouse (elders), Ruth Bandstra & Connor Kuik (deacons)

SONG: *Heal Our Land*

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 3:1-22 + “John Calling: Good News”

COMMIT

SONG: *Shine On Us*

SEND

Benediction

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SONG: *King of Kings*