

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 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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME — Pastor Blake Philips this morning, to preach the word, as we swap pulpits with The River.

COUNCIL NOTES

Praise for generous giving to the General fund for 2024. Prayer for Council as they embark on new leadership development of faith practices. Prayer for upcoming lectures and fellowship opportunities.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For students returning to school and college for the upcoming semester. Blessings to our Church and Community!

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

WINTER SEMINAR — January 24, 6:30pm: *"Our Emerging Adults"* — Growing up is stranger than it used to be. Young adults today make life commitments more slowly than they used to; they wrestle with deep questions about identity and purpose that previous generations wouldn't have even understood. Is this much ado about nothing, or is something genuinely different about growing up today? Join us for a seminar with Dr. Rick Zomer, faith formation consultant with the Christian Reformed Church, for a conversation exploring what it is like to be an emerging adult; what's different, what's the same, and how we can understand this new phase of life in the modern world.

FOB DOOR SYSTEM — We wanted you to know that later this month a new electronic lock and security system will be installed on the main entrance doors to the church building. When this system is installed, the doors will no longer unlock with a physical key, but with a key-FOB. Key-FOBS will be distributed to ministry leaders and those who need to be able to unlock the building. The system will also include an intercom that will allow for the office staff to "buzz" people in when the building is locked. This will also give us a chance to repair and restore the main doors, after decades of daily use. We are hopeful that this new system will address long-standing concerns over how to secure our church building. Please contact Sadie in the office if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: MISSIONS EVENT — Breakfast with Joshua Jiang, our new missionary in China. Our missions team along with Fairlawn missions team will provide a breakfast on Saturday, February 22 from 9:30-11:00am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner—*The Missions Team!*

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES
SECOND OFFERINGS — Our second offering today will be for World Renew Disaster Relief Services.

2024 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS — are available through Realm. Please use the dates 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024 (and then press filter) to generate your report.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
FAIRWOODS ANNUAL MEETING — Is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 14 right at Fairlawn, starting at 6:30pm. Please contact Brandon McGrath or Josh Van Eck with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — This winter, St. Patrick's are opening their doors on the harshest nights to provide a safe space for those in need. The shelter will be open from 9pm to 7am to offer protection for men, women, and children. They are seeking volunteers to staff two shifts: 9pm-2am and 2am-7am. The shelter will be located at the Parish Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact: bv.emergency.shelter@gmail, or call John Lapointe at 508.254.3974 or George Gannon at 508.341.4993.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +
Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri
January 12, 2025 + 9:30am
"The God-given Task"



If you have been worshiping 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

Today 8:00am HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SONGS: *House of the Lord*
His Mercy is More

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — from Psalm 139

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep us from deliberate sins. Don’t let them control us.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and shape what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Listen to the promise of God: Those who love Me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my saving power.

Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love! We rejoice, because You have rescued us! Sing praise to God, because He has been so good to us!

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) World Renew Disaster Relief*



SONG: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you!

KidStreet Dismissal - [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 + “The God-given Task”

SEND

ECHO Dismissal - [students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Facing A Task Unfinished*

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: *How Great Is Our God*

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