

### Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder John & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke  
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema  
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Cathy Greene  
T-Y — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Haringa

**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.

### COUNCIL NOTES

Praise for generous giving to the Deacon's fund, General fund and Faith Promise. Prayer for Council as they embark on new leadership development of faith practices. Prayer for upcoming lectures and fellowship opportunities. Prayer for people to fill the upcoming staff vacancies.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — Our deepest condolences to Shirley Youngsma in the passing of her sister-in-law, Nancy—we pray for comfort and healing to the family with this sudden loss.

**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).

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**READING & FELLOWSHIP GROUP** — Ever wonder how your story fits into God's big story? When you look back over where you have been, can you see where God has been at work? What are your hopes for the future? How do you view time? We will explore these topics as we read Os Guinness' book '*Carpe Diem Redeemed*' in a new study group starting on January 27 and meeting every 2nd and 4th Saturday evening through April. If you are in a 50's+ age bracket, this study is for you—though others are welcome too! A special invite to former "Young Marrieds" from the 1980's! Interested? Contact Sue Cooper at sjcoop@gmail.com for more information. Sign up for a book in the connections corner.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!** — Food, fun and fellowship! On Sunday, February 11, bring a soup or chili to share and enjoy a potluck "Souper Bowl" lunch after service with our church family.

**PRAYER GROUP** — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm to pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—Please join us!

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**2024 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES** — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series which began last week and will continue weekdays through February 2 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm.

**FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURE** — Are you struggling with grief yourself or navigating the journey of grief with a loved one? Join us at Fairlawn CRC on Saturday, February 10 from 9am—12:00pm as we welcome Eric and Lisa Theissen for "*Hope Through the Valley: Journey through Grief*", a free seminar providing an overview of the grief process with helpful tips for managing life after loss. Registration is helpful but not required. Contact the office to register at 508.234.2838 or secretary@fairlawncrc.org.

# WELCOME

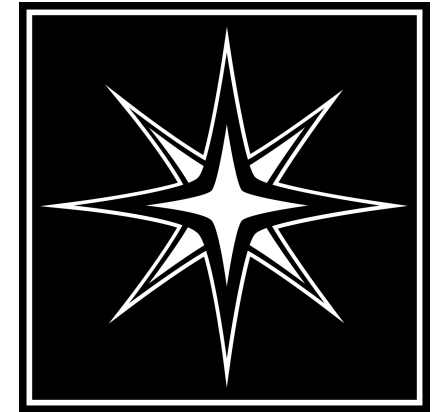
## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

January 21, 2024 + 9:30am

*"Revealing Jesus: The Gospel of Mark in Epiphany"*



*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 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: 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 6:15p Mid-Week  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room  
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation*

*Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 103*

Praise the Lord, my soul. All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

**Praise the Lord.**

You his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the Lord.**

All his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

**Praise the Lord.**

All his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

SONGS: *All Creatures of our God and King*  
*King of Kings*

**RENEWAL**

*Call to Confession — from 1 John 1:5-10*

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

**Lord, have mercy.**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**Christ, have mercy.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance — from John 1*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



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

*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*

*Mark 2: 23- 3:6; 20-34 + “The Authority to Redefine”*

**SEND**

*ECHO Dismissal*

*[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

SONG: *This I Believe*

*Apostle's Creed*

*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: *Yet Not I But Through Christ*

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