

## 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  
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  
F 6:30p HS Youth Group: Foundation

### 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.

### SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

**A-Bt** — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Phil Knapper  
**Bu-E** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan  
**F-I** — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Lauren McGrath  
**J-Mh** — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol  
**Mi-Sv** — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene  
**Sw-Z** — Elder Mark & Deacon Lillian Hackathorn

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For students returning to school and college for the upcoming semester.

WE REJOICE — With Richard and Gloria McMahon as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 6. The flowers on the piano are in honor of this anniversary and are gifted by their grandchildren Peter, Douglas and Erin Ostroskey.

CONGRATULATIONS — To Jim and Joy Briggs as they have purchased a home in Worcester. Joy has medical complications that prevented her from continuing to rent in an apartment building. Through prayer and patience over the past 8 months they have searched for new housing. God has blessed them with a new home. They will be moving on January 9. If you would like to help them move, you can contact Joy at 774.293.1414.

## 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

FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES — Are available in the mailboxes; if you did not receive envelopes or would like them mailed to your home, please contact the office. Forms to give electronically, or to change your giving for 2021 are available in the fellowship hall.

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

THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL — meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm, here at church. We encourage all church members to make time to be a part of the decisions that go into making Fairwoods a wonderful place for our church family to gather! We will be grouping chairs in a safe social distancing manner and will also be hosting a Zoom meeting version of this meeting.

FAIRWOODS RECREATION SOCIETY — is looking for volunteers to be a part of our board, beginning in our 2021 season! Responsibilities of these positions vary based on skill set and interest, but include a monthly meeting and involvement in our 3-4 annual fundraisers. If you are interested, please contact Claire Macomber at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com.

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri  
January 3, 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!*

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Almighty God, as we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you.*

*Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will**

**the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

**The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.**

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

SONGS: *All Glory Be to Christ*

*Adore*

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

*Prayer of Confession*

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious

God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word, may we more

closely follow you and tell of your glory to all we meet.

*Silent confession*

*Words of Encouragement — 1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Luke 2:41-52*

**COMMIT**

**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: *I Sought the Lord*

*Sermon Notes*