

**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.

**PULPIT EXCHANGE** — Today, we will be swapping pulpits with Fairlawn Church. Pastor Joel will be peaching the word here at Pleasant Street and Pastor Matthew will be preaching the word at Fairlawn Church. We warmly welcome Pastor Joel this morning.

**CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — OUR LOVING SYMPATHY is extended to the Kuipers family— husband Oscar, daughter Thalia, son Larry—and their families in the passing of their loving wife, mother and friend Henny—*The Lord be with you!*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENNY KUIPERS**

**October 31, 1935—January 5, 2023**

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." + 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is also extended to the Kooistra family, son David, daughter Sheryl McLellan, sister Shirley Bangma and their families in the passing of their loving father, brother and grandfather Gordon—*The Lord be with each of you!*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF GORDON KOOISTRA**

**July 20, 1937—December 30, 2022**

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." + Romans 8:28*

**GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**2023 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!

**CAREER TALK 4** — The monthly career meeting for college, post-college, new professional, and working young adults. We will gather for an evening of dessert, conversation, and networking. Join us on Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm in the Foundation. Questions: Email Jonathan Steele at [jsteele1964@gmail.com](mailto:jsteele1964@gmail.com).

**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!*

**SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES**

**SECOND OFFERINGS** — Our second offering today will be for World Renew Disaster Relief Services (DRS) which specializes in long-term recovery. They focus on supporting local recovery efforts by offering knowledge and expertise, as well as hands-on services such as home construction and needs assessments—*Thank You for your support!*

**2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS** — are available through Realm. Please use the dates 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022 (and then press filter) to generate your report. If you are unable to print, please see Sadie in the office.

**REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

**2023 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES** — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning tomorrow and continuing weekdays through January 27 at Fairlawn Church.

**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 8, 2023 + 9:30am

"A New Self for a New Year"



**PLEASANT STREET**  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
**CHURCH**

*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

Today 8:30a 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  
6:00p Women's CR Step Study: Foundation  
6:30p Divorce Care: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Grief Share: Classroom E  
W 6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

This is the day you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people.

**To come to you this morning, confess our sins, receive forgiveness and renew our fainting spirits.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

**Open our ears to hear your Word.**

Visit us through your Holy Spirit.

**And help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

SONGS: *Your Grace Is Enough,*  
*Mighty To Save*

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

So, you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance—Heidelberg Q 88-90*

From the Heidelberg Catechism, we learn genuine repentance is the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

**What is the dying-away of the old self?**

To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

**What is the rising-to-life of the new self?**

Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work. This is the good news! The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. We are made new in the image of Christ. Through Christ' blood we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMIT**

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



SONG: *It Is Well*

*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*

*Ephesians 4:17-24 + "A New Self for a New Year"*

*ECHO Dismissal*

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

SONG: *Jesus Messiah*

**SEND**

*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: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*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.*