# LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M Columbus Day: Church Offices Closed
  - 6:30p Celebrate Recovery
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
  - 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
  - 6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
  - 6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
- W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
  - 7:00p Prayer meeting: Office in the Nursery
- Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
  - 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

#### 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@pscrc.org.

# **SHEPHERDING PASTORATES** — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Bt — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Ruth Bandstra

**Bu-E** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan

F-I — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath

I-Mh — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol

Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene

**Sw-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

# **CARE** — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For a 9th grader who was hit by a bus on Quaker Highway, riding her bike to Uxbridge High school on Thursday morning. She suffers from serious injuries. We pray for an extra measure of courage and strength for her loved ones as they deal with this trauma. Please bless the team of doctors and nurses and help them to restore the life and good health of this young child—Amen! Please also keep in your prayers, Becky Bangma who will be having a heart ablation procedure on October 19 at St. Vincent's hospital and a cardiac MRI on October 21—we pray for good results.

# **GROW** — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

ADVANCE NOTICE — Faith Promise Sunday will be next Sunday, October 17. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will begin a new season Monday, November 8 at 9:30am, studying the book of Nehemiah. We would love to have new members join us. Please call Minnie Wiersma at 508.234.7166 for a study guide.

# SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

OUR SECOND OFFERING — today will be for the PSCRC Christian Education Fund. Thanks for your continued and generous support—The Deacons

## **REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

THE FAIRLAWN CHURCH — Outreach Team invites you to its FALL MISSION CONFERENCE next Saturday, October 16. Jim Halstead, retired pastor of Community CRC in Fort Wayne IN, will share about "Go and Tell" ministry. Plan on coming to this seminar on Saturday morning at 8:30am for a continental breakfast; the seminar will start at 9am and go till noon. Contact Brandon Hehn at 508.951.4806 if you have any questions or call Amanda in the church office at 508.234.2838 to register.

CROP WALK — The NAC Annual Blackstone Valley CROP Walk for Hunger will be next Saturday, October 16. If you would like to walk and raise money with us, click (https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/pleasant-street-crc) the big blue button "Join Our Team." Or, if you prefer simply to donate money, which is the main purpose of this fundraiser, simply click on the gold "Donate Now" button, where you can donate with your credit card. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,200 this year. Thanks in advance for your support—Keith VandenAkker

THE FAIRWOODS — Harvest Festival returns on Saturday, October 23. An array of delicious soups will be served between 4:30 and 6:30p. If that doesn't entice you, how about warm apple crisp with ice cream and hot apple cider to complete the fall experience. Invite your friends and celebrate God's creation with an evening out! Adults (12 and up) will pay \$9, children (6-11) cost \$5, and littles are free.

# Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri October 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 fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

# WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service.

We are excited to serve you!

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation—based on Psalm 19:14
Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

### **GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13 Let us worship God.

"He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."

Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

SONGS: I Will Call Upon the Lord Behold Our God

Call to Confession—Isaiah 30:15, 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

SONG: I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Silent confession

**Concluding Prayer** 

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous

and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance—Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1 God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners. Christ died for us.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SONG: Amazing Grace

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** 

Jonah 1:17-2:10 (p 754) + Salvation Belongs to God

SONG: Kyrie Eleison

#### COMMIT

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

Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) Christian Education Fund

### SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

SONG: King of Kings

### **Quote & Question:**

"Jonah's relationship with God was not...basic to his significance...Unfortunately, many Christians today exhibit the same attitudes...their relationship with God has not gone deep enough into their heart...Shallow Christian identities explain why professing Christians can be racists and greedy materialists, addicted to beauty and pleasure, or filled with anxiety and prone to overwork. All this comes because it is not Christ's love but the world's power, approval, comfort, and control that are the real roots of our self-identity." (Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet*, 51-52).

Many people are wondering how Christians can be thinking about our cultural moment so differently. What do you think of Keller's observation? Does it help us understand why?

All of us have "layers" of identity. What are some of the "layers" in your self-identity? Which layer do you think is most important? Or, put differently, which one could you not stand to lose?

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.