

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation

M 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

6:15p Mid-Week @PS

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@pscrcc.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

J-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 our *MISSIONARIES* around the world. We pray and ask a special blessing upon the missionaries that have been called into the mission field—*Father, we pray for protection over their hearts, minds, and souls.* We are so grateful, this morning to have John and Carol Berthelette join us in worship and share some of their Faith Promise journey with us. Our deepest condolences to Shirley Swart and family in the passing away of Shirley's sister, Ann Boudreau on October 4—*The Lord be with you!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will begin a new season Monday, **November 1** 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.

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY — Marks the beginning of the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. Pledgers may promise to donate a set amount every month, to give a single yearly donation, or a combination of these methods. Again this year, pledgers will have two options to fill out their pledge cards. They may pledge online through a Google Form, which will be sent via email. They may also fill out the traditional paper forms, which are located on the table by the entrance and can be placed in the offering container. To learn more about Faith Promise and our twelve missionaries, talk to any member of the Faith Promise team: Beth Bol, Lauren McGrath, and Wanda Vander Zee.

SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — may be placed in the baskets available each Sunday at the main and back entrances.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE FAIRWOODS — Harvest Festival returns next 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.

FAIRWOODS FALL CLEAN UP — Will be Saturday, November 6 at 9am. Come exercise with your friends while you serve your community! Please bring your own rakes and gloves or larger tools (chainsaw, wheelbarrow, etc.) with you. Hope to see you there.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

October 17, 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

Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 96:1-2

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

SONGS: *All Creatures of Our God and King*
God, You're So Good
Not What My Hands Have Done

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.

Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want.

Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Silent confession

SONG: *Kyrie Eleison*

Words of Assurance—Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.

Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you.

I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

Thanks be to God!

Guide to Grateful Living—Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Dedication—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

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 2:1-3:3a (p 754) + “Once More, From the Heart”

COMMIT

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

Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) Faith Promise

Moment for Missions:

John & Carol Berthelette (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ.

We go to be his body in a broken world.

May the grace of God and the love of Christ go with you. Amen.

SONG: *Turn Your Eyes*

Quote & Question:

“The love of [idols] cannot be expunged by a mere demonstration of [their] worthlessness...the heart cannot be prevailed upon to part with the world, by a simple act of resignation...The only way to dispossess [the heart] of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one.”

“Thus it is, that the freer the Gospel, the more sanctifying is the Gospel...this is one of the secrets of the Christian life, that the more a man [sic] holds of God as a pensioner, the greater is the payment of service that he renders back again.

On the tenure of ‘do this and live,’ a spirit of fearfulness is sure to enter...and the creature striving to be square and even with his Creator, is, in fact, pursuing all the while his own selfishness, instead of God’s glory...It is only when...acceptance is bestowed as a present, without money and without price, that the security which man feels in God is placed beyond the reach of disturbance...the one party rejoicing over the other to do good, the other finding that the truest gladness of his heart lies in the impulse of gratitude, by which is awakened a new moral existence.”

Thomas Chalmers, The Expulsive Power of a New Affection

If you were going to put these very old quotes in your own words, how would you say them?

If you were going to make a map of your own heart can you connect the dots between things you cherish, what you love, and what you worship? Can you talk to God about that?

If Chalmers is right then our problem is not that our disobedience is too real to hide (it is), but that Jesus is not real enough. How might Jesus need to make himself more real to your heart for you to grow and change (As King, as Lover/Desire, as Provider/Sustainer)?

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