

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

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere  
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 John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

**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 ANNOUNCEMENT

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** — Our annual congregational meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. Agenda items will include the selection of new elders and deacons, building update and approval of the 2025 budget. The full agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our Wycliffe Bible Translators, John & Carol Berthelette who sent out a November newsletter.

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**CADET CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUNDRAISER** — Our cadets are now taking orders for Christmas decorations (trees, wreaths, poinsettias and more). Most decorations will be conveniently delivered free of charge to houses in Northbridge and adjoining towns the morning of Saturday, December 7. Please place your order by Sunday, December 1. Contact one of our cadet boys or counselors.

**ARE YOU READY??** — There are many events and activities that will be happening in your church during the upcoming holiday season. Here's a condensed list:

- \* Thanksgiving Day Service at 9am. We will join Fairlawn Church for a Thanksgiving day service at 9am.
- \* Sunday, December 1: Ordination Installation of Joel Vande Werken at Fairlawn CRC.
- \* Sunday, December 8: All Church Breakfast, hosted by our Youth Group.
- \* Sunday, December 15: Worship service with participation by our own children.
- \* Tuesday, December 24: Pleasant Street Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**CHURCH GREETERS** — As you know, our church values offering meaningful times of worship, outreach and fellowship. As our church grows and we welcome visitors as well as long time members, we desire to build a team of faithful volunteers to serve as greeters who will share our vision, heart and values. If you would like to be added to the greeter list for 2025, please contact Sadie in the office.

**FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES** — Will be available in the mailboxes in the next few weeks. If you do not receive the envelopes and would like them, contact Sadie in the office.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**PEACE OF BREAD** — The deacons would like to thank those of you who volunteered your valuable time on a cold Wednesday evening to help cook and serve warm meals to over 75 guests and providing an additional 70 takeout meals to those in our community!

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

November 17, 2024 + 9:30am



*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 4:30p HS Youth Group Event

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 Midweek @ PS

6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room

Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of Preparation*

*O Lord our God, help us to seek that we may truly find, to ask that we may joyfully receive, to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 34*

I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.

**Come, let us tell of the Lord’s greatness; let us exalt his name together.**

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

**Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.**

In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!**

Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.

**Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.**

SONGS: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (PsH 253)  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness* (PsH 556)

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have judged and condemned others for their sin while ignoring the sin in our own lives. We have not been faithful in prayer. Have mercy on us, we pray, and forgive our sins. Teach us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. We pray this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Assurance of God’s Forgiveness*

Hear these words from Isaiah 55: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (PsH 557)

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you!**

*KidStreet Dismissal - [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Matthew 7:1-12 + “How to Measure”*

**SEND**

*ECHO Dismissal - [students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

SONG: *Seek Ye First* (PsH 209)

*Apostle’s Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Fill Thou My Life* (PsH 547)

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