

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
Th Offices Closed: **Happy Thanksgiving!**
9:30a Worship at Fairlawn Church

ON THIS SPECIAL DAY — Of Pastor Matthew's installation as the Senior Pastor at Pleasant Street Church, we've set out several symbols in our worship space. They represent various aspects of Pastor Matthew's work among us:

- The *bowl and towel* symbolize the role of a pastor as servant. Pastors are called to follow after their Lord who knelt and washed his disciples' feet.
- The *cup and plate* remind us that a pastor leads us in the sacraments. Just as Jesus gathered his disciples for a meal, pastors help us gather at Jesus' table; remembering his suffering, tasting his glory, and longing for his return.
- The *Bible* symbolizes the role of pastor as preacher. Pastors help us to know God's story - both in scripture and in our lives.
- The *robe and stole* represent our role as priests to the world. Pastor Matthew's robe reminds us that we too have been dressed like Jesus and sent out in the world as priests.

We also warmly welcome representatives from Pleasant Street, and other churches and ministries in our community who will participate in our worship service this morning: Pastor Annika Bangma (PSCRC staff), Zach Durand (PSCRC young adults), Christine Epplett (PSCRC transition team), Elder Steve Haringa (PSCRC elders), Elder Mike Hendrikse (The River CRC), Deacon Phil Knapper (PSCRC deacons), Rick Lukianuk (WCS), Pastor Mike Sullivan (Emmaus City Church), and Pastor Joel VandeWerken (Fairlawn CRC).

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm. Agenda items will include the selection of new elders and deacons, approval of the 2021 budget and update on our building restoration. Meeting will be in person and via zoom.

CARE— COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY: — For Kathleen Audette, (Leo's sister-in-law) who was diagnosed with Covid-19. She is a strong Christian woman and her family is committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our condolences to Leonard Wiersma & family on the passing of his wife, Gail Wiersma this past Wednesday in Florida—*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name & you are mine."* Isaiah 43-1

NOTE FROM PASTOR MATTHEW — Dear Pleasant Street, as Diana and I continue to settle in we wanted to take a moment to say thank you. We have seen how hard you have worked to prepare a home for us to live in. We have sensed your eagerness for it to be comfortable. And we were encouraged immensely by how you filled it with prayer and food. Thank you for extending love to us. What a gift to be among you! With Gratitude in abundance—*Pastor Matthew*

GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

COLLEGE STUDENTS — With constantly shifting modes of instruction and living arrangements, this semester has been even more stressful to our college students than usual! Please consider writing a note to a student (or two!) to be included in an encouragement pack that will be mailed to them (either at their college address or their home address depending on where they are at the time) in December! Blank note cards and a list of our college students can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

CALENDAR — Please remember there is no Coffee Break, Prayer Gathering or Men's Bible Study this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet again next week.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THANK YOU — On behalf of the Northbridge Association of Churches and the CWS Crop Hunger Walk, for your generosity to help raise \$1,200 for the recent CROP Hunger Walk (that did not actually take place by walking!). These funds that were donated will go not only to organizations to combat hunger, but the local food pantries will also receive a portion of the proceeds, so your donations goes to help those both in our communities and beyond! Thank you!!

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

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November 22, 2020 + 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

God of life, thank you for calling us to belong to something so much bigger than ourselves. Thank you for your church in all times and places. We pray that all who come to worship today may sense that the gospel of Christ is so much bigger than this congregation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

SONG: Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

SONG: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Renewal

Call to Confession

By God's grace, we have died to sin, we have been raised to new life, and now God has called us to a life of ministry in a broken world wearing the clothes of his Son. Congregation, I ask you once again to reject sin, and to profess your faith in Jesus.

Turning from Sin to Christ

Brothers and sisters, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do!

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

We do!

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying His Word and showing His love?

We will, God helping us.

Words of Assurance—based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

Guide to Grateful Living

Sisters and brothers, washed by Christ, you have been clothed with Christ. Therefore lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. We will be Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal to the world through us. Amen!

SONG: Holy Spirit

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Installation of Matthew Burns

Litany and Morning Prayers

(Please respond to each section with)

“We give you thanks, O God, for your unfailing love and the wonderful things you have done”.

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 + Put on Christ

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Tasting Grace

SEND

SONG: King of Kings

Benediction

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