

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery
T 2:30p MS/HS Ice Skating: Hopedale
F **Happy New Year**

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/
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SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Bt — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Phil Knapper
Bu-E — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan
F-I — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Lauren McGrath
J-Mh — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol
Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene
Sw-Z — Elder Mark & Deacon Lillian Hackathorn

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For all the potential the new year holds. We pray for the persecuted Church around the world. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of the spirit be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—Amen.

GROW — Cultivate Your Faith

DIVORCE CARE & GRIEF-SHARE — New group will start Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30pm. See Pastor Howard for more information.

THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will meet again on January 7 at 6:30am every week in the fellowship hall. New members are welcome.

2021 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!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

THANK YOU — To our generous congregation, for going above and beyond this year with generous gift giving, helping 48 kids have a brighter Christmas, and providing 29 mothers and fathers food cards for groceries. One of the most rewarding experiences we deacons have is to help those truly in need, and to see so many happy faces and expressions of thanks. *THANK YOU—The Deacons*

FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES — Are available in the mailboxes; if you did not receive envelopes or would like them mailed to your home, please contact the office. Forms to give electronically, or to change your giving for 2021 are available in the fellowship hall.

WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CANCELLATION — Notices will be posted on our website and social media pages as well as with WBZ (CBS Channel 4) and WCVB (ABC Channel 5).

REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL — meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm, here at church. We encourage all church members to make time to be a part of the decisions that go into making Fairwoods a wonderful place for our church family to gather!

FAIRWOODS RECREATION SOCIETY — is looking for volunteers to be a part of our board, beginning in our 2021 season! Responsibilities of these positions vary based on skill set and interest, but include a monthly meeting and involvement in our 3-4 annual fundraisers. If you are interested, please contact Claire Macomber at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri
December 27, 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

O Lord, our God, as we celebrate again the festival of Christmas, open our hearts and minds to the good and saving news of Jesus Christ. We have come to exalt His name and to bring glory to God the Father through the power of the Spirit. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

All God's people—

Boys and girls, women, men:

Come and worship!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

Come and worship! Come and worship!

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

SONGS: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care.

In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love.

This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG: *Away in a Manger*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

SONG: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 2:22-40 (p832) + "Christmas Consolation"

SONG: *Messiah (special music)*

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Tasting Grace

SEND

Benediction

God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, who comes with healing in his wings, fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SONG: *All Creation Sing (Joy to the World)*

Sermon Notes