

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Bandstra
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene
T-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

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.

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. Please also remember our Russian Back to God missionary, Sergei Sosedkin as he celebrates his birthday next week.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

CHURCH GIVING — The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund for last Sunday of the year. Thanks for your generous support of God's work through our church in 2023!— *PSCRC Council*

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).

FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES — Are available in the mailboxes; if you did not receive envelopes and would like them, contact Sadie in the office. Forms to give electronically, or to change your giving for 2024 are available in the rack in the lobby.

COFFEE SETUP — If you are willing to help make coffee before worship (instructions provided) please see Sadie. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning January 9. We will be studying *The Power of Forgiveness: Find Freedom in Forgiveness*. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Also are you available to care for pre-school children of Coffee Break ladies? Two people or a couple are needed from 9:30-11am. Please call Anna Bloem at 508.234.4902, if you can help.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE FAIRWOODS BOARD — is looking for two volunteers to serve a three year term on the Board. We are specifically looking for someone who has a financial background to serve as Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please reach out to Michael Bangma at michaelb302@gmail.com.

2024 JANUARY SERIES LECTURES — You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 15 and continuing weekdays through February 2 at Fairlawn Church. Each lecture will be shown via live feed from Calvin College, 12:30-1:30pm. Visit www.calvin.edu/january for more details on the presenters, topics, the remote site locations, times, online listening, and past presentation archives.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri

December 31, 2023 + 9:30am

Sermons in the New Year - Gospel of Mark



*"God Chooses to Adopt Us for God's own Reasons"
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.*

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

M Church Offices Closed
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room

Prayer of preparation

Holy God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts in prayer.

Lift up your voices in praise.

Let your eyes rise in expectation and your hands in exultation, for the Lord has drawn near and dwells among us.

We lift them up. Amen.

SONG: *Come all ye Faithful*

Isaiah 52: 7-8a

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, **"Your God reigns!"**

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

SONG: *Go Tell it on The Mountain*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

God of love, all year long we search out money and power. Yet you come in weakness. All season long we search for the latest and greatest, when you alone offer what is lasting.

Through the work of Jesus Christ, who comes full of grace and truth, forgive us.

Heal us. Correct us.

Open our eyes so we may witness your transforming love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's love and mercy. God comes not to punish, but to gift us with peace, not to judge, but to save us. The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

Amen.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *The First Noel*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Mark 1:1-20+ "John Calling; Good News!"

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONGS: *What Child is This*

Amazing Love (You are my King)

SEND

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *All Glory be to Christ*

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