

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Ruth Haringa
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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning John Vriesema who will preach the word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Will Banning who is at Lydia Taft for rehab—please pray for strength and answers so that he can return to the retirement home soon. Pray for Bernie Wiersma who was admitted to Milford hospital last Thursday due to a fall—after many tests, he is hoping to be home this weekend. Also keep in your prayers, Dick McMahan who is scheduled for surgery next week—*'With people this is impossible, but WITH God all things are possible'* —Matthew 19:26!

THANK YOU — Elaine and I wish to thank our church family for your prayers, cards, and words of comfort offered to us while we grieve the passing of my brother, Alan—*Gordon Larrivee!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

NEW MEMBERS CLASS — We are considering hosting a new members class this spring. But, we need your help. Are you interested in learning more about our Reformed heritage and teaching? Want to know more about the mission and ministries of Pleasant street? Looking to get connected to other folks who are new to the community? Curious what church membership even means? Then please contact Pastor Matthew and let us know you're interested. Join the membership small-group to become a member, or to discern if Pleasant street is the right fit. Right now, we are looking at hosting the class in April or May. 3 90-minute sessions, Wednesday evenings, alternating weeks.

High School Breakfast - Bacon & Catechism — The elders wanted to let you know that starting soon, the High School breakfast club will have a new item on the menu - the Hiedelberg Catechism. It's been a long and deep tradition in Reformed communities to use catechisms to deepen faith and prompt good conversation. In a few weeks, the church leaders and High School students will be reengaging this ancient practice over pancakes, eggs and, yes, even bacon. Pray with us that God uses these tools to deepen our knowledge and love for Jesus & his church.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURE — Are you struggling with grief yourself or navigating the journey of grief with a loved one? Join us at Fairlawn CRC on Saturday, March 16 from 9am—12:00pm as we welcome Eric and Lisa Theissen for *"Hope Through the Valley: Journey through Grief"*, a free seminar providing an overview of the grief process with helpful tips for managing life after loss. Registration is helpful but not required. Contact the office to register at 508.234.2838 or secretary@fairlawncrc.org.

THANK YOU — To those who helped cook and serve another culinary masterpiece at Peace of Bread on Wednesday, it was enjoyed by all! Approximately 80 meals were served and another 60 takeout meals were distributed.

WELCOME

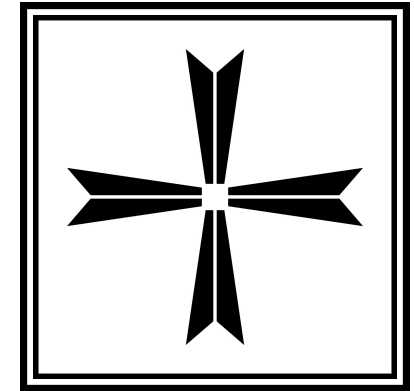
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

February 25, 2024 + 9:30am

"Traveling Light: The Gospel of Mark in Lent"



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 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
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 Mid-Week
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of preparation

Holy and Loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to comfort and challenge us; to bear forth holy-love in our lives. In a world that does not understand repentance, give us understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that we might die to sin and come alive in Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 22:23-28

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

SONGS: *Open Up The Heavens & Lord, I Need You*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — H.C. 96-98

What is God's Second Commandment for us?

You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or that is in the water below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...

Obedying this command means that we should not make any image of God, or worship God other than how God is

revealed in his Word. Friends, God speaks and moves and saves, but we continually turn to idols that cannot.

Lord God, we are prone to idolize.

We look at that which is above us – the corner office, the billboard, the leader - and call them 'god'. But they cannot speak.

Lord God, we are prone to idolize.

We look to that which is beside us – our social network, social change, possessions – and call them 'god'. But they cannot move.

Lord God, we are prone to idolize.

We look at the work of our hands and call it 'god'. But it cannot save us.

Lord, you have made us to be creatures who worship something worthy. We confess to you that our aim is poor.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Take away our sins and make us in your image that we might live and be fulfilled. Lord, hear our prayer. AMEN.

Words of Assurance — from Hebrews 4:14-16; John 8

Brothers and Sisters, receive the good news of the gospel.

Hebrews reminds us that Jesus, our Priest, is able to empathize with our weakness, because he was tempted in all the ways that we are, but he did not sin. Because of Jesus' life of obedience and faithful sacrifice, we find God's mercy and grace when we need it.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation!

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Lord, help us to see the worthy life of Jesus, our God in whom we live and move and have our being. AMEN.

SONG: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Our Response of Gratitude

Brothers and Sisters, we are forgiven; now, we walk with God in lives of gratitude.

Lord, send your Spirit that we might worship you in spirit and in truth.

Silent reflection on the Second Commandment

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *Build My Life*

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

Mark 12:1-17 + "Zeal for Your House Will Consume Me"

SEND

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

SONG: *The Father's House*

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: *O For a Thousand*