

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
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Ep-HI — 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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Our deepest condolences to Gordon Larrivee & Elaine Spaak in the passing of Gordon's brother, Alan., who was suffering with ALS (progressive neurodegenerative disease). Please continue to pray for Lani Geselius as she is still in the hospital with complications. We pray for Bev Ebbeling and Will Banning who both moved into the Whitinsville Retirement Center this past week—we pray for knowledge and understanding that our loved ones may accept their new home. Lord, envelop them in your love and grace as they come to terms with their new environment and build community with those around them for a faster transition. Pray for our *MISSIONARIES* around the world. Also pray for the lonely and those without Christ—*The Lord be with you all!*

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE — Cadet Sunday and welcome all Cadets and their counselors and families to worship! The Fairlawn and Pleasant Street churches support a shared scouting club of the Calvinist Cadet Corp, an independent youth organization in the Reformed tradition. Our club meets Wednesday evenings during Midweek for boys in grades 1 through 6; this season we have over 15 boys from multiple churches attending. The goal of Cadets is to help boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. To learn more, visit our display table with Cadet information, projects, and items in the Fellowship Hall today.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

TIME CHANGE — Men's Bible Study group will now meet at 7:30am instead of 6:30am.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! — Food, fun and fellowship! **NEXT** Sunday, February 11, bring a soup or chili to share and enjoy a potluck "Souper Bowl" lunch after service with our church family.

ASH WEDNESDAY — When Jesus began his ministry, he was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days as a time of preparation for what lay ahead (*Luke 4:1-13*). Christians have observed the 40 days before Good Friday as a time of preparation for the events of Easter. This period known as Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and centers around preparing our hearts and lives for the central events of faith, the cross of Jesus and his resurrection. Join us, Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm, as we host a joint service of reflection and worship with Fairlawn, The River, and Emmaus City Church.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next Sunday will be for the PSCRC Christian Education Fund.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURE — Join us at Fairlawn CRC next Saturday, February 10 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.

WELCOME

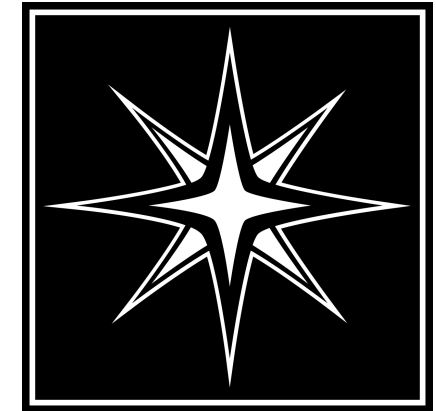
We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

February 4, 2024 + 9:30am

"Revealing Jesus: The Gospel of Mark in Epiphany"



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

Today 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: 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:

Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GATHER

SONG: *Living in Jesus*

Cadet Litany

We need to have Christ as our basis for living.

Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his Law Day and night.

Good roots will allow us to grow strong and prosper.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.

We need to allow the love of Christ to become our foundation.

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Trusting in God's love will give us strength.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

God's love is wide enough to cover everyone in the world.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

God's love is so long it has no beginning or end.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

The extent of God's love has no limit.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

No matter how low we may feel, God is still there with us.

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

As our theme verse was Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, may it also be our prayer for the Cadets.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Welcome & Announcements

SONGS: *This is Amazing Grace*

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Call to Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humble with you, O God. Have mercy on us. In your great compassion cleanse, us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us through Jesus Christ, our LORD. AMEN.

Silent Confession

RENEWAL

Words of Assurance — from Ezekiel 36

"I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will take your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God."

Merciful God, come and pour out your Holy Spirit into our church, into our hearts. Realize Ezekiel's promise in our lives.

In the power of God's Holy Spirit receive these trustworthy words; Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To all who confess their sins, he says "your sins are forgiven". Full of the promised Holy Spirit Jesus says to us "follow me".
Lord Jesus, forgiven we ask for your Spirit to lead us to life. AMEN.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *Speak O Lord*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Mark 4:1-34 + "Ears for the King"

SEND

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Ancient Days*

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: *My Lighthouse*

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

