

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-HI — 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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — WE REJOICE — with Jeff & Pam Bajema in the birth of their grandson, Cooper William Bajema on January 24—*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

DEAR PLEASANT ST. FAMILY — We are so grateful for the words of sympathy and love that we received in these last weeks after the passing of our dear wife and mother, Henny Kuipers. We have felt God's comfort and peace during this time and our cups overflow with the love we have experienced from all of you, our church family. With grateful hearts—*The Kuipers and Towle family!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MISSIONS EVENT — Breakfast with Larry & Ruth Spalink whom we have supported for many years through Faith Promise. Our missions team along with Fairlawn missions team will provide a brunch on Saturday, February 18 from 10:00-11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner, if you plan to attend—*The Missions Team!*

CAREER TALK 5 — The monthly career meeting for college, post-college, new professional, and working young adults—will gather for an evening of dessert, conversation, and networking. Join us on Thursday, February 16 at 7pm. in the foundation. Questions: Email Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

CONFRONTING CHRISTIANITY... SMALL GROUP — Both inside and outside the church, life-long worshippers, curious inquirers, and committed skeptics carry questions with them about Jesus. Sometimes they all have the same question. But we are not always sure what to do with the questions we have, or the ones that others ask us. Fortunately Jesus welcomes questions, often asking some of his own - *'What is it you want me to do for you?', 'Who do you say that I am?', 'Why do you call me good?'*. Join us for a short-term study on some of today's most important questions about Jesus and Christianity. We'll be looking at *Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin's* book to help us explore them. Please sign up at the Connections Corner to receive a book in February. Read it during the month of March. And we will meet for 4 Wednesdays in April, 6:30-8:00pm—*Pastor Matthew!*

PRAYER GROUP — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm. We pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—*Please join us!*

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next week will be for the PSCRC Christian Education Fund. Thanks for supporting this wonderful ministry!

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).

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

February 5, 2023 + 9:30am

"Who We are Becoming: Receptive Readers"



PLEASANT STREET
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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

Tonight 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
6:30p Divorce Care: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Grief Share: Foundation
W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of Preparation

O Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace and of supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from cold hearts and wandering minds, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth the Creator of our world and everything in it; the One who gave us life and breath, the One who is never far away from any of us, the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let's worship God together! Praise the Lord!

SONGS: God of Wonders/Agnus Dei
10,000 Reasons

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will; we have broken your law.

Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors.

We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance—Titus 3: 4-8

Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street;



SONG: *I Surrender All*

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

*John 14: 15-21, & Revelation 10: 1-4; 8-10 +
"Who We are Becoming: Receptive Readers"*

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Rejoice In All Your Works*

SEND

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: *Because He Lives (Amen)*

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

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.