

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 — For Larry & Ruth Spalink, our missionaries in Japan who sent out a prayer letter last week.

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is extended to the Buurma family —sons Russ, Phil & Tom, daughters Robin Cunningham & Bonnie Olthof, brothers Melvin, Henry & Leonard—and their families in the passing of their loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, cousin and friend Kathy—*May the Lord be with you and cover you with His peace that passes all understanding.*

In Loving Memory of Kathy Buurma January 8, 1936—March 7, 2024

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." —Revelations 21:3-4

BIRTHDAY WISHES — Please visit the table in the fellowship hall and write a wee note to Mike Bienema who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Friday, March 22. Let's wish a "**Happy birthday**" to someone who is ten decades young. What an honor it is to celebrate a century of life with Mike. We wish him a Happy 100th birthday, and may he continue to enjoy the rest of his journey in this life.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

OUR COUNCIL — has established a Christian Education Assistance Fund to encourage and assist families in providing a Christian education for their children. All active church members who will have children attending WCS (K-12) during the 2024-25 school year are eligible to participate. Application forms are located by the entrances to the sanctuary. Please return the application to your pastorate deacon by April 15. Thanks!

FREE SEMINAR: "A GOOD DEATH" — Please join us on Saturday, April 6 at 9:30am as we create a space to discuss aspects of what a Good Death can mean today. We will be joined by a panel of practitioners who specialize in various aspects of funeral and final arrangements; legal, medical, and logistical planning. They can help us be a little more prepared, and a little less surprised when we get there.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS — We are considering hosting a new members class this spring. Want to know more about the mission and ministries of Pleasant street? Please contact Pastor Matthew and let us know you're interested. We are looking at hosting 3 classes in April or May, each class being 90 minutes.

High School Breakfast - Bacon & Catechism — 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

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

NAC EASTER FOOD CARDS — Please see Deacon Kelly Lariviere or Keith VandenAkker in the Fellowship Hall. We are helping 27 families in our community by giving them food cards for Easter to celebrate our risen Savior! Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

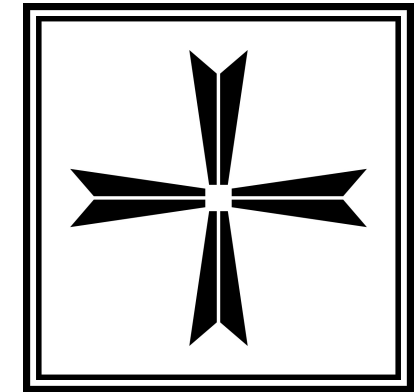
We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

March 10, 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
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

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia!

We rejoice!

SONGS: *Ten Thousand Reasons & Your Glory*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — H.C. 103

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.

We are the people God has.

Lord God, in six days you made the heavens and the earth and everything in them. And you blessed the 7th day and made it holy. Lord, powerful as you are, you took time to rest.

Lord, we confess that we forget your power and do not remember your Sabbath.

Lord God, in six days you filled the world full of plants and animals and the world was teeming with abundant life.

We confess O God that we fill our lives with selfish worry. We do not trust you to provide.

Lord God, you set time apart so that we could have more than just work in this life. You gave us time with you.

Lord, we confess that we go to work looking to earn what only you can give; security and significance. Forgive us, Lord. We have given our devotion to a tireless god. And we do not have rest.

Lord God, teach us how to rest in you. Give us the courage to stop, and open our hearts to trust in you.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance — from Matthew 6

Friends, remember that through Jesus, God has supplied all our needs. We are forgiven through Jesus, we are more valuable to God than the birds and flowers he has made.

Rest now in God's love.

Praise be to you, O God. On this festive day of rest, which you have made, help us to worship you alone. Teach us to pray and to care for the poor. Today and every day, help us to look for your work in us, signs of our forever rest with You. AMEN.

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 Third Commandment

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) Calvinist Cadet Corps*



SONGS: *O Day of Peace*

What a Wondrous Love This is

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 10: 32-52 + "The Kingdom is Beneath You"

SEND

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

Apostle's Creed

SONG: *Only a Holy God*

Benediction

SONG: *Holy Holy Holy*

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