

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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Justin Ruddy, who will preach the Word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For all the WCS families traveling to and from vacation on their spring break next week. Pray for the Burns family on their vacation and that they may be refreshed and return home safely.

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY is extended to the Hart and Plantinga family - husband Derek, daughters Ryan & Mykayla, son Isaiah, parents Harold & Barbara Plantinga, brothers David & Mark, sisters Lauren McGrath & Lisa Wisneski, and their families - in the passing of their loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, Cindy—*May the Lord be with you and cover you with His peace that passes all understanding.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CINDY (PLANTINGA) HART

August 10, 1969—March 7, 2023

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him—1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

FAMILY DIRECTORY — The 2023 Pleasant Street Family Directories are in the fellowship hall. If you would like one mailed to you or an electronic version, please contact Sadie in the office.

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 2023-24 school year are eligible to participate. Application forms are located by the entrances to the sanctuary. Please return the application you're pastorate deacon by April 16. Thanks!

COFFEE BREAK — will not meet this Tuesday, due to WCS winter vacation. We will meet again Tuesday, March 21. Hope to see you then, ladies!

CAREER TALK 6 — 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 next Tuesday at 7pm in the Foundation. Questions: Email Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

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

NAC EASTER FOOD CARDS — Keith VandenAkker will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Please "adopt" one of 19 families in our community by taking a slip with a suggested donation amount, purchase a food card, and return on or before Palm Sunday, April 2. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY — Annual meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm Thursday March 30 at Fairlawn Church. Information was mailed to members in advance and will also be available to all at the door. We're encouraging all church members and interested people to attend, even if you have not paid your dues. We're also seeking cooks for the Retirement Home. Please visit whitinsvilleretirement.com/jobs/ or call 508.234.6381.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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

March 12, 2023 + 9:30am

"Harm's Way: Sin Withers"



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

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| M | 9:30a | Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30p | Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall |
| T | 6:30p | Divorce Care: Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30p | Grief Share: Foundation |
| | 7:00p | Young Adult Career Forum: Foundation |
| W | 6:30p | Prayer Group Meeting: Fellowship Hall |

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in.

In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 119

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

SONGS: *All Creatures Of Our God And King*
The Heart Of Worship

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the work of Christ. We confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal. We confess that our inactions also lead us to sin.

Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.

Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Open our mouths, to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

Open our hands, In generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.

Open our hearts, to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience.

We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Lift up your hearts in gladness, for through Jesus your sins are forgiven. Amen.

COMMIT

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



SONG: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

James 4: 13-17 + "Harm's Way: Sin Withers"

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *How Marvelous*

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: *How Great is Our God*

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.