

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation  
M 2:00p Open Door: Foundation  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
T 6:30p Divorce Care: Classroom E  
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online  
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Classroom E  
7:00p Prayer Meeting: Nursery  
Th 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Classroom E

### MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Children Ministries: Kate Martinka; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/firstname@pscrc.org.

### SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

**A-Br** — Elder Emily Fortna & Ruth Bandstra  
**Bs-Eo** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan  
**Ep-HI** — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Lauren McGrath  
**Hm-Mc** — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Beth Bol  
**Md-S** — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene  
**T-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacons Connor Kuik, Mike O'Rourke

### FROM COUNCIL — New Officers:

*President:* Brett Buma

*Vice President:* Pastor Matthew Burns

*Treasurer:* Thalia Towle

*Chair of Deacons:* Phil Knapper

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning Pastor Bill Vis, who will preach the Word.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Our deepest condolences to Keith VandenAkker and family in the passing away of his mom, Irene— *The Lord be with You!* Please also pray 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. If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office.

## 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 Whitinsville Christian School (K-12) during the 2022-23 school year are eligible to participate. Application forms are located by the entrances to the sanctuary. Please return the application or direct any questions to your pastorate deacon by April 15. Thanks!

COFFEE BREAK — will not meet this Tuesday, due to WCS winter vacation. We will meet again Tuesday, March 22. Hope to see you then, ladies!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

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

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY — Annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 24, here at church, at 7pm. Information will be emailed to members in advance as well as available at the door. We're encouraging all church members and interested people to attend this meeting even if you have not paid your dues. We're also seeking an Assistant Director for the Retirement Home and Apartments, for job info see whitinsvilleretirement.com/jobs/ or call 508.234.6381.

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri

March 13, 2022 + 9:30am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



*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. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.*

### WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

*We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service.*

*We are excited to serve you!*

*The Lord be with you!*

### Prayer of Preparation

Gracious and Faithful God, who sees that we have no health or strength within us; as we walk the Lenten path to the Cross, we ask O Lord, that you would protect, guide and keep us body and soul; so that we may be defended from all adversity which threatens our body and assaults our soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

**Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, for the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**We bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Open our hearts to hear you Lord, and visit us through your Holy Spirit.

**Help us celebrate our faith. Amen.**

SONGS: *Holy Is The Lord*  
*Because He Lives*

## RENEWAL

Call to Confession

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.**

Obeying 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. Take away our sins and make us in your image. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

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

Hebrews reminds us of our Great High Priest, Jesus. Jesus 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! Lord, help us to see the worthy life of Jesus, our God in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.**

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

*Silent reflection on the Second Commandment*

SONG: *You Are My Hiding Place*

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*

*Matthew 6: 19-34 + "If Only I Stopped Worrying"*

## COMMIT

*ECHO Dismissal*

*[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

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

SONG: *Oceans*

## SEND

*Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen!**

SONG: *Lord I Need You*

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