

Holy Week Calendar

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP — As we move from the shadows of Lent to the light of Easter, we invite you to become fully immersed in the passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ in these times of worship:

MAUNDY THURSDAY — March 28: Join Fairlawn CRC for a service at 7pm.

GOOD FRIDAY — March 29: Worship will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be served. Families are encouraged to worship together as nursery will not be provided.

EASTER SUNDAY — March 31: Join us for morning worship at 9:30am as a family. Please spread the word to your family, colleagues, friends and invite them to worship with us!

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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Pray for the SICK, GRIEVING and LONELY. Please also remember our shut-ins and those who are in the midst of treatment or recovering.

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.

CRC SOFTBALL OUTREACH MINISTRY — Men 16 years and older interested in fun, competition, and fellowship are invited to join the combined Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team. Games are played most Monday evenings at 6pm from mid April through early August. For more information, contact Scott Schneider at SMSchneider68@hotmail.com or Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY, INC. — The WRSI annual meeting will be held right here at Pleasant Street Church on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30pm. We're encouraging all church members and interested people to attend, even if you have not paid your dues.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri

March 24, 2024 + 9:30am

"Traveling Light: The Gospel of Mark in Lent"



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 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
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of preparation

Holy and Loving God, may our praise never cease in this season.

May our worship be unending. May our love for you find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through the pain, doubt, questions, and searching. We pray this in your Holy Name. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

As we are called in to worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

He is Lord!

SONG: *Hosanna*

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way

of the cross. Blessed is the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

SONG: *Blessed Be Your Name*

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession —

Loving God, you came in peace, humbled yourself, and gave yourself for us.

We confess our lack of humility.

As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna, Save us now!”

On good Friday they shouted “crucify!”

We confess that our praise is often empty.

We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.”

As the crowds laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

Words of Assurance —

Hear the words of the Lord from Psalm 118 & John 3:

Let those who fear the Lord say:

“His love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world should be saved.

Hosanna! In Christ, God has set us free. Therefore let us be imitators of God, as beloved children; walking in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. AMEN.

Our Response of Gratitude - Reflection on the Triumphal Entry

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *O Praise The Name*

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 14: 1-11 + “A Royal Waste”

SEND

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

SONG: *Holy Forever*

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: *God We Sing Your Praises*

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