

### *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** — April 6: Worship will be at 7pm with our brothers and sisters at Fairlawn CRC.

**GOOD FRIDAY** — April 7: 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** — April 9: 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!

**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS** — Represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Once again, this Easter Sunday, we are requesting you bring and place a colorful fresh flower on the cross in the sanctuary. If you do not have any flowers or greens in your garden, we will provide one for you. 🌷

### *CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS*

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our missionaries, John & Carol Berthelette who sent out a March newsletter and David & Jan Kooistra who sent out a March prayer letter. Please also remember our shut-ins and those who are in the midst of treatment or recovering: Minnie Wiersma who is recovering from her successful hip surgery; Jerry Kuik as he awaits his pending surgery and Rick Lukianuk as he navigates cancer treatments—May God grant healing and strength.

### *GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH*

**CHURCH BREAKFAST** — **Next Sunday at 8:30am:** Join us before worship for an all church breakfast served to you by our high schoolers and leaders. Our high school youth group is very excited to host this event and cook a breakfast of eggs, pancakes, bacon, assorted sweets, juice and coffee for you all—Please join us!

**POTLUCK GATHERING — Sunday, April 16:** We will celebrate our new members and baptisms with a potluck luncheon (after service). Families and couples are asked to bring a main dish or salad. Desserts and drinks will be provided—we hope you will join us!

**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.

**CAREER TALK** — Our 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 Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm in the Foundation. Questions: Email Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

**FAITH FORMING LECTURE SERIES** — We are excited to host and welcome Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin, the author of 'Confronting Christianity.' Dr. McLaughlin will be leading a seminar on **Saturday, May 6 at 6pm** called: **"The Secular Creed."** It used to be that people thought North America was getting more and more secular. Today we see that actually the world is more religious than ever. Statements of faith are everywhere today. Here are some we might see on our morning drive:

**Science is Real**

**Black Lives Matter**

**Love is Love**

**Women's Rights are Human Rights**

**Kindness is Everything**

Rebecca will encourage us to resist simply defending our tribe, but rather to take secular criticism of the church seriously. Please join us as Rebecca helps us to understand these complex issues better and more biblically ourselves.

### *REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY*

**WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY** — Annual meeting will be held at Fairlawn church next Thursday at 7:30pm. 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 26, 2023 + 9:30am

*"Harm's Way: Sin Addicts"*



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

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Father in heaven, the greatness of Your love is beyond words to describe. By the power of Your Spirit, liberate us from all self centeredness, that we may be free to love others as Christ loves us. Lord hear our prayer. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship—From Psalm 103*

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

**The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

**Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.**

SONGS: *God So Loved*  
*This Is Amazing Grace*

**RENEWAL**

*Call of Confession*

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and desires.

We have sought after many worldly things and have neglected what we actually need.

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts; Help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Hear this good news: through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed and renewed!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *Come Thou Fount*

*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*

*Jeremiah 2: 1-13, 23-32 + “Harm’s Way: Sin Addicts”*

**TABLE**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

SONGS: *Before The Throne Of God*  
*No Longer Slaves*

**SEND**

*Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*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.*