

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: 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

Holy Week Calendar

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 14: Worship will be at 7pm with our brothers and sisters at Fairlawn CRC.

GOOD FRIDAY — April 15: Worship will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be served. Families are encouraged to worship together.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 17: 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!

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Pray for the SICK, GRIEVING and LONELY. We pray for peace in our nation and God fearing wisdom in our leaders. Pray for God's guidance as our upcoming high school and college graduates decide on their next steps. Pray for David and Jan Kooistra who sent out a missions prayer letter last week.

MANY THANKS — On behalf of my entire family, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful expressions of love and condolences regarding the loss of Irene (VanderBaan) VandenAkker. We rejoice in knowing she is home in the presence of our Lord. All glory to God—Keith VandenAkker

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

NAC EASTER FOOD CARDS — Keith VandenAkker will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Please "adopt" one of 28 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 10. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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 be starting a new study on *Ruth* "Invited In" on Tuesday, May 3. Please see Anna Bloem for more details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — "Until further Notice" has finally arrived. We meet on Monday's at 9:30am. If anyone is still in need of a copy of the Ephesians bible study by David Jeremiah, please see Minnie Wiersma, or call her at 508.234.7166. Looking forward to seeing everyone once again—Minnie Wiersma

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 on 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.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri
March 27, 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 God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

SONGS: *Behold our God
Jesus Shall Reign*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

What is God's Fourth Commandment for us? 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 yet you took time to rest. Lord, we confess that we are less powerful and yet fill our lives with constant work.

We 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 have treated the work week as where the action is, and we have overlooked our time with you.

We have been half-hearted in our worship and faulting in our prayer. We confess that we are too full of sin and too empty of your rest.

Lord, God we need your Sabbath. 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.

Words of Assurance

Jesus says: "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yolk upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul." Why do you worry? Are you not of more value than many sparrows? The Lord your God knows what you need. 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 for your care for us. On this day, which you have made, help us to worship you and to learn what your word teaches us. On this festive day of rest, help 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, O Lord. **AMEN.**

Silent reflection on the Fourth Commandment

In a global economy that never sleeps—ceasing is hard to imagine. What about my life right now just won't seem to quit? Is there something in my life that is always "on"? What can I say to God about that?

What drives our need for constant work and occupation and activity? Is it necessity, or something else? Does my use of time reveal a sense of freedom in my life, or fear and compulsion?

Scripture reveals to us that rest – Sabbath – was built into the fabric of creation. What rhythms in my life nurture rest? Which rhythms in my life prevent it? How does the fact that God rests speak to me? Why would God ask me to rest at the same time that he does? What am I missing by refusing to join him?

How can I share the peace and rest of God with a friend or neighbor this week?

SONG: *Still*

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

John 13: 1-17 + "The Lord who Kneels"

SONG: *Turn Your Eyes*

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: *Ministries of Pleasant Street*

SONG: *Behold the Lamb (vs. 1-3)*

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SONG: *Behold the Lamb (v. 4)*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

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