

## Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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## Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Ruth Haringa  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke  
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema  
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Cathy Greene  
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

**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 Mike Sullivan, from Emmaus City Church, who will preach the Word.

## CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our delegates who will be attending the spring Classis (regional church) meeting next week. Pastor Matthew, Sue Cooper and Thalia Towle will be attending—pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will. Thanks for praying!

**SYNOD** — has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 13,) as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to assemble to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

## GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**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? Curious what church membership even means? Then please contact Pastor Matthew and let us know you're interested. We are looking at hosting the class in April or May. 3 90-minute sessions, Wednesday evenings, alternating weeks.

**WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET** — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning March 12. We will be studying The Fruit of the Spirit. Childcare is provided. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet! Call Anna Bloem for more info: 508.234.4902.

**High School Breakfast - Bacon & Catechism** — The elders wanted to let you know that starting soon, the High School breakfast club will have a new item on the menu - the Hiedelberg Catechism. It's been a long and deep tradition in Reformed communities to use catechisms to deepen faith and prompt good conversation. In a few weeks, the church leaders and High School students will be reengaging this ancient practice over pancakes, eggs and, yes, even bacon. Pray with us that God uses these tools to deepen our knowledge and love for Jesus & his church.

## SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Next Sunday will be in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

**FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURE** — Join us at Fairlawn CRC on Saturday, March 16 from 9am—12:00pm as we welcome Eric and Lisa Theissen for *“Hope Through the Valley: Journey through Grief”*, a free seminar providing an overview of the grief process with helpful tips for managing life after loss. Registration is helpful but not required. Contact the office to register at 508.234.2838 or secretary@fairlawncrc.org.

# WELCOME

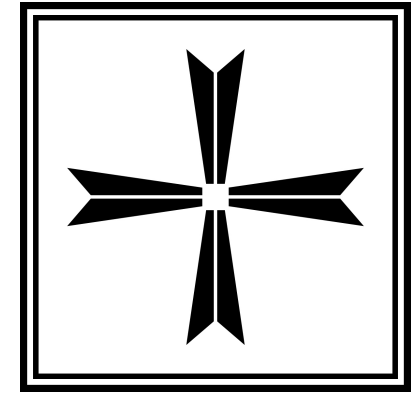
## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

March 3, 2024 + 9:30am

*“Traveling Light: The Gospel of Mark in Lent”*



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

*Prayer of preparation*

*Holy and Loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to comfort and challenge us; to bear forth holy-love in our lives. In a world that does not understand repentance, give us understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that we might die to sin and come alive in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 22:23-28*

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

**For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

**The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.**

SONGS: *How Great is Our God & Goodness of God*

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession — H.C. 99-102*

What is God's Third Commandment for us?

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Obeying this command means not misusing the name of God. Lord God, we are a people called by your Name.**

Yet sometimes we do not call on you when we should. We forget that you are able to answer our prayers, we forget that you are near.

**Lord God, we are a people called by your Name.**

Yet sometimes we have used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

**Lord God, we are people called by your Name.**

Yet sometimes the way we live "speaks" ill of you.

**Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Take away our sins and fashion us to be a people marked by your name. Lord, hear our prayer. AMEN.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance — from 1 Peter 1 & 2*

Brothers and Sisters, receive the good news of the gospel. In God's great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we come to God through Jesus; the One who was chosen is rejected, so that we, begin rejected, might belong to God.

**Let us offer God a sacrifice of praise – mouths that declare in joy that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

Now we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, God's special possession; those called out of darkness and into wonderful light. Once we were not a people, now we are part of the people of God. Once we did not know mercy, now we have been marked by the merciful name of God.

**Give us awe in your presence, O Lord, that we may confess God, pray to God, and glorify God in everything we do and say. AMEN.**

*Our Response of Gratitude*

Brothers and Sisters, we are forgiven; now, we walk with God in lives of gratitude.

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

*Silent reflection on the Second Commandment*

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *I Will Wait for You*

*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*

*John 2:13-22 + "Zeal for Your House Will Consume Me"*

**SEND**

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

SONG: *The Father's House*

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *All Glory be to Christ*

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