

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 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare

2:00p Open Door: Foundation

6:30p Divorce Care: Classroom E

6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online

W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Classroom E

6:15p Mid-Week @ PS

7:00p Prayer Meeting: Nursery

Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation

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@pscr.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

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our delegates who will be attending the fall Classis (regional church) meeting next week in Ashford, CT. Pastor Matthew, Thalia Towle, Sue Cooper and Phil Knapper 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. Please also pray that we would not only give things up for Lent, but that we would give you glory through Lent, Lord. May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship you through all that we say and do throughout the weeks to come. If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office. *Thanks for praying!*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS — Begins next Sunday, March 13.

Be sure to “spring ahead” one hour!

THANK YOU — to the congregation for your continued prayers for our GEMS. We continue to have very active 1st-5th graders that are so excited to spend time together in fellowship, learning about sports, camping, friendship, and doing crafts. This year's theme is *Unshakeable* and is based on Psalm 62:2—“*Truly, He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken*”. Thank you to all of their parents and teachers who encourage their reading habits, and continue to support the GEMS ministry.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

THE NAC — needs you to volunteer for VBS! If we get enough teen and adult volunteers then we will be able to hold VBS at Pleasant Street on July 18-22. Please let me know by tomorrow, if you would like to join the volunteer team in serving the amazing kids of our congregation and community. If we get enough volunteers then we will start planning. Thank you for your support and prayers as we try to bring this back!—Kate Martinka

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next Sunday 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 6, 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, we come trusting that you hate nothing you have made; even that which fails miserably to embody your intentions for it. We know that you are more ready to forgive than we are to accept forgiveness, and that this alone is what makes it possible for us to confess and return to your side. Place within us new hearts O God, so that we will remember and not forget that no sin of our making is too powerful for your grace, and that in Christ there is nothing that can separate us from your love. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord Jesus, we walk with you through the valley of the shadow of death.

Let us find our life in you, O Lord.

Banished from the Garden of Eden for our rebellion,

We long for the garden of Paradise.

O Lord, you are the Christ.

Remember us in your kingdom.

We come to hear you speak of your love for us.

You have the words of eternal life. Amen.

SONGS: *I See the Lord*

Holy is the Lord

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

What is God's first commandment for us?

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have not other gods before me.

Obedying this commandment means committing mind and heart to God and God alone.

It means trusting the one God alone, patiently looking to him for every good thing, and giving him love, fear, and honor with all my heart.

God speaks; he reveals himself as "I AM;" we confess that we are eager to fill in the rest of the sentence.

Forgive us for trying to make you in our image. Take away our sins and make us instead in your image that we might live and be fulfilled. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with the full assurance that faith brings. Lord God, teach us how to rest in you and praise you in everything we do and say. Jesus, Door to God, Gate of Heaven, you provide the open way for us to enter the green pasture.

You promise us a more abundant life; you are the way.

You assure us of your presence in every place, to walk beside us, even into a world unknown.

Jesus, we take comfort knowing that you are the door, our friend, and our strength. Amen.

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

Lord, send your Spirit that we might see you as the only true God. Teach us to trust in you alone. Lord, help us conform ourselves to the person of Jesus.

Silent reflection on the First Commandment

SONG: *Give Me Jesus*

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 11:1-44 + "The Friend Who Comes Too Late"

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street;

SONG: *In Christ Alone*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *When Death Was Arrested*

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