

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Office in the Nursery
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
Th 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

WE WARMLY WELCOME — Pastor Joel this morning, to preach the word, as we swap pulpits with Fairlawn Church.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For the VanderAkker family on the passing away of Catherine Schaaphok (Stu VandenAkker's sister) in Michigan—*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* —Jesus. Stu himself is doing well with a lot of physical therapy and is looking forward to coming back to church.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS — For families who have students attending WCS are available by the bulletins at the entrance of the sanctuary. Families applying for assistance from the church must also apply through WCS. Please put completed applications in Dexter Greens's mailbox by May 15.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS — will be held after Easter beginning on Sunday, May 2 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. We would love for you to join us—lunch is provided! Please contact Pastor Matthew if you are interested so that we can plan materials and coordinate COVID compliance.

CRC SOFTBALL MINISTRY FOR MEN — Players age 16 and older are invited to join the Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team- partial commitments accepted! Games are played on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. from late April through early August. Talk to Scott Schneider, John Steele or John Vriesema for more information.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be for the GEMS Girls Clubs. Thanks for your support!

COLLEGE CARE PACKS — This spring we are going to mail all college packs on April 27 (due to some schools ending early after skipping Spring Break). All congregation members are encouraged to write a note to a college student or two — list of students and note cards available in the Fellowship Hall! Parents/grandparents, please make sure your student & their information is on our list, and designate WHERE you anticipate them being on Friday, April 30 (when packs will presumably arrive) — home, college address, somewhere else? help us send the package where it will reach your student! Thanks for your support!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

CLEAN UP — The Fairwoods Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday April 24 starting at 8am. We have indoor and outdoor work that we will need help with. Due to current Covid regulations we ask that you wear a mask. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The Board greatly appreciates your help and support as we prepare to get Fairwoods ready for another great season! Rain date for outdoor work is Saturday May 1.

FAIRWOODS CARETAKER— The Fairwoods Executive Board is seeking applicants to fill the Caretaker position. To request an application and more information, please contact our President, Michael Bangma at FairwoodsRecreation@gmail.com. Deadline for requesting information is April 16, and the deadline for all applications is April 23.

WCS JOB OPENINGS — HR Director/Asst. Accounting Manager; full-time, year-round position. Must have experience in all aspects of HR management. Experience with non-profit a plus. Also an opening for a Director of Advancement; full-time, year-round position. Primary objective, fundraising, securing funds for operations, capital growth, and long-term financial viability. Must be able to effectively communicate with members of the WCS community. For more information, please contact Lillian Hackathorn at lhackathorn@whitinsvillechristian. or 508.372.3275.

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April 11, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



PLEASANT STREET
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CHURCH

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 pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Merciful God, On this day we remember The women who waited at Jesus' tomb,
The fearful disciples gather again in the upper room,
The despondent pilgrims on their journey to Emmaus.

Who among them could have imagined all that would take place?

We pray, with urgency and expectation, For all those – among us and around us – who live every day in fear and despondency, Without tasting and seeing the joy of resurrection life in Christ.

As we wait, may your Spirit be on the move.

May many – those we love, those we have never met – Be surprised by joy in this Easter season.

Through the power of the resurrected Christ, we pray. Amen.

SONGS: *The Wonderful Cross*
In Christ Alone

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we maybe be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. **Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Encouragement— Ephesians 2:4-7

God, who is rich in mercy, Out of the great love with which he loved us Even when we were dead through our trespasses, Made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved—And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, So that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

SONG: *Blessed Assurance*

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 24:13-35 + “Then They Understood”

COMMIT

SONG: *At The Cross (Where Love Ran Red)*

SEND

By the love with which you drew near to your disciples as they went to Emmaus and talked together of your passion, draw near to us and join yourself to us and give us the knowledge of yourself.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the mercy with which at first their eyes were closed, that they should not know you, be merciful to those that are slow of heart to believe.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the compassion with which, amid the joy of your resurrection, you sought out those who were sad, console the fainthearted who have not yet learned to rejoice in you.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the patience with which you opened to them the Scriptures, open our understanding and insight.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the fire with which you made their hearts burn within them as you talked with them by the way, inflame with devotion every heart that is not already burning with love for you and consume with zeal those that you have kindled.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the wisdom with which you made as though you would have gone farther, inviting them to constrain you to tarry with them, may no one depart this place until all have received from you the blessing you are ready to give.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the loyalty with which you went in and tarried with the disciples when the day was far spent, fulfill in every soul your promise that says, “I will come to him and sup with him and he with me.”

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the blessing in which you made yourself known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread, may every act of yours be to us a revelation, opening our eyes in faith, making you more fully known to us.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the power by which you vanished out of their sight, that their faith in the mystery of your resurrection might be increased, strengthen and confirm this faith in us.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

O blessed Jesus, who, when the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered, came and stood in the midst and said, “Peace be unto you,” may no fear ever place a barrier between our souls and you or hinder us from the peace which the world cannot give.

May the peace that you gave your apostles, sending them forth in your Father's name as you yourself were sent, be also upon us and remain with us always. Amen!

SONG: *Cornerstone*

Benediction