

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

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

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 — John Vriesema this morning, to preach the word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — *MISSIONARIES*: A Prayer letter from Larry & Ruth Spalink from Christin Reformed World Missions in Japan was sent out. Blessings to our Straight Ahead Missionary, Hanne Larson who celebrates her birthday this week.

MANY THANKS — To the congregation for supporting us by coming to the high school breakfast—we loved cooking for you and seeing so many happy faces. We also want to thank Sue Cooper who helped us with making this event a success. We hope to do this again next fall—*Your high school youth group!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

COFFEE BREAK — Will not meet this Tuesday, due to Northbridge school spring vacation. We will meet again next week. Hope to see you then, ladies!

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.

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 13 at 9:30am** 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

FAIRWOODS — The Board hopes you'll take advantage of our property this summer to get some exercise and enjoy God's creation. Join us for Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 22 starting at 8am. Please also see Katie Kenbeek this Sunday after worship for a Fairwoods membership form.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

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"I am the Resurrection and the Life"



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.

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 6:30p Grief Share: Foundation
W 6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E (Confronting Christianity)
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of Preparation

Lord of all creation, as we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you.

Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. With the saints of all ages we say.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

SONGS: *Jesus, Messiah*

Crown Him Many Crowns

BAPTISM: WASHED, MARKED, CALLED BY GOD'S GRACE

Washed: Baptism means Cleansing

Turning from sin to Christ:

Brothers and sisters, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

We do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying His Word and showing His love?

We will, God helping us.

Dedication:

SONG: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Marked: Baptism Means Belonging -
Baptism of Garrett, Cullen, Eleanor Van Eck & Joy Wierenga*

Congregation, what do you promise?

We promise to accept Garrett, Cullen, Eleanor and Joy as members of God's household. We will love Garrett, Cullen, Eleanor and Joy, pray for them, and nurture their faith in our covenant-keeping God. Amen.

Prayer

The washing

Blessing & Welcome

Brothers and Sisters, receive Garrett, Cullen, Eleanor, and Joy into Christ's Church. I charge you to nurture and love them, and to teach them to be Christ's faithful disciples.

We welcome them in love. We will pray for their parents. We will nurture them in the faith, to the glory of God empowered by His Spirit. Amen.

SONG: *Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Called: Baptism means Calling - Receiving New Members

The Vows

We respond:

Thanks be to God!

Profession of our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *I Surrender All*

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 11:17-44 & Revelation 2:12-17 +
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"*

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONGS: *He is Lord*

O Come Let Us Adore Him

SEND

Benediction—from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together— spirit, soul, and body— and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he will do it! **Amen.**

SONG: *When Death Was Arrested*

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

