

### *Holy Week Calendar*

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP** — As we move from the shadows of Lent to the light of Easter, we invite you to become fully immersed in the passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ in these times of worship:

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** — **Next Thursday:** Worship will be at 7pm with our brothers and sisters at Fairlawn CRC. The Lord's Supper will be served.

**GOOD FRIDAY** — **Next Friday:** Worship will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. Families are encouraged to worship together as nursery will not be provided.

**EASTER SUNDAY** — **April 9:** 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!

**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS** — Represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Once again, this Easter Sunday, we are requesting you bring and place a colorful fresh flower on the cross in the sanctuary. If you do not have any flowers or greens in your garden, we will provide one for you. 🌸

### **CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Also keep in your prayers, our Missionaries Scott & Hannah Larson from Straight Ahead Ministries who celebrate their wedding anniversary April 4 and Mike Masso from Serge in Kenya, Sudan who celebrates his birthday April 7—May the Lord Bless you and keep you all!

**THANK YOU** — For the outpouring of love and support shown to our family both during Cindy's illness and her passing. The prayers, cards, flowers, food, calls and visits are very much appreciated—*The Hart and Plantinga families*. **"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you He will not fail you or forsake you."** — Deuteronomy 31

### **GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**POTLUCK GATHERING** — **Sunday, April 16:** We will celebrate our new members and baptisms with a potluck luncheon (after service). Families and couples are asked to bring a main dish or salad. Desserts and drinks will be provided—we hope you will join us

### **SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES**

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

**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.

**CAREER TALK** — Our monthly career meeting for college, post-college, new professional, and working young adults—will gather for an evening of dessert, conversation, and networking. Join us on Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm in the Foundation.

**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 6 at 6pm** 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** — Please see Katie Kenbeek in the fellowship hall after worship today for a Fairwoods Membership Form.

# WELCOME

**We're glad you joined us!**

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–4p Mon-Fri

April 2, 2023 + 9:30am

*"The Healer in Harm's Way: Sin Rebels"*



*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 8:30a HS Youth Church Breakfast: Fellowship Hall  
Tonight 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  
6:30p Divorce Care: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Grief Share: Foundation  
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS  
6:30p Adult Bible Study: Classroom E (Confronting Christianity)  
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Under the Balcony  
Th 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship: Fairlawn CRC  
F 7:00p Good Friday Worship: Sanctuary

*Prayer of Preparation*

*As we prepare to worship you today and this week, help us to call to mind these past events in Jesus' life so that we can sense their significance in our present lives and for the future you are preparing for all creation. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

SONG: *Blessed Be Your Name*

*Call to Worship*

As we enter Holy week, It's sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for what he is.

**We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom.**

We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our hearts to offer him our love.

**We open our mouths to sing his praise. He is Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

SONG: *Hosanna*

**RENEWAL**

*Call of Confession*

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.

**We confess our lack of humility.**

As you entered into Jerusalem, the crowds shouted.

**"Hosanna, save us now!"**

On Good Friday they shouted.

**"Crucify!"**

We confess our praise is often empty. We sing Hosanna but cry Crucify. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself.

**We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Hear these words from psalm 118; Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures forever. Out of my distress I called upon the Lord; The Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**In Christ, God answers us and sets us free. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *Jesus Paid It 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*

*Matthew 21: 1-3, 6-14, 33-46 +*

*"The Healer in Harm's Way: Sin Rebels"*

*ECHO Dismissal*

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

SONG: *And Can It Be*

**SEND**

*Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *We Will Remember*

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