

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: 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: Classroom E
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 5:00p CR Step Study: Classroom E
6:15p Mid-Week @ PS
7:00p Prayer Meeting: Nursery

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Children Ministries: Kate Martinka; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/firstname@pscrc.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

WE WARMLY WELCOME — John Vriesema this morning, to preach the word.

Holy Week Calendar

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 14: Worship will be at 7pm with our brothers and sisters at Fairlawn CRC.

GOOD FRIDAY — April 15: Worship will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be served. Families are encouraged to worship together as nursery will not be provided.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 17: 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! There will be no KidStreet—the nursery will be open!20

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Audrey Baker as she is pretty much homebound dealing with horrid pain and weakness in her hips, keeping her from any church and other normal activities —“But as for me, afflicted and in pain—may your salvation, God, protect me. I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving”—Psalm 69:29-30. Please keep in your prayers the Islamic world this month, during Ramadan when Muslims are fasting and more open to spiritual things.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

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

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS — Just a friendly reminder, the completed Christian Education applications should be returned to your pastorate deacon by April 15. Thanks!

COFFEE BREAK — will be starting a new study on *Ruth “Invited In” on Tuesday, April 26*. Please also join us also for an Easter brunch on Tuesday, April 12 at 9:30 to 11am. There will be plenty of food and fellowship. Please see Anna Bloem for more details—Anna Bloem.

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 on 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.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FAIRWOODS — opening day will be here soon! 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 23 starting at 8am. You bring tools (rakes, wheelbarrows, etc.), we provide coffee and donuts! Also, membership forms on their way with an option to pay online! Please contact Brandon McGrath at brandon.c.mcgrath@gmail.com or Josh Van Eck at joshuaavaneck@gmail.com for more information.

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April 3, 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

O holy God, journey with us as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: Instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

We worship you, Lord.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble,

We worship you, Lord.

You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side, and there you prepare a place for us.

We worship you, Lord.

SONGS: *How Marvelous
This is Amazing Grace*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

What is God's fifth commandment for us?

Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Lord God, you are our creator and king. You also reveal yourself to be our Father.

Loving Father, have mercy on us.

Lord, you ask us to honor our fathers and mothers. We confess that we struggle to know what it means to honor and love our parents.

Loving Father, have mercy on us.

Lord, you ask us to guide and correct the children entrusted to us. We confess that as parents we struggle with discipline; we minimize their concerns or we are sometimes too rough with rebuke. We are afraid of their rejection and we do not know how to guide them to you.

Loving Father, have mercy on us.

Loving Father, like younger sons and daughters we return to you now confessing that we have spurned your authority while we spend your blessings. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Loving Father, have mercy on us, and receive us again into your household, for we have been lost without you.

Loving Father, have mercy on us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends, Jesus came to tell us what God is like. And Jesus told a story about two rebellious sons and a forgiving father: A father had two sons. One despised him, went far away, and squandered his father's wealth. The other son stayed close to home but his heart was far away too; he disparaged the father, giving him only cold obedience. Both sons spurned the father's love. And yet, the father sought them both. The Father ran to the younger son.

And while he was still a long way off, he was embraced and forgiven.

The father went out to the older son.

And invited him to share his joy at the feast.

Friends, Jesus told this story in order for us to know that God seeks lost children, both near and far; and to show us that he is the gift of the Father, the faithful Son, and our good older brother.

Who, being equal with God, did not use it to his advantage but chose to empty himself; becoming a servant. He was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross, all for our sake. Glory to God our Father. Amen.

Silent reflection on the Fifth Commandment

SONG: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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

Scripture - John 19:17-27 + "Here is Your Mother; here is Your Son"

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street;

SONG: *Jesu, Jesu*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *The Wonderful Cross*

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