

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Our deepest condolences to Don Koopman and family in the passing of his brother, Tom—please keep the family in your prayers. Also keep in your prayers all the mom's on this Mothers Day...*Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings—Happy Mother's Day!* 🥰

THANK-YOU MIDWEEK VOLUNTEERS! — As we celebrate another successful Mid-Week ministry, the Council and Ministry Staff would like to thank all of our volunteers—GEMS and Cadet leaders, Youth Group mentors—all who helped make this past year's MidWeek ministry season a great success! Thank you for faithfully sharing your time, talents, and treasures in joy-filled and abundant ways—we appreciate each of you!

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

PLEASANT STREET CHURCH ATTENDEES — Are invited to come and support our Men's Softball Game tomorrow night (home) at 6:15pm, vs Living Hope Ministries Church. This team is NOT just a baseball team, but a baseball MINISTRY. Please come and support them tomorrow night and joyfully witness their faith in a public setting. Invite others to join them for a fun-filled evening.

CADET PINEWOOD DERBY — All are invited to the Cadets Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, June 1 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

GRADUATIONS 2024 — We would like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school or college. Please let Sadie know of the details of your family member's graduation. Please be sure to include the student's name, school, degree conferred, and plans for the future.

VBS VOLUNTEERS — We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for the NAC Ecumenical VBS at Pleasant Street on July 15-19, 830am-noon. Please email NorthbridgeVBS@gmail.com for the volunteer registration form or for more information. Thanks!

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be for Resonate Home & World Missions—*Thanks for supporting this great ministry!*

FINANCIAL UPDATE—1st QTR 2024

Please remember your weekly support!

General Fund—Q1	March	Year to Date
Total	38,459.25	102,848.25
Required	48,458.33	145,374.99
Surplus (-Deficit) to Budget	(-9,999.08)	(-42,526.74)
Surplus (-Deficit) Actual		(-31,988.72)

The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund. **Thank You** for your support. Also, your 1st qtr giving statements are available to access through Realm.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

May 12, 2024 + 9:30am

Sermons in 1 Thessalonians: "The Ringing Bell"



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 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
- 6:15p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. Living Hope Ministries
- W 6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room
- 6:30p New Membership Class: Foundation
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
- Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of preparation

Holy God, we praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 46

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear.

Though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Highest dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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SONGS: *God of Wonders*

His Mercy is More

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — H.C. 113

What is God's Tenth Commandment for us?

That we not covet our neighbor's house; our neighbor's spouse; servants; animals; or anything that belongs to our neighbor.

What does God want from us in keeping this commandment?

That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in our hearts.

Instead, God's aim is for us to love God with all our hearts.

God wants us to be people who hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

Silence Confession

Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we are grateful that you faithfully provide for our needs. We confess that we want what we don't have, take for granted what we do have, and easily envy what others have. Forgive us for our greed; cure us of our idolatry and teach us contentment. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance 1 Peter 1 & 2; Matthew 6

Friends, Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins, he says: "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus also says: "Therefore do not worry about your life, what you eat, drink or wear...Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? So do not worry saying 'what shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
My Soul Finds Rest in God alone.

Response of Gratitude

Forgiven, now, we walk with God in lives of gratitude.

Lord, in the power of your Spirit, teach me with all my heart to run away from sin and take pleasure in whatever is right. In Christ's Name we pray. AMEN.

Silent Reflection

The 10th commandment is about coveting. Covetousness isn't about a standard of living (rich or poor) but the heart's need for more. It's showing us that "enough" is a moving target in our hearts. What seems like it's never enough to me? Do my desires sometimes grow bigger, not smaller? Why? When?

Keeping the 10th commandment doesn't just mean keeping our eyes (and hands) off of what our neighbor has. It means fixing our eyes and hearts totally on God and the gift he's given us in Christ. This is what Paul means by setting our minds on things above and what Hebrews means by fixing our eyes on Jesus. How would my life be different if I knew that Christ is a treasure worth selling everything for?

Who in my life is longing for a love they can't reach? Who in my life is experiencing dissatisfaction; discontentment? How could I demonstrate the love of Jesus, in whom our souls find their rest, this week?

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street
2) Resonate Home & World Missions*



SONG: *How Great Thou Art*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12; 17-20 + "The Ringing Bell: Love, Paul"

ECHO Dismissal [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SEND

SONG: *Ancient of Days*

Apostle's Creed & Benediction

SONG: *The Fathers House*