

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 6:15p CRC Softball Game: Away vs. FCCH
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
6:30p High School Study: Foundation
- 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
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Godekes', 26 Olde Canal Way, Uxbridge.
- Th 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Care Ministries: Rev. Howard De Vries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/
firstname@pscr.org.

SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

- A-Bt** — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Ruth Bandstra
Bu-E — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan
F-I — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath
J-Mh — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol
Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene
Sw-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Jennie Berguis who is recovering at home from hip surgery. Continuous prayers for Diana Burns, also recovering at home, from her abdominal surgery last week.

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY — is extended to the Baker family— wife Audrey, Sons Gary, David, Brian, daughters Karen Schneider, Christine—and their families in the passing of their loving husband, father and grandfather—*The Lord be with you!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALLEN BAKER

May 13, 1940—May 13, 2021

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

+ John 3:16

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

GRADUATIONS 2021 — 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.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

KIDSTREET VOLUNTEERS — We are working hard to return to our in person Sunday morning children's ministries, however, we need to rebuild our volunteer team before opening. Please consider using your gifts to help in the nursery or in children's church once a month during our Sunday morning service. We need a minimum of 20 adults to open, and we need teens too! Contact Kate Martinka at kate@pscr.org.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS — Is your Superpower service or hospitality? We're excited to once again offer our coffee fellowship after church, but we are in need of volunteers to set it up on Sunday mornings. Also, as things start to open up more, we want to offer hospitality to those who join us for worship. If you can be a part of these important teams, please call or email Sadie in the office.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

AHADI FAMILY — Kenya's 19th annual marathon fundraiser will take place next Saturday, May 22. In the past, our fundraiser has always centered around the Boston Marathon. Since it is postponed, we are having our own “Marathon”. We encourage people of all ages to participate and consider a generous donation (or sponsor someone) and come to WCS 10am to Noon to walk or run for Ahadi on the track and/or the cross-country trail. Hot dogs, snacks and water will be provided. Some friends of Ahadi have agreed to match donations up to \$10,000, and other friends up to \$25,000! Contact Phyllis Masso at phyllismasso@gmail.com with questions. Our focus this year is reuniting boys to relatives, **“Family Joys for Ahadi Boys.”**

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

May 16, 2021 + 9:30 am

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

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—based on Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 5:10, 12

Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Let us praise his holy name! Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia!

SONGS: *Jesus Shall Reign, We Fall Down, Holy, Holy, Holy*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance—based on 1 John 2:1-2

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

SONG: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (p 944) + "The Gospel for the Incomplete"

COMMIT

Morning Offering

Profession of Our Faith

SEND

Dismissal—based on Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:11

Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Alleluia!

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

Benediction

May the grace of God, freely given through Christ, our Lord, and sufficient for all our needs, and may the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, who testifies with our spirit that we are God's children, guide and sustain us this day and forever. **Amen.**

SONG: *Sing to the King*

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

[Sermon Notes](#)