

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 6:00p CRC Softball Game: Away vs. Bethany Church
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
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
7:00p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home
Th 3:00p National Day of Prayer: Uxbridge Town Common
7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Hank Ebbeling as he fights a battle with Leukemia—*'In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ear's—Psalm 18:6.* Congratulations to Stuart & Debbie VandenAkker who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary *Today!*

STILL PRAYING — "During a time when the world has been dealing with a virus our headlines have also been full of stories about another virus - the sin of racism and it's attendant destruction. For some of us this has been "news" that we've not seen before. For others it merely highlights something we see everyday.

We invite you to use the following prompts for this week to help as you name and process these events and what they mean for us as Christians and for the world that God loves.....

We invite you to pray with us before God who made us, our King who rules us, and our Father who loves us:

We ask the Lord to prick us where we have become callous to violence; lest we mistake what is common for what is normal.

We ask the Lord to temper our rage where we are incensed by violence; lest we mistake our self-righteousness for righteous justice work.

We ask the Lord to make the church a sign-post of a kingdom of those gathered from every tongue, tribe, and language.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER — Join believers from the Blackstone Valley as we gather this Thursday, May 6, at 3pm on the Uxbridge town common for a day of praising God and interceding for the United States. The Lord's mighty right arm is not shortened—*Judy Godeke*

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Next week will be for Resonate Global Missions—*Thanks for supporting this great ministry!*

FINANCIAL UPDATE—1st QTR 2021

Please remember your weekly support!

General Fund—Q1	March	Year to Date
Total	41,507.50	107,257.50
Required	44,468.67	133,406.01
Surplus (-Deficit) to Budget	(-2,961.17)	(-26,148.51)
Surplus (-Deficit) Actual		(-21,577.96)

The 2021 budget is a 4.3% decrease over 2020. Total giving to the General Fund through March is down 3.3% compared to 2020. 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.

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.

MANY THANKS — To Stu DeJong, Chuck McGrath, and Keith VandenAkker for preparing 140 "to go" meals for Peace of Bread on last Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

AHADI FAIRLY — Kenya's 19th annual marathon fundraiser will take place on 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."**

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May 2, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



PLEASANT STREET
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship —from Psalm 86:8-10

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS: *10,000 Reasons,*
How Great Thou Art

RENEWAL

Excerpters from Our World Belongs To God – A Contemporary Testimony of the CRCNA

OWBtG (1, 2, 13, 16, 17, 24, 26, 12)

As followers of Jesus Christ, Living in this world –
Which some seek to control, and others view with despair—We
declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, Through all the crises of our times, Until the
kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

Our world belongs to God!

God is King: Let the Earth be glad! Christ is victor; His rule
has begun! The Spirit is at work: Creation is renewed!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

In the beginning of human history, our first parents walked
with God. But rather than living by the Creator's word of life,
they listened to the serpent's lie and fell into sin. In their
rebellion they tried to be like God. As sinners, Adam and Eve
feared the nearness of God and hid.

All spheres of life—family and friendship, work and worship,
school and state, play and art—bear the wounds of our rebellion.

Sin is present everywhere – in pride of race, arrogance of
nations, abuse of the weak and helpless, disregard for water, air,
and soil, destruction of living creatures, slavery, murder, terror,
and war, worship of false gods, the mistreatment of our bodies,
our frantic efforts to escape reality. We become victims of our
own sin.

In all our striving to excuse or save ourselves, we stand
condemned before the God of truth. But our world, broken
and scarred, still belongs to God, who holds it all together
and gives us hope.

As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected.
In his baptism and temptations, teachings and miracles, battles
with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and
righteous human life before us. As God's true Son, he lovingly
obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the
coming rule of God.

Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator.
He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior!
We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way.
God's electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to
save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

Even now, As history unfolds in ways we only know in part,
we are assured that God is present in our world, his purpose.
The confidence that the Lord is faithful Gives meaning to our
days And hope our years. The future is secure,
For our world belongs to God.

SONG: *This Is My Father's World*

WORD

Morning Prayers

*Acts 15: 1-14; 19-21 + "A Conflict, A Crisis, A First; the Gospel and
the church letter"*

COMMIT

SONG: *Heal Our Land*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *He Reigns*

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