

### 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** — Continued prayers for all who are in the midst of treatment or recovering—looking at them Jesus said to them, *'With people this is impossible, but WITH God all things are possible'*—Matthew 19:26.

**THANK YOU** — It is with hearts full of gratitude that we thank God, the great Healer, for healing and improving the health for both Oscar and Brian over these past weeks. Many thanks to all of you who prayed for us and with us, sent cards and visited with us. We love you all.—Oscar Kuipers, Brian and Thalia Towle!

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**MISSIONS EVENT** — Breakfast with David & Janice Kooistra, whom we have supported for many years through Faith Promise. Our missions team will provide a brunch on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00-11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner, if you plan to attend.—The Missions Team!

**THE CRC MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM** — With thanks to God, PSCRC, our fans and players we have had a terrific 2024 season of outreach ministry! We do have our final game tomorrow at home vs Living Hope Ministries— Hope you can join us!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**GEMS** — Our mission is to help bring young girls grades one through five into a living and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. We meet two Wednesdays per month, September through May, 6:15-8pm. Meetings are great fun and include prayer, devotions, games, service projects, crafts, and snacks. This year we are looking for new leaders. If you are a woman, mom or just simply young at heart, please call or text Sandy Kuipers at 508.864.8047. This is an opportunity to step into the lives of young girls and share your energy and love for Jesus with them.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**The KIDS' BIKE RODEO** — Will be held in Fairlawn CRC's parking lot on Saturday, August 17, from 10am-noon. Kids through 5th grade need to bring their own bikes and helmets, and should be accompanied by a responsible adult. It includes: safety lessons, bike tune-ups, fast and slow races, obstacle course, and lunch. No registration necessary.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — The deacons are collecting school supplies for kids in our community. Backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, pocket folders, crayons, highlighters, scissors, glue, binders, etc.!! Our goal is to fill at least 10 backpacks. Leave donations in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or stop by during the week. Deadline is August 18.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Join us at Fairlawn's CRC Mission Conference on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Our guest Juan Seira, will speak on the topic "How to Reach Our Neighbors". He is a pastor of Sunlight Community Church in Florida as well as the program manager for Global Coffee Break, a bible study for men and women. Juan is a gifted communicator who effectively uses writing, social media, video and public speaking.

# WELCOME

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

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

July 28, 2024 + 9:30am

*"The Flourishing: Those Who Crave Righteousness"*



*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 8:15a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation  
M 6:15p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. Living Hope Ministries (final game for the season)  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
W 9:30a Senior Coffee Fellowship: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room

*Prayer of preparation — Holy God, as we worship, we pray that you will fill us with your love. Stir our hearts that we may more faithfully follow Jesus and hunger and thirst for justice and righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear.

**Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling.

**He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord, be merciful to me and answer me.

**My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

SONGS: *10,000 Reasons & As the Deer*

## RENEWAL

*Prayer of Confession*

God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

**But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are.**

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**But we have not mourned over our sins, instead, we have insulated ourselves from those around us, from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering. We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.**

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance.

**But we have valued toughness over gentleness. We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our brothers and sisters and neighbors. Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves rather than our Father.**

God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for they will receive it in full.

**But we have hungered after the pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this temporal world. Like Esau, we have despised our birthright by choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.**

Lord, please show us your mercy.

**Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hear these words from Isaiah 55: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *Be Thou My Vision*

*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*

*Matthew 5:1-6 + “Those Who Crave Righteousness”*

SONG: *Seek Ye First*

## TABLE

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

SONGS: *Behold the Lamb*

*God We Sing Your Glorious Praises*

## SEND

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Build Your Kingdom Here*