

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery  
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery  
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home  
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@pscrc.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 — Prayers are more than words. They are the foundation for hope, faith, and our future. Reciting and memorizing powerful words of faith will help us establish and/or maintain a closer relationship with the Lord. It's important, during holidays like the Fourth of July, to recognize the impact the actual celebration has on our lives – and how we can grow as individuals and as a community. Have a safe long weekend as we celebrate the birth of our nation—God bless America! **\*\*Please note that our office will be closed July 5 this week.\*\***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — to Oscar Kuipers who will be celebrating his 91st birthday next Friday, June 9—*God's richest blessings to you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Please forward any announcements you may have this summer to Sadie by Wednesday afternoon at the latest, as the bulletins will be printed on Thursday—*Thank you!*

SET THE DATE — For our annual church picnic, Sunday August 8.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED — for various aspects— please see Shirley De Vries, our church picnic coordinator and share a little of your time—we need more and new volunteers!

SECOND OFFERING — Our second offering next week will be for Bethany Christian Services. Thank you for your generosity.

KIDSTREET VOLUNTEERS — As we resume Nursery and Children's Church during our Sunday morning services we would love for you to consider volunteering once a month caring for and teaching our kids. We need 2 more adults, and would love more teens as well! Contact Kate Martinka at [kate@pscrc.org](mailto:kate@pscrc.org).

NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — may be placed in the baskets available each Sunday at the main and back entrances.

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

SERVE@HOME — is returning **August 4-8th!** Plan to join us for a long weekend of intergenerational worship and service! Information regarding schedule, FAQs and how to register is available on the PSCRC Facebook Page and on the flyer at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Registration is due Sunday, July 25th! Questions? Talk to Pastor Annika!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** — of the church will take place on October 2 & 3. This will include a banquet on Saturday night with a catered, sit-down dinner and a special worship service on Sunday. Several former pastors and their wives plan to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness. A commemorative anniversary book is also being put together.

The Anniversary Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with the planning. This includes.....

- \* 2 people to work with the caterer and coordinate the menu, table settings, and decorations.
- \* 2 people to help plan the program for the banquet.
- \* 1-2 people to assist with gathering and selecting photos to be used in the anniversary book.
- \* Several people to take photos at church events and activities.

If you want to volunteer for one of these positions or would like more information, please contact Chris Epplert at [cjepplert@gmail.com](mailto:cjepplert@gmail.com).

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

July 4, 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 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

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. May our worship today help us to offer our entire lives to you and unite us with your whole church throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. Amen.

## 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.**

SONGS: Behold Our God

We Will Glorify

Glorious and Mighty

## RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that we deny your lordship of this world.

We assume we can do as we please.

We have been entitled and careless, and we share in the guilt of a spoiled world.

**Lord have mercy.**

Generous God, we confess that we lust for more while others around us do not have enough. Forgive us our self-centered living and spending for we share in the guilt for a world of hungry families and homeless people.

**Lord have mercy.**

Gracious God of life, we confess that we grade human life on the curve of convenience rather than inherent worth. Forgive us our lack of concern and love for those unborn, for those born with impairments, for those abandoned by their parents, for those who are forgotten in nursing homes.

We share in the guilt of a callous world.

**Lord have mercy.**

God of all nations, we have been slow to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, cultures.

We have forgotten your love for the immigrant, the prisoner, those who have been treated unjustly because of the color of their skin. Forgive us when we use our own experiences to judge the plight of others, for we share in the guilt of an unjust world.

**Lord have mercy.**

God of unity, forgive us for despising reconciliation. We have fostered discord in our homes, in the pews, in our neighborhood, in the office, on social media, and in our country. We share in the guilt of a hostile world.

**Lord have mercy.**

We pray for your mercy upon this nation, this world and upon us.

Heal us O God, and make peace between us and through us in Christ. Amen.

Silent confession

SONG: *Heal Our Land*

Words of Assurance—Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse,

Nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, Nor repay us according to our iniquities...

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgression from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. God is with us even now accepting, guiding, and forgiving us.

**Thanks be to God!**

Guide to Grateful Living—Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

**May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!**

SONG: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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

Psalm 40 (p 451) + ReOrientation: A New Song

## COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students grades 3 through 5 are dismissed]

Morning Offering—Ministries of Pleasant Street

## SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

May the love of God surround you, the wisdom of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit encourage you as you joyfully proclaim: Our world belongs to God!

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

SONG: *This is My Father's World*

Quote & Question:

"The Psalms are not used in a vacuum, but in a history where we are dying and rising, and in a history where God is at work, ending our lives and making gracious new beginnings for us....[this] is not a return to normalcy. It is rather 'all things new'. And when it happens it is always a surprise, always a gift..." *Praying the Psalms. p. 11, 15*

When was a time where God surprised you with something 'New' in your life? Was it new life in a dead relationship, or a new reason to live in the world? Was it healing for an old wound? Or renewed intimacy with Christ? What might your "new song" sound like if you were to write it down? Who in your life could use a song like that?

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