

**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.

**GUEST ORGANIST** — We warmly welcome back Larry Kuipers, son of Oscar Kuipers and brother to Thalia and Brian Towle, as he helps lead our worship this morning. Larry serves as the organist for Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley, AZ. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us Larry, and blessings on your music ministry!

#### **CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS**

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For Connor Kuik and family in the passing of his grandfather last week in Minnesota. Please keep in your prayers Summer, one of our Gems girls, who's mom, Lisa passed away battling with cancer—*May the Lord be with you and cover you with His peace that passes all understanding.* Pray for the work that God gives us on this Labor Day weekend—may the blessing of Ecclesiastes 3:13 be true for all: *"That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God."*

#### **GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH**

**MINISTRY POLICY & SAFETY TRAINING** — We are asking anyone involved in ministry to children or youth (GEMS, Cadets, Kidstreet, Nursery, Middle & High School) to join us for a 90-minute ministry policy and training event next Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30pm. We will spend some time with a walk through of our evacuation procedures, medical protocols and abuse prevention procedures. RSVP to Kate Martinka so we can get a head count!

**MIDWEEK KICKOFF!** — Wednesday September 11 @ 6:15pm. Families of GEMS, Cadets, and Middle Schoolers please join us for pizza, to meet leaders, and to fill out registration forms. Stick around for a couple songs at our high school led worship time before we break into our separate groups.

**WOMEN OF PLEASANT STREET** — Studying the Bible with others is an important part of growing in our Christian life. Join us for Coffee Break, an informal community Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am, beginning September 10. We will be studying Galatians: Freedom in Christ. Childcare is provided. The coffee is hot, and the fellowship is sweet!

**MENS BIBLE STUDY** — We are excited to begin a new series starting Thursday, September 12 at 7:30am in the fellowship hall. This Fall we will study the book of Acts *"The True King"*. This chronicles the history of the early Christian church from the time of Christ's ascension into heaven to Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

#### **SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES**

**SECOND OFFERING** — Our second offering next week will be for the PSCRC MS/HS Youth group. Thanks for your support!

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — The Deacons collected the donated supplies and filled ten (10) backpacks for students in Northbridge this year. We also included a note that we are praying for each of the students, and invited them to Gems, Cadets, and Youth Groups. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

**CHICKEN BBQ AT FAIRWOODS** — Next Saturday, September 7 from 5-6:30pm. join us for our mouth-watering chicken, along with farm fresh corn, baked potatoes, salad, and the famous Wright's Dairy cinnamon rolls. Dessert and drinks are also included. It's a steal of a deal at \$12 for a 1/4 chicken and \$16 for a half (cash or check only). If you're coming for take-out, please consider bringing your own container.

**PEACE OF BREAD** — Thanks to all who helped serve 50 meals and 80 takeout meals last Wednesday, your efforts are appreciated!

# WELCOME

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

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 1, 2024 + 9:30am

*"God Comes to Abraham - Call & Promise"*



*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  
W 6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room  
6:30p Ministry Policy & Safety Training: Fellowship Hall

## GATHER

### *Prelude*

### *Call to Worship*

The eternal Father, who loves us and set us free from our sins, calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls. Let us then remove the barriers to true worship:

although we were made for joy, we settle for pleasure;  
**made for justice, we clamor for vengeance;**  
made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment;  
**made for relationship, we insist on our own way.**

But the new creation has already begun! Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ, all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world ...

to follow Jesus Christ into God's new world, which he has thrown open before us. So let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

SONG: *The God of Abraham Praise v. 1,2,4* — (PsH 621)

### *Prayer of Adoration*

SONG: *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1-5* — (PsH 501)

## RENEWAL

### *Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, you called Abraham to leave home and his gods to follow you. And through Jesus, you call us to follow in Abraham's footsteps; to leave our idols and serve the Living God. Gracious God, you send us as

ambassadors to a lonely world. We confess that it is hard to be your people in a world of false worship.

**We turn to you now, God of Grace.**

We confess that we still put Your Name on our causes; ruining your reputation with those who don't know you.

We confuse our plans with your purposes;

keeping us busy and full of anxiety.

We want You to bless what we love rather than change us to love what You bless;

which is why we are so unhappy.

**We turn to you now, God of Grace.**

Holy God, when our causes blind us to Your mission;

when our schedules crowd out your purposes;

when our desires grow larger than your will;

we miss the ways that you are Making All things New.

And so, forgive us.

**We turn to you now, Gracious God. Soften our hearts with your mercy, and reshape our lives in your forgiveness.**

### *Silent Confession*

Loving God, your mercy awaits us when we turn to you.

Father, heal what is broken in our lives and in our world through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. In the power of your Spirit, enable us to live as your priests, bearing your name to the world. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

### *Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

God's convicting words are those of a friend. For the Lord Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit..."

**Praise the Lord, who turned toward us, choosing us for his friends.**

Praise the Lord Jesus who said: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends...I have called you friends"

**Praise the Lord, who turned toward the cross; giving his life to make us friends.**

Praise the Lord Jesus who said: "Come and follow me."

**Lord Jesus, turned toward your kingdom, lead us that we might walk in your ways and love one another, AMEN.**

SONG: *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew* — (PsH 498)

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



*Mission Spotlight - David Kooistra*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*Song: Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid - (PsH 425)*

*Genesis 11: 27-12:9; Matthew 28: 16-20 - Call & Promise*

SONG: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* — (PsH 543)

*Benediction*

SONG: *Let All Things Now Living* — (PsH 453)

*Postlude*