

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
2:00p Open Door: Foundation
6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
- W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
6:15p Mid-Week @ PS
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home
- Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation
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/
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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 Mike and Annika Bangma—**God of All Comfort, we pray that You would draw these parents who have lost their little baby into Your loving arms. May they find peace and rest in the midst of their searing pain. Surely their tears are in Your bottle, and their agony is written in Your book. Be merciful to them and let them know You are by their side. Even in their confusion, may they trust in You. Amen.**

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

GOSPEL FORMATION — In addition to Mid-week, we are going to add another gospel formation opportunity **starting today**. After the worship service we will be adding a 30 minute formation opportunity for KidStreet, for Echo, and for our teens and adults. In kids street and in Echo, our kiddos will have a chance to learn some of the New City Catechism, a resource developed by Redeemer Presbyterian in New York. Through songs and games they will have a chance to commit questions and answers about God to memory. To take the good news of Jesus and plant it deep in their lives. Meanwhile during that same 30 minute window, adults and middle and high school students will have a chance to participate in 2 differing pilot projects this fall. The first will involve a sermon discussion time while we study the book of Jonah. The second will come later in the fall.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION — On which day did God create the heavens and the earth? What's a Christian perspective on the big bang or consciousness? Who made God? If you enjoy thinking about such things then it's is a great time to join Galileo's Group, a monthly small group resuming Thursday evening meetings to start a new book. Please contact Scott Schneider at 508.922.3575 for more information.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — At our congregational meeting in December, we'll be selecting new elders and deacons. Please forward names and offices to Jack Crawford by next Sunday, **September 26**.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FAIRWOODS — is looking for 3 volunteers to serve a 3 year term on the Board. We are looking for volunteers with the following interests/skills, Financial, Events Coordination (including Social media and email communication), and Grounds/Building Maintenance. If you are interested in volunteering or have more questions about the Board, please email FairwoodsRecreation@gmail.com.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

September 19, 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!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you. We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you.

You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.

In you we become; in you we live.

Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.

In you we hope; in you we live.

You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

In you we are still; in you we live.

Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.

Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. **Amen.**

SONGS: *How Great Thou Art*
Anchor

Prayer of Confession — based on Daniel 9:4-19

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,

we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy.

On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son,
Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior
and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance — From Psalm 130

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.”

Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you,
and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

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!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Jonah 1:1-17 (page 754) +

“The Small Man & The Lord of the Sea ”

COMMIT

SONG: *Thy Will Be Done*

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offering — Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *Build My Life*

SEND

Dismissal & Benediction

Quote & Question:

"The Bible does not say (emphasis mine) that every difficulty is the result of our sin - but it does teach that, for Christians...storms can wake us up to truths we would otherwise never see. Storms can develop faith, hope, love, patience, humility, and self-control...innumerable people have testified that they found faith in Christ...only because some great storm drove them toward God. [And yet] God did not create the world for suffering, disease, natural disasters, aging, and death...God is not like a chess player casually moving us around on a board. Nor is it usually clear until years later, if ever in this life, what God [is doing] in the difficulties we suffered."
(Tim Kellel, *The Prodigal Prophet*, 28-29)

When have you been in a "storm"? Was it clear where God was in it? What did you want to know from God in that storm? Reflecting on it now, do you see that storm differently?

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