

## 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  
7:30p Prayer meeting: Office in the Nursery
- Th 2:00p Open Door: Foundation  
7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
- Sa 5:30p 125th Banquet Dinner: Fellowship Hall

### 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 the celebration of our church's 125th Anniversary next weekend. We thank God for the countless blessings and graces that have brought us to this impressive milestone in our history. The Anniversary Committee team, led by Jack Crawford, along with Maggie Creaser, Chris Epplert, Flo Jorritsma and Bill Vis, have been hard at work planning a series of events that will help us celebrate this very significant time in the history of this Church and its community. These celebrations provide us the opportunity to bring together believers, reflect on the past and look forward to a bright future—*We hope you can join us!* Please also keep in your prayers, our missionaries, John and Carol Berthelette from Wycliff Bible Translators, as they navigate Carol's 98 year old father who recently had a heart attack and may require a pacemaker and stent insertion—*The Lord be with you!*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

ADVANCE NOTICE — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 17. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

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 **TODAY!**

### 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.

CROP WALK — The NAC Annual Blackstone Valley CROP Walk for Hunger will be Saturday, October 16, starting with 8:30am registration at Trinity Episcopal Church in Whitinsville. The walk begins at 9:00am with a three mile walk to the Community House in Uxbridge where refreshments will be served. Please consider this fundraiser as it helps feed the needy locally and globally. We raised over \$4,000 last year and hope to increase that each year. Please contact Coordinator Tanya Morin at 508.341.6652 or danvillegirl348@gmail.com for more information.

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri

September 26, 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

Dear God, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that the praise and prayers we offer you will glorify you. Amen.

## GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits for our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

**We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.**

Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

**We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONGS: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*  
*Come Thou Fount*

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Silent confession*

### Words of Encouragement

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG: *Mercy*

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: 4 -16 (page 754) +*  
*“The Church Before the Watching World”*

SONG: *Take My Life*

## COMMIT

*ECHO Dismissal*

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

*Morning Offering — Ministries of Pleasant Street*

## SEND

*Dismissal & Benediction*

SONG: *Cornerstone*

### Quote & Question:

“These Joppa sailors...are pagans, or, in modern terms, non-Christians. But...the lot of non-Christians and Christians is...linked; they are in the same boat. The safety of all depends on what each does...They are in the same storm, subject to the same peril, and they want the same outcome...and this ship typifies our situation.”

*Jacques Ellul, The Judgement of Jonah. P. 29*

What do you think about the pagan captain & sailors rebuking Jonah for not-caring (v. 6 & 10)?

Where do you see the World rebuking the Church today? How does that sit with you?

What concerns in the world might we as Christians be “asleep” too? What would it look like for us to wake up to the needs of our neighbors?

### Sermon Notes

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