

### 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. Please pick your children up from nursery and KidStreet after the service, but students in Echo will be released to come to the fellowship hall.

- **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 15 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.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — 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 toll—this is the gift of God."* Keep in your prayers, those in our church who are in the midst of treatment or recovering: Kathy Buurma, Cindy Hart, Carol Lewis, Karen Stinson, Deb VandenAkker; also remember our shut-ins: Mike Beinema, Alice Cook, Nellie DeVries, Arthur and Henrietta Hoogendyk, Babe Nydam, Theona Taylor, Ellie VanHouten and Art Wynja.

**CONGRATULATIONS** — to Christopher Haringa and Brittany Roy who are united in marriage today. *God's richest blessings to you!* 😊

**SINCERE THANKS** — for all the cards and support through my recent pain and successful surgery. Especially to praise God for his never ending love and faithfulness through it all—*Audrey Baker*

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**SECOND OFFERING** — Our second offering next week will be for the Pleasant Street Christian Education Assistance Fund which helps active church members in providing a Christian education for their children. *Thanks for your support!*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**MIDWEEK @ PSCRC** — Begins Next Wednesday from 6:15pm to 8:00pm: We look forward to a great year of Faith Formation.

**THE CONGREGATION GIVES THANKS** — To Stuart De Jong and others who have been very generous in bringing to church many kinds of vegetables from their gardens to share with the congregation this summer. We are grateful!

**MINISTRY GROUPS** — Many small group and ministry opportunities are being offered to adults and youth this fall for anyone to be an attendee, a helper, or a leader! After worship, look in the connections corner in the fellowship hall.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** — Starting Wednesday, September 21. Lead by John Vriesema. Topics covered will include Eastern vs Western thinking, Jesus as Rabbi, Disciples/Students/Schooling, Parables, Images of Discipleship, Jewish sects, Jewish Holidays, Jewish Literature and more. If you want to learn more about the Bible and how to read the Bible from a Jewish perspective, this is your class. Sign up sheet is in fellowship hall—we hope you join us!

**'PRAYING THE PSALMS'** — Ladies, you are invited to a small group. Beginning next Saturday, September 10, from **9am – 10:30am**. The group will be lead by Diana Burns and we will have 7 sessions in total—we hope you join us!

**THIS FALL** — We will be hosting Suzanne McDonald, professor of Systematic Theology at Western Seminary. She will be leading a seminar called: *"Dealing Faithfully with Dementia."* Please join us on Saturday, October 1 at 9am. Refreshments will be served.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**THE ANNUAL FAIRWOODS CHICKEN BBQ** — Saturday, September 10 starting at 5pm. So, come on down, bring a friend, a neighbor, and enjoy some fine food and fellowship amidst the finery of Fairwoods.

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–4p Mon-Fri

September 4, 2022 + 9:30am

Summer Series — Proverbs +

*"The Art of Caring Well – Protecting the Vulnerable"*



PLEASANT STREET  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
CHURCH

*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 Labor Day** — Church Offices Closed!  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
- T 9:30a** Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
6:00p Women's CR Step Study: Classroom E  
7:00p Council Meeting: Council Room
- W 6:15p** Midweek @ PS 🙏  
7:00p Prayer Meeting: Under the Balcony
- Th 7:00p** Men's CR Step Study: Classroom E
- Sa 9:00a** *Praying The Psalms*; Women's Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of Preparation*

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.  
Here, may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened.  
May the doubting find faith and the anxious find rest. May the young  
and old find inspiration through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

### *Call to Worship*

Congregation in the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom do you trust?

**Our help is in the name of God our Father who spoke the heavens into being through His Son.**

Why do you look to heaven?

**Through Christ all things were made; in Christ all things are being remade by the peace of His cross.**

What do we do now?

**We wait for the Lord, with hearts made soft to hear the Lord; the Spirit's wisdom to follow the Lord; and as friends loved by our Lord.**

Our Father in heaven, send your Spirit of wisdom upon us this morning. Meet us in your Words that we might know the hope to which you've called us and so that we might do everything, in word and in deed, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.**

SONGS: *We Sing the Mighty Power of God* (Hymn # 430)

*Come, Thou Almighty King* (Hymn # 246)

## RENEWAL

### *Prayer of Confession*

Lord Jesus you taught us to pray,

**'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name Your Kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven...**

Lord, we confess we are more interested in ruling our own kingdoms than being ruled in yours. We confess that we'd rather let our will run wild than submit to yours. Open our eyes to see again that your kingdom and your will alone are good. Lord Jesus you taught us to pray,

**Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

Father we confess that we take credit for what you give freely, and so we are a people of small thanks and great anxiety.

Lord, evil still clings to us and there is no health in us. Forgive us our sins and by so doing give us the freedom and the power to forgive our neighbors. Lord Jesus you taught us to pray,

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

Father, we are too weak to face our enemies alone. The way of the world, the schemes of Satan, and our own selfish desires oppress us and threaten slavery. Uphold us in your Holy Spirit and make us strong so that we may finally resist our enemies until the day your Kingdom comes in Glory.

**For Yours is the Kingdom.**

And You, Father, are our all-powerful King.

**Yours is the Power.**

And You, Lord, are willing and able to do what is good.

**Yours is the Glory, forever.**

And we glorify you our Father and King for you hear us even more certainly than we believe what we are praying.

**Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

### *Silent Confession*

### *Words of Assurance*

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord, we have redemption, forgiveness of sins. The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who has chosen and made us our own.

**Praise be to our Father,**

who forgives and cleanses us and enables us to forgive others.

**Praise be to our Lord,**

whose Kingdom comes even now.

**Praise be to our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## COMMIT

SONG: *And Can It Be* (Hymn # 267)

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street;*



### *Passing the Peace*

*The peace of Christ be with you*

**And also with you!**

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*Proverbs: 31:1-9; 14:20-21; 22:22-23, 26-29; 13:23; 24:10-12, 17-18; 29:13, 25:21-22 +*

*"The Art of Caring Well – Protecting the Vulnerable"*

SONG: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* (Hymn # 291)

## SEND

### *Sending prayer*

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.

Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

**Thanks be to God.**

God the Sender, send us. God the Sent, go with us. God the strengthener of those who go, empower us,  
**that we may go with you and find those who will call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

SONG: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Hymn # 501)

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!*