

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.

- **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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our college students as they are settling into the rhythms of a new school year. We pray for our missionary, Carol Berthelette who celebrates her birthday on September 12.

TIRELESS, SELFLESS, PRICELESS — On behalf of our congregation at Pleasant Street, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to Wanda VanderZee & Myra Matanane for their faithful service and dedication to our church family. Wanda has been on the Missions Team for over 20 years. Her willingness to put herself forward and lend her gifts and abilities not only helped with the task at hand, but contributed to creating a stronger ministry in this church. Both of you have tirelessly worked on the kitchen committee, keeping things in order and clean. You both have been a blessing to this congregation. May God bless you richly as you move to Sheldon, Iowa, on this new path and journey. *“Then you will go safely on your way, and you will not hurt your foot. When you lie down, you will not be afraid. As you lie there, your sleep will be sweet”* — Proverbs 3:23-24

MIDWEEK KICKOFF! — Wednesday 9/11 @ 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 Tuesday. 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 9/12, 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 today will be for the PSCRC MS/HS Youth group. Thanks for your support!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through July 2024, General Fund receipts totaled \$255,643. The General Fund budget requirement is \$299,089 leaving a deficit of \$(43,446). The actual deficit through July is \$(68,580). A couple of notes regarding this information include that the budget has been revised downward reflecting that we have not hired an Associate Pastor for 2024. We have also experienced large building expenses to mitigate water damage on two occasions to date this year. As we move into the last months of this year, the council asks that you prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the ministry of Pleasant St. CRC.

Updates on building projects: We are pleased to report that seat cushions in the sanctuary will be installed next week! One other project to be completed this fall is to upgrade our main entrance with a key fob entry system. This will lead to a significant improvement in securing our building. Further details on this project will be shared soon.

The Pleasant St. Council

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 8, 2024 + 9:30am

“The Sermon: Salt & Light”



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

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

SONGS: *I Stand Amazed*
O Praise the Name

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that we have gone astray. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.
Forgive us, Lord.

We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation.

Forgive us, Lord.

We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world;

Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love God and love one another.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption. Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Thanks be to our God! Amen!

COMMIT



*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) PSCRC MS/HS Youth Group*

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

Matthew 5:13-20 + "Salt & Light"

SEND

ECHO Dismissal [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Apostles Creed

SONG: This I Believe (The Creed)

Benediction

SONG: *Holy Forever*