

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Office in the Nursery
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 12:30p Open Door Remote Learning Tutoring: Foundation
5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
Th 7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: 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; firstname@pscrc.org; Office/ Finance: Sadie Perkins; churchoffice@pscrc.org; or finance@pscrc.org; Elders; elders@pscrc.org; Deacons; deacons@pscrc.org.

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

WE WARMLY WELCOME — back this morning, Pastor Mike Sullivan, from Emmaus City Church, who will preach the Word; and Baird Lashley, WCS HS Music Director, who will lead worship.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Please pray for all the WCS families traveling to and from vacation on their spring break next week. Pray for the Burns family on their vacation and that they may be refreshed and return home safely—*The Lord be with You!* If you would like to place a request or be in prayer through our active prayer chain—please contact the office.

GREAT NEWS — We are pleased and very excited to let you know that worship services are now allowed up to **50% occupancy**. If you feel comfortable in doing so, we would love to see you in person on Sundays. Also on this note, a quick reminder that we still need to observe the good practice of wearing masks, hand-sanitizing and signing in when coming into the fellowship hall.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS — will be held after Easter beginning on Sunday, April 18 from 11:30am to 1:30pm, for anyone interested in knowing more about our Reformed heritage and how that shapes our mission and ministry here at Pleasant Street. We would love for you to join us—lunch is provided! Please contact Pastor Matthew if you are interested so that we can plan materials and coordinate COVID compliance.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today, will be in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

FAMILY DIRECTORY — The 2021 Pleasant Street Family Directories are in the fellowship hall. If you would like one mailed to you or an electronic version, please contact Sadie in the office.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

(WSCI) — Whitinsville Society for Christian Instruction will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30pm. In order to be a voting member, a donation of at least \$50 (not including tuition) must have been made to WCS since January 1, 2020. We welcome applications for new members. If you have any questions, please contact Lillian Hackathorn at lhackathorn@whitinsvillechristian.org or 508.372.3275.

STEPPING STONE PRESCHOOL AT WCS — is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Through the instruction of our caring staff in our secure, warm environment, your little one will discover that the wide world is filled with God's amazing handiwork. We have a variety of programs for three and four-year-olds. Learn more by calling 508.234.8211 x3246.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–3p Mon-Fri
March 14, 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 pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

We, whom he has redeemed, will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;

because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace. Let us praise him by saying:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.

SONGS: *Agnus Dei*
Death Was Arrested

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us.

Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the Church Christ calls us to be. **Amen.**

Silent confession

Words of Encouragement — From Our World Belongs to God 34

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by His gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds. Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Be Still My Soul*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 16:19-31 + "The God Who Helps"

COMMIT

SONG: *Mercy*

TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Friends, great is the wonder and mercy and mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

SEND

SONG: *All The People Said Amen*

Benediction

The candle on the table is lit as a reminder that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.