

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
6:30p Divorce Care: Room 2
6:30p Divorce Care for Kids: Room 3
6:30p GriefShare: Offices
6:30p Free Tech Support: Student Center
W 6:30p Celebrate Recovery Step Study: Offices
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
2:00p Open Door: Student Center

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — Blessings to Will Banning who celebrated his 84th birthday last Friday. Pray for Steve and Sandy Frieswick who sent out a Missions Newsletter last week.

WE THANK — The congregation and friends for the many prayers, cards, and words of comfort in the death of our father and grandfather. —The Buteyn Family

THANK YOU — To everyone for your prayers, visits, and cards of encouragement during my recent hip surgery and recovery. Our God is good! —Ron DeVries

THE CONGREGATION IS JOYFULLY INVITED — To the wedding ceremony of Owen Cooper and Toni Egnitz on Sunday November 5 at 3:00pm at our church. A cookies and coffee reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

FROM COUNCIL — We are seeking potential candidates to serve in the office of elder and deacon (three-year terms) on behalf of our church. If you would like to serve or know of someone that you think would be a good fit to serve as an elder or deacon, please forward names in the next couple of weeks to Tom Cooper, Clerk of Council at tom.cooper@acm.org. For any questions or more information about these leadership positions, see Pastor Derek. We appreciate your prayers throughout this process. Thanks!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

PETER FISH & HAITI RELIEF — Please bring your Peter Fish banks next Sunday, October 29. The money that is collected will go to World Renew to help people in need around the world. Thanks for your compassion and support!

OUR COMMUNION OFFERING — Next week will be for *Resonate Global Mission*—the newly formed mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church that works both in North America and in countries around the world.

NORTHBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — May be placed in the baskets available each Sunday at the main and back entrances.

OUR CHURCH — Will be partnering with the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter this year in opening up our church on very cold and snowy nights to the homeless. Emily Fortna has agreed to organize the shelter but the deacons are looking for other volunteers to serve as co-coordinators to help with establishing procedures, managing volunteers and opening up the church on shelter nights. Please see Emily or another deacon if you are interested or have questions.

PLEASANT STREET SINGERS — You are invited to participate in a choir to sing at the Festival of Carols joint service being planned for Sunday, December 17, at 5:30 at Fairlawn. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, November 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, and 10, at 11:45 at Fairlawn. We will work to prepare several beautiful Christmas anthems.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE BOLTON CONFERENCE: "Always Reforming" — Will be held at our church next weekend: Friday, 3-8:30pm and Saturday, 9:15am—2:30pm. Come for sound Biblical and Reformed teaching and wonderful fellowship. For details, please see our conference website at NewEnglandReformedFellowship.org.

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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PLEASANT STREET CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 22, 2017 + 9:30 am



Welcome! We're so glad that you're here. If you've been worshipping with us for a long time or you're entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you'll 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!

WORSHIP—CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING

We would love to assist in helping your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Visit the KidStreet check-in station in the foyer to get a security tag so your kids can join us downstairs. If you arrive late and need help checking in, assistance is available at the nursery. The nursery is open to infants-3 year olds. We are downstairs ready to serve you! Our KidStreet Class for PreK-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children after service. We are excited to serve you!

GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God makes the sun rise and set.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God makes summer and winter come and go.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God gives us food to eat, places to live, and people to love us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God is always with us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God keeps his promises to us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

Let us praise our faithful God.

SONG: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Litany of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

SONG: *This is My Father's World*

Time of Renewal — Our World Belongs to God, art. 14-15

Early in human history our first parents listened to the intruder's voice. Rather than living by the Creator's word of life, they fell for Satan's lie and sinned!

They forgot their place; they tried to be like God. But as sinners they feared the nearness of God and hid from him.

Apart from grace we prove each day that we are guilty sinners. Fallen in that first sin, we fail to thank God, we break his laws, we ignore our tasks.

Looking for life without God, we find only death; grasping for freedom outside his law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares; pursuing pleasure, we lose the gift of joy.

Prayer of Confession

Encouragement

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KIDSTREET Dismissal

WORD

Psalms 42 & Matthew 6:25-33, + "Trusting God's Providence"

COMMIT

Echo Dismissal

Morning Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: *Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

Affirming Our Faith — Belgic Confession, art. 13

What do you believe concerning the providence of God?

We believe that this good God, after he created all things, did not abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in this world without his orderly arrangement.

Does it bother you that you do not understand it all?

We do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what he does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend. But in all humility and reverence we adore the just judgments of God, which are hidden from us, being content to be Christ's disciples, so as to learn only what he shows us in his Word, without going beyond those limits.

What benefits do you receive from the teaching of God's Providence?

This doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father. He watches over us with fatherly care, keeping all creatures under his control, so that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered) nor even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our Father. In this thought we rest, knowing that he holds in check the devils and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us without his permission and will.

SEND

SONG: *Sovereign*

Benediction & Dismissal

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**