

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- S 5:00p Sunday Bible Study: Gaigals Home
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Council Room
2:00p Open Door: Student Center
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
2:00p Open Door: Student Center
6:30p Divorce Care—Adults Room 2 / Kids: Room 3
6:30p GriefShare: Offices
6:30p Free Tech Support: Student Center
W 5:30p Midweek @ PS—*Please join us!*
6:30p Celebrate Recovery Step Study: Offices
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
2:00p Open Door: Student Center

FROM THE COUNCIL — Our congregational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm. We will select new elders (3) and deacons (2), provide an update on the building restoration project, and review and approve the 2018 budget.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — For Ed DeVries, who is at St. Camillus. Missionary John Berthelette celebrates his birthday November 30. Congratulations to Tom and Shirley Swart who celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary and Ron and Eddie Jorritsma their 61st this week—blessings! Congratulations to Michael Cronin and Victoria Hicks who were united in marriage November 18, in Okinawa, Japan, where Mickey is stationed. Address: Airman First Class Michael H. Cronin, PSC 80 Box 13523, APO, AP 96367.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Join us Sunday, December 10 at 5pm for "Journey to Bethlehem: Follow the Star" — the amazing story of Christ's birth as told by our children in a Christmas pageant!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES — We would like to send a small gift of encouragement to our college students during the upcoming exam season, so please review/correct and/or add new college students and addresses to the print-out in the fellowship hall.

DANIEL BIBLE STUDY — Join us at the home of Ron and Lynn DeVries, beginning Sunday December 10 at 5pm (2x/month) as we pursue a vital foundation for understanding world events and contradictions from the perspective of God's Kingdom.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES
COMMUNION OFFERING — today will be for World Renew—the CRC's disaster response and community development agency around the world. Thanks for giving!

CHURCH GIVING — We are currently running a slight deficit and there are still some addition building repairs that need to be done. The Council requests that members prayerfully consider their giving to the General Fund in the final weeks of the year.

THE DEACONS — want to thank all who contributed by donating food and time for the NAC Thanksgiving Food Basket Program! The amount of food donated to the 40 needy families in our community was truly a blessing to behold.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CLOTHES— To bless 86 children in our community through the NAC Christmas Gift Program. To participate, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall in the next two weeks. Help us show the love of Christ during this Christmas season by helping those in need.—*The Deacons*

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE — We have collected 31 pledges totaling \$24,240 for our 2018 Missionary Support—thanks for your pledges! If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider filling out a Pledge Card and help us reach our goal of \$40,000. For Jesus and his Kingdom! —*Your Faith Promise Team*

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
CRUSADER LECTURE SERIES — "Don't Mix Your Magi with Your Shepherds" with Peter Fitzroy, paraprofessional at Whitinsville Christian School, on December 7 in the LMC from 6-8pm.

THE WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT HOME — has apartments available. Please check your mailboxes for more information or contact Susan at 508.2341.6381.

ARMENIAN BAZAAR — is here next Saturday, December 2.

PLEASANT STREET CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 26, 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!

WORSHIP AS DIALOGUE — DIRECTIONAL ARROW KEY

↓ God speaks to us ↑ We respond to God ↔ We speak to each other

GATHER

Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1-7 ↓

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud

to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

SONG: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ↑

Confession — *Our World Belongs to God*, st.'s 39 & 40 ↓

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

Saved by the patient grace of God, may we deal patiently with

others and together confess our need for grace and

forgiveness:

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares

one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has

become a broken communion in a broken world. The

one body spans all time, place, race, and language,

but in our fear we have fled from and fought one

another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part

for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the

broken pieces to do your work, that you bless us with

joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our

sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and

showing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name,

Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer ↑

Encouragement — *from Our World Belongs to God*, st. 39 ↓

Restored in Christ's presence and shaped by his life, may we, in this renewed community, live out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announce the new creation, and work for a world of justice and peace.

For Jesus and his Kingdom, Amen!

SONG: *Before the Throne of God Above* ↑

Passing the Peace ↓ ↔

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KIDSTREET Dismissal (4 years — 2nd grade)

Morning Prayers ↑

WORD

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 + "Christ's Ambassadors" ↓

TABLE ↓ ↑ ↔

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.

We sing of the awesome glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Your works shall praise Your name,

In earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Therefore we proclaim our faith

as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

SONGS: *How Deep The Father's Love For Us* ↑

Grace Flows Down ↑

Communion Prayer

God, who nourishes us for the journey, it is strengthening to know that as we have gathered at your table today, your people throughout the world are offering praise and thanksgiving as bread and cup are shared. Encourage us now with your Spirit so that we may live as your body in this world, serving as your hands and your feet, to meet the needs of the world you so love. Amen.

COMMIT

Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) World Renew

SONG: *Take My Life and Let it Be (All of Me)* ↑

Our Faith — *from Our World Belongs to God*, st. 41

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

SEND

Benediction ↓

Go from this place united in heart and thought, strong to serve the Lord of the church, ready to face and battle the foes of the Lord, ready to find and join the friends of the Lord, always vigilant, always faithful. And may the blessing of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—come upon you and stay with you always. **Amen.**

SONG: *Build Your Kingdom Here* ↑

Dismissal ↑ ↔

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