

January 12, 2025

# Home

FAIRLAWN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
COME. GROW. SHARE.

**A WARM WELCOME** to all who are worshipping with us today! We are thankful to gather as a church family and for the opportunity God gives to grow together in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Please join us for refreshments during our fellowship time after the service. If you have a prayer concern, need a personal contact, or have other questions about Fairlawn's ministry or the Christian faith, please contact an Elder or the church office (contact information is on the back of the bulletin).

*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and KIDS' BULLETINS are available. Please ask a greeter if you would like one.*

**NURSERY DISMISSAL:** Nursery is available for children 0-3 years throughout the worship service. Children (2-5 years) are encouraged to participate in part of the service and will be dismissed before the congregational prayer. Volunteers should be available for check-in prior to the service, but may participate in the worship service until the dismissal if no small ones need care. Older children who need a place to wiggle during worship may go with a parent to Room 1 in the Education Wing.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 12, 2025 | 10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "One Small Child"  
"All is Well"

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Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Great are you, O Lord, and worthy of our praise. Your power is immense and your wisdom beyond our understanding. We long to praise you, since you have created us to know and love you. You wake us to praise you, so that we may glory in you. You have made us and drawn us to yourself; we will not find peace until we find it in you. So, O Lord, hear our prayers and receive our praises, in Jesus' name, Amen.

- \* Hymn: "We Will Extol You, God and King"
- \* God's Greeting

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

1 John 1:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Hymn: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

PH 255

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 2:1-2

God's Will for Our Lives:

1 Peter 4:7-11

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- \* Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Home*

Psalm 90 (p. 588)

- \* Hymn: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

PH 550

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund & World Renew

- \* Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

- \* Benediction

- \* Doxology: "God, the Father of Your People"

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Postlude

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*\*Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Pastor Dan Vos

Liturgists: Kelly Penning, Ken Foppema, Ria Joritsma

Piano: Laurie Vander Baan

*Prayer of the Day based on Augustine's Confessions, 1.1.1*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:** Steve and Sandy Frieswick work with Africa Inland Mission in Toronto, serving immigrants from East Africa, by building relationships and communicating the love of Jesus through tutoring, teaching ESL, and facilitating immigration.

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:** World Renew, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church, partners with the international food security program Growing Hope Globally to provide agriculture programs to subsistence farmers in impoverished communities around the world. They also provide community development, disaster response, and advocacy for those in need.

**PARSONAGE FURNISHINGS** are needed soon so that we can provide comfortable living accommodations for our interim pastors. We especially need a dresser, nightstand, end tables, lamps, a television, and a living room chair(s). Please contact Cindy Baker ((508) 393-6076, or [cindygbaker@verion.net](mailto:cindygbaker@verion.net)) if you can help with any of these items. We will arrange the moving.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY TEAM** is in need of new volunteers. For more information, please contact Rolly Gjeltema.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2025 are available for pickup in the fellowship hall. Note that envelopes are not provided for those people who typically donate online or make RMD contributions directly from a retirement account. The deacons thank you for supporting Fairlawn CRC and other causes during 2024, and encourage your faithful giving as we begin 2025.

**THE FAIRWOODS ANNUAL** meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 14, at Fairlawn CRC, starting at 6:30 p.m. Voting at the annual meeting is open to professing members of Fairlawn CRC who have fully paid their Fairwoods membership dues for the 2024 season. We still encourage all church members to take part in this meeting even if they have not paid their membership dues. The board has been actively searching for new members to join us in 2025, for a three year term, to replace the three retiring members. Please prayerfully consider joining us, and if interested, reach out to Brandon McGrath at (774) 289-3232/ [brandon.c.mcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:brandon.c.mcgrath@gmail.com), or Josh Van Eck at (617) 756-2243/ [joshuaavaneck@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaavaneck@gmail.com) for any questions or interest.

Fairlawn CRC will host **THE JANUARY SERIES** on weekdays from January 20-31. The lectures will stream via live feed from Calvin University from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activities Room. If you are interested in sponsoring a January Series lecture, please call Ellen Stahl at (508) 234-2349 for more details.

**FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURE SERIES:** Pleasant Street CRC will host Dr. Rick Zomer, Faith Formation Consultant for the Christian Reformed Church in North America, on Friday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. for "Our Emerging Adults: Connecting with our Teens & Twentysomethings." This is a free seminar exploring what it is like to be an emerging adult today - what's different, what's the same, and how we can come home to one another. For any questions, please contact the Pleasant Street CRC's office at (508) 234-5268.

Let's watch the **WORCESTER RAILERS** together! CLMT is organizing an outing to the game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31. A sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Rolly Gjeltema with any questions.

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – WINTER 2025

We are called as a congregation to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our winter educational offerings present us with an opportunity for life-long learning as followers of Jesus. Registration is not required for Fairlawn programs; youth programs at Pleasant Street CRC request that families register their children if possible. Contact the office for more information about any of these groups.



## SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

### ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

**VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY:** Jim Hassey will be completing his study of the Book of Isaiah in January, and will start a study of Paul's letter to the Galatians in February. Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Room.

**TOPICAL STUDY:** Dan Vos will be leading a study of the history of the Bible: how books were written, gathered, and formed into the canon as we have it today. Meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 9 in the Education Wing.

**CHOIR:** Our choir regularly participates in worship to help us glorify God through musical offerings, and meets throughout the year to refine and develop the musical talents God has given and to enjoy fellowship around a shared interest in music. Rehearsals are on Sundays (except the first Sunday) from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room upstairs. Contact Laurie Vander Baan for more information.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5):** Kathy Hudson will lead kids through the stories of the Old Testament as they point forward to God's work of redemption in Jesus, using the CRC's Dwell curriculum. Meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday in Room 5 of the Education Wing.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 6-10):** Henry Lane will continue leading a study of the Heidelberg Catechism for students in Grades 6-12. The aim is to help young people develop a deeper sense of God's comfort and peace in belonging to Christ as we study the doctrines of the Bible. Meets in Room 3 in the Education Wing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**PRE-K (3-4 YEARS OLD):** Our children's church program will dismiss kids before the sermon for a time of Bible stories and play. Meets in the Nursery each Sunday. Kids may be registered at the nursery before the service begins.

# WEEKDAY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**CADETS (BOYS 1st-7th GRADE):** A joint ministry program between Fairlawn and Pleasant Street CRCs which aims to share Christ's love with boys from the church and community through a time of crafts, games, and Bible study. Meets every other Wednesday night from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street CRC.

**GEMS (GIRLS 1st-5th GRADE):** A joint ministry program between Fairlawn and Pleasant Street CRCs which aims to promote spiritual growth in girls from the church and community through a time of Bible study and other group activities. Meets every other Wednesday night from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street CRC.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th GRADE):** Pleasant Street CRC invites all junior high students to take part in their midweek youth group, providing opportunities for fellowship and faith formation. Meets every other Wednesday night from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m., at Pleasant Street CRC.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th Grade):** Pleasant Street CRC invites all high school students to take part in their weekend youth group, providing opportunities for fellowship and faith formation. Meet for Sunday evening small group studies on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with special events on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Contact the PSCRC office for more schedule information.

**FAIRLAWN YOUTH EVENTS (6th-12th Grade):** Watch the bulletin for occasional events for Fairlawn CRC youth to enjoy fellowship and Christian growth.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**COFFEE BREAK:** A community Bible study for women. The study this winter is on 1 Samuel. Coffee Break is a great place to read and discuss the Bible, share questions and concerns, and develop new friendships. Nursery arrangements can be made upon request. If you plan on bringing small children, or want more information about the study, please call Ginette Hehn at (508) 234-4806. Meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



**DORCAS SOCIETY:** Our ladies' Bible fellowship will meet at 10:00 a.m. on alternating Tuesdays. Lois Hassey will be leading our discussions on John MacArthur's book 1, 2, 3 *John and Jude*. If you would like a copy of one of the new books, please contact Cindy Baker at (508) 393-6076 or [cindygbaker@verizon.net](mailto:cindygbaker@verizon.net).

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY** will continue this winter. All are welcome to join any of the following groups which are open to new members (most meet monthly; contact individual groups for specifics).

- Book study: Finishing up "*Under the Wings of God*" by Cornelius Plantinga and will be starting a new book. Meets Sunday evenings; see Faith Lane.
- Video series: Topic to be determined. Meets Tuesday evenings; see Rolly Gjeltema.

The Education Ministry Team would also encourage anyone who is interested in starting new groups (and would have ideas, including a sermon discussion group or one with a focus on personal evangelism). If you are interested in leading or participating such a group, please speak with Faith Lane or Peggy Kuipers-Sawyer.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Dan Vos will lead a study of the book of 1 John on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Activities Room starting January 23 and running for six weeks. If you are interested or want more information, contact Dan Vos via phone at (616) 608-2573 or email (dnljvs@gmail.com).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Join the men of Fairlawn for breakfast on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and a brief time of devotions and prayer. Feel free to bring a friend! Contact Dan Vos at (616) 608-2573 for more information.



## OCCASIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

**FAITH (IN)FORMING LECTURES:** An occasional series, co-sponsored by Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRCs, centered on learning to follow Jesus more deeply in our current culture. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**JANUARY SERIES:** Each winter, Calvin University hosts a lecture series intended to inspire deep thought and conversation about important issues of the day. Fairlawn hosts a livestream version of these lectures in the hopes that we can be part of inspiring cultural renewal and become better global citizens in God's world. Weekdays, January 20-31, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Activities Room.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

- Elder Greeters:** Gjeltema, Vanden Akker, Groot  
**Greeter:** Duane Vanden Akker  
**Security:** Tim Kats  
**Hospitality:** Ken & Lisa Foppema, Kelly Penning  
**Audio/Visual:** Don Stahl, Steve Smith, Nathanael Vos  
**Nursery:** Kathy Hudson, Beth Banning, Kaleb DeWeerd

## CALENDAR

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Church School Classes  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Fairwoods Annual Meeting
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Church School Classes  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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## COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Elder/ Deacon districts are as follows:

- Rolly Gjeltema/ Peggy Kuipers-Sawyer ..... A – F  
Cary Vanden Akker/ Evan Foppema .....G - L  
Bill Groot/ Ria Jorritsma.....M - Vanden Akker  
Henry Lane/ Lisa Vos .....Vanden Berg - Z

**OUR SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**, January 19, will be led by Pastor Matthew Burns. Pastor Doug Bratt will lead services from January 26 through the end of April.

If you have any **PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS** to bring to the attention of the Council, please contact your District Elder or Deacon or call the church office at (508) 234-2838.

Any **PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS** for Sunday mornings, please contact President of Council, Bruce Gay, at [president@fairlawncrc.org](mailto:president@fairlawncrc.org).

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