

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. T. Kirkland

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Lay Reader: *Melissa Evans*

L: Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

P: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

L: Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

P: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

L: Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

P: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

L: Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

ALL : Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent Candle Lighting:

Congregational Response: *God Is Near* J. Raney

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -
man - u - el, God is near.

HYMN #82 *Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus*

Advent Prayer (unison)

Gracious Lord, thank you for the ways you continue to speak to a world in need. Through both prophets and angels, you declared the message of hope, the way of healing and the coming of a Savior. As you spoke in the days of old, so we know you continue to speak to us today. As we begin our advent journey, grant us ears that truly hear and hearts to openly receive. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A Light Will Shine!* L. Larson (Chancel Choir)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: M, T, W, TH 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Email: officeadmin@parma-south.org

Church Staff

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| Pastor Blake Severson | Transitional Pastor |
| Pastor Debbie Cerra | Parish Associate |
| Sara Ekkens | Office Administrator |
| Nancy Indovina | Receptionist |
| Jan Fritzsche | Treasurer |
| Gwen Beyer | Music Director |
| Laurie Archibald | Organist |
| Chris Kurka | A/V Coordinator |
| Becky Koranda | Custodial |
| Andrew Koranda | Custodial |

Ruling Elders on Session

Elder Ray Burner, Property Committee
Elder Katie Kolthoff, Finance Committee
Elder John Lahl, Property Committee
Elder Lisa Profio, Discipleship Committee
Elder Bob Schomer, Fellowship Committee, Personnel Committee
Elder Becca Sivik, Discipleship Committee
Elder Ed Walker, Personnel Committee
Elder Kathy Zietlow, Worship Committee
Elder Audrey Brandmeier, Clerk of Session
Norma Fink and Carolyn Jeremiah, Caring Team

PRAYER REQUESTS

Any prayer request can be submitted by entering your request on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. They are located in a holder at each pew and then you would place the filled out card in the offering plate.

Mark Your Calendars! Christmas Meal Sunday, December 11

The Fellowship Committee with the Mission Study leaders have scheduled a meal immediately following worship services on Sunday, December the 11th. The meal will take place in the social hall and will provide a time for fellowship, a great meal, and a continuation of the visioning discussions that took place on October 23rd.

A Free Will offering will be accepted and all proceeds will be donated to the Care and Share Store. **Please RSVP by calling the church office no later than December 5th.**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

10:00 AM –Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 AM -- Advent Decorating of the Sanctuary – Sanctuary
11:00 AM – Family Thanksgiving Gathering – Gym
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room
2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, November 28

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor
7:00 PM – Cub Scout Den Meeting -- Gym

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 PM – Boy Scout Meeting – Gym
7:00 PM – Mission Study Leader Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, November 30

10:00 AM – Coffee with the Pastor – Parlor

Thursday, December 1

6:30 PM – Bell Rehearsal – Bell Room

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room
2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

*Richard Kitchen and Phyllis Kitchen
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bechler*

BLESSING BAGS

Please join the Education Committee and Sunday School students after church to fill the Blessing Bags, which will be donated to the Parma Heights Food Pantry. We will have pizza and salad for lunch. Thank you to all who have donated items and/or time! (The Worship Committee will also be decorating for Christmas. We can assist them as well in the gym.)

Beginning Advent Sunday, November 27th, the Mitten Tree will be set up by the Church Office. Please bring in hats and mittens, hang them on the tree, and the Education committee will donate these items to the Parma Heights Food Pantry.

Sunday School Students and their families may join us in the gym following the service today for an advent craft, donuts, and hot cocoa.

***DOXOLOGY #606 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

(Share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Debbie Cerra

Scripture 1: *Isaiah 1:12-25*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong.
We have tarnished the gift you gave freely.
We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Open our hearts to hear your word and be changed.
Amen.

Scripture 2: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

SERMON

Pastor Blake

***HYMN #756** *O God of Every Nation*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***HYMN #85 verse 1** *Light One Candle To watch For Messiah*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You GTG104
You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day.
When your renewed creation your glory shall display.

***POSTLUDE** *In Dulci Jubilo*

***Please stand in body or in Spirit**

**Welcome to
Parma-South Presbyterian Church**

Worship is held in the sanctuary at 10am on Sundays. We welcome those unable to come to the church building to join our Sunday worship on livestream. This is on the church website: www.Parma-South.org. Please note that the bulletin can be found on the website as well.

Please share this information with friends and family. We welcome all to worship with us!

Our Mission Statement:

Parma-South Presbyterian Church is a community formed by God that celebrates our identity in Christ and as a blessed people we are called to bless others.

LIFE GROUP – DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY!

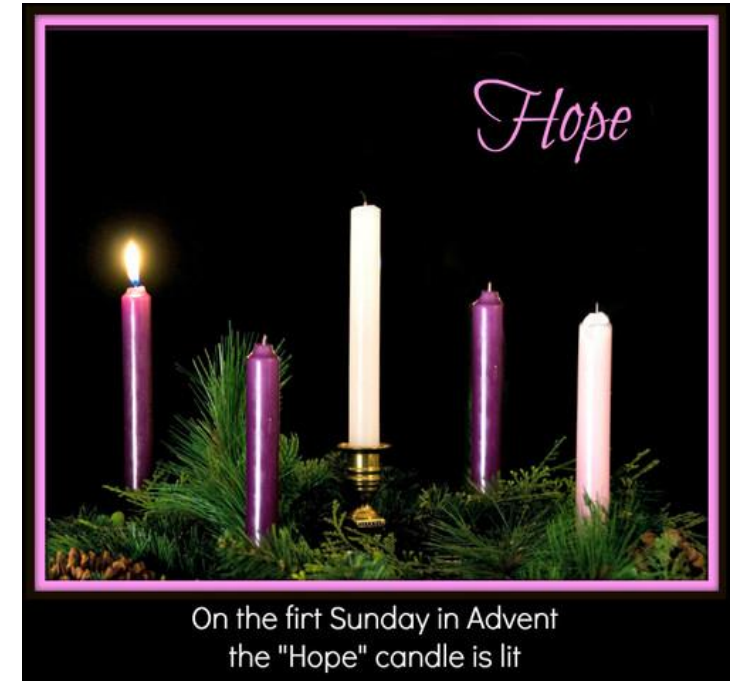
Join live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM, and on Mondays starting at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

GRIEF GROUP

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra offers a Zoom Grief Group from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. She can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



On the first Sunday in Advent
the "Hope" candle is lit

November 27, 2022

2022 Theme Verse

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”

Psalm 118:24

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2022 Christmas

CARE & SHARE Store

The 2022 Care and Share store will be open November 6 - December 6. Please return this form with your check: Place it in the church offering plate or mail it to the church.

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| #101 | \$10 - \$20 Food for Ann George Parma Heights Food Bank. We help to provide funds to purchase food for the food bank and supply fresh produce from our community garden. |
| #102 | City Mission <i>Helps men, women and children in crisis to overcome it by receiving Christian help that will change their lives.</i> |
| #103 | \$10 - \$25 for Native American Minority Education Scholarships for higher education for native American children. |
| #104 | \$50.00 for Laura's Home Laura's Home for Pathways Program for children. Four hundred children were helped by the program. Social-emotional skills increased for 49% of the children and 56% increased for positive coping skills. |

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| #105 | \$10-\$25 for International Friends To provide support toward missionary work for international students at CSU. |
| #106 | \$25-\$50 Un-designated or Charity of Choice Your un-designated gifts are welcome and will be allocated by Mission Committee to areas of greatest need or write-in the charity of your choice. |
| #107 | \$10-\$100 Dougbe River Presbyterian School in Liberia, West Africa This year's need is for operating funds to complete the girl's dormitory. They are making tremendous progress by community help and contractors. Their solar partner is waiting for the roof construction to be completed. When the roof is completed the sustainable power system will be installed. The enrollment has increased to over 230 students grades Pre-K to 9. |
| #108 | \$25 Socks and Clothes 4 Kids Children A source of clothes, shoes school supplies for needy children in Northeast Ohio. |

| Item | Description | Amount |
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| #101 | \$10 - \$20 Ann George Parma Hts. Food Pantry | |
| #102 | \$10-\$20 for City Mission | |
| #103 | \$10 - \$25 for Minority Education | |
| #104 | \$50 for Women's Shelter | |
| #105 | \$10-\$25 for International Friends | |
| #106 | \$25 - \$50 Undesignated or charity of your choice | |
| #107 | \$10 - \$100 Dougbe River School, Liberia, West Africa | |
| #108 | \$10-\$25 for Socks and Clothes for Kids (SC4K) | |

NAME _____

TOTAL - - -

Envelope # _____
ADDRESS _____ (if known)

Please make all checks payable to **Parma-South Presbyterian Church** and mark each check "For Care and Share". Thank you!

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A Free Will offering will be accepted and all proceeds will be donated to the **Care and Share Store**. Please RSVP no later than **December 5th** by placing a note on the **attendance sheets**, replying to the email blast, or calling the church office.

Please note that childcare will be available for the entire activity!