

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Rise Up Shepherds and Follow* arr. M. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Reader: *Renea Schomer*

L: During Advent we recall God's promises spoken to us long ago.

P: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

L: During Advent we anticipate promises yet to unfold.

P: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

L: During Advent we recall God's mighty deeds from ages past.

P: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

L: During Advent we anticipate mighty deeds yet to come.

P: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

Advent Candle Lighting The Kasner Family

Congregational Response: *God Is Near* J. Raney

Congregation: Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

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 #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1, 2, 6 & 7*

Advent Prayer (unison)

Gracious Lord, we thank you that your word never changes, and your promises never fail. In faith we know that everything you have spoken about will come to pass. Yet like your people of old, we often struggle during times of waiting. As we cast our faith in your unfailing promises, enable us to also trust the timing of your response. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI #581** Gloria Patri

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Email: officeadmin@parma-south.org

Church Staff

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.

Mission Committee Socks in the City Campaign

Help us put a smile on a kid's face by contributing to our Socks in the City Campaign for [Shoes and Clothes for Kids](#). SC4K helps thousands of children in need by providing them brand new shoes, clothing, school supplies, and other basic clothing items such as socks. Right now we are raising funds to help provide the most needed item, brand new socks.

You can help by donating here:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/tpk/c:7qHc-vpzEZZ/> or by writing a check to Shoes and Clothes for Kids and dropping it off at the Church's office.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

10:00 AM – Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, December 5

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

7:00 PM – Cub Scout Den Meeting -- Gym

Tuesday, December 6

11:00 AM – Caring Committee – Parlor

6:00 PM – Fellowship Committee -- Parlor

7:00 PM – Boy Scout Meeting – Gym

Wednesday, December 7

10:00 AM – Coffee with the Pastor – Parlor

Thursday, December 8

6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 PM – Pack 263 Holiday Party -- Gym

Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Christmas Meal – Dining Room

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Janice Kay Petruska

Marilyn Weiss

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

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is 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.

Blessing Bags

Thank you to all your generous donations for our Blessing Bags! We were able to make 91 Blessing Bags plus some extra food items that we donated to the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Thanks to all who helped prep and stuff the bags!

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. L. Sue
(Carillon Choir)

***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: *Matthew 3:1-12*

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 39:1-40:5*

SERMON *Pastor Blake*

***HYMN #87** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Prayer Before Communion

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PASSING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION and LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #85 verse 1,2** *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** *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. M. Hayes

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

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.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 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.*

#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
#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).	

TOTAL - - -

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ Envelope # _____
(if known)

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