

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Salute the Happy Morn* arr. R. Hughes

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) Isaiah 9:1-4**

Lay Reader: Laura Dory

**But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make
glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee
of the nations.**

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness ---
on them light has shined.**

**You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.**

**For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of
Midian.**

***HYMN #610** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Psalm 27: 1-10

**Light, space, zest — that's GOD! So, with him on my side I'm
fearless, afraid of no one and nothing.² When vandal hordes ride
down ready to eat me alive, Those bullies and toughs fall flat on
their faces. ³When besieged, I'm calm as a baby .When all hell
breaks loose, I'm collected and cool.⁴I'm asking GOD for one
thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole
life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet.**

**That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world,
The perfect get away, far from the buzz of traffic.**

**God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me
down I'm headed for his place to offer anthems that will raise
the roof! Already I'm singing God-songs; I'm making music
to GOD. Listen, GOD, I'm calling at the top of my lungs: "Be good
to me! Answer me!" When my heart whispered, "Seek God," my
whole being replied, "I'm seeking him!" Don't hide from me
now! don't turn your back on me now. Don't throw me out,
don't abandon me; you've always kept the door open.**

**My father and mother walked out and left me,
but GOD took me in.**

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 Lisa Profio, Discipleship Committee
Elder Becca Sivik, Discipleship Committee
Elder Ed Walker, Personnel Committee
Elder Kathy Zietlow, Worship Committee
Elder Audrey Brandmeier, Clerk of Session
Elder Yung-Tse Hung
Elder Melissa Evans

Norma Fink and Carolyn Jeremiah, Caring Team

Dr. Sang Rhee was called home to his Lord on Thursday, December 29, 2022. His memorial service will be on Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 AM in the PSPC Sanctuary. The family will receive people downstairs at the luncheon after the service. Please keep Susan and the family in your prayers.

The Mission Study Leaders Team in conjunction with the Fellowship Committee is hosting our third Town Hall Session immediately following Worship services on Sunday, February 5th. A light meal will be provided, and we will continue our discussions that are intended to augment the Church Assessment that was the result of our submitted surveys. Please RSVP by Monday, January 30th by calling the church office or submitting a note in the offering plate.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 PM – Boy Scout Meeting – Gym

Wednesday, January 25

10:00 AM – Coffee with the Pastor – Parlor

Saturday, January 28

3:00 PM – Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Race -- Gym

Sunday, January 30

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
*Pearl Thiele***

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 12th

Please help fight hunger and raise money for the Parma Heights Food Pantry by participating in the Souper Bowl on Sunday February 12th! The youth will be collecting donations after the church service. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Per Capita for 2023 is \$36.50

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI #581** Gloria Patri

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I will Joyfully Sing* M. McDonald (*Chancel Women*)

***DOXOLOGY #606 and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Debbie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-23

SERMON

Pastor Blake

***HYMN #720** *Jesus Calls Us*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***HYMN #314** *Christ Be Our Light*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God Be with You till We Meet Again GTG #542

God be with you till we meet again
Loving counsels guide, uphold you
With a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE** *Hark the Glad Sound* arr. S. Landon

IMMEDIATELY following service today, join us for Coffee Hour in the Dining Room for a wonderful time of fellowship and to enjoy a fresh cup of coffee!

Parma-South Presbyterian Church's COVID GUIDELINE as of 3-16-2022

Wearing masks is at the discretion of the individual, please feel free to wear one. Social Distance will continue when seated in the sanctuary. Worship is held in the sanctuary at 10 am on Sundays. Remember, you can join a worship livestream at 10 am or recorded after the worship service ends. Service and bulletin are on the church website: www.Parma-South.org. We welcome all to worship with us! For everyone's safety, please worship from home if you are ill.

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve is looking for a Recording Clerk to take minutes at meetings of the presbytery and special meetings as needed, to be supervised by the Stated Clerk. The stipend is \$150 per meeting. Minutes must be completed no more than 10 working days following the meeting. Attendance at meetings is required and recordings of meetings are available to assist you. If interested, please reply with a paragraph on your qualifications to Judy Mitchell jmitchell@preswesres.org.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

GRIEF GROUP

The Grief Group is available for anyone who has experienced a significant loss of any kind. Parma-South Presbyterian Church has this resource available. The group meets online the first and third Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Pastor Debbie. She can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



January 22, 2023

**2023 Focus Scripture:
Roman 8:18-21 (The Message)**

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

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