



***Parma-South
Presbyterian Church***

Parma Heights, Ohio

1st Sunday of Advent

Rev. Bill Hudson, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra, Parish Associate
Gwen Beyer, Music Director
Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist
Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator



December 3, 2023

10:00 AM

Gathering

Greeting

Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prelude *Go Tell it on the Mountain* arr. D. Williams

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 2:4-5

Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Opening Prayer

Gregorian Sacramentary 900 AD

**Stir up thy power, O God, and come,
that by thy protection we may be rescued
from the dangers that beset us
through our sins;**

and be a Redeemer to deliver us;

**Who livest and reignest with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.**

Amen.

***Hymn # 88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***The Passing of the Peace**

John 20:19

שלום Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Childrens' Chat

Sacred Word *adventus*, Latin - Advent / coming

Anthem

Run to Bethlehem

Lee & Wagner

The Word

Prayer for Illumination Psalm 119:105 # 458, Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Prophets Isaiah 64:1-6 page 694 OT

Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter # 355 Psalm 80 - *O Hear Our Cry, O Lord*

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 page 166 NT

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Alleluia # 384, v 1

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King... (3 times)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Gospel Mark 13:24-37 page 50 NT

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Keep Alert!

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Offertory on Carol* arr. L. Smith

* **Doxology # 606** *Praise God from whom all Blessings*

The Eucharist

* **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing . . .

. . .sing your praise in the angels' song: # 113

Refrain of Angles We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

. . . Great is the mystery of Faith: # 102

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

... almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors) page 35

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer

Eternal God, you taught us that the night
is far spent and the day is at hand.

**Keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes
in glory to judge the earth,**

we may joyfully give him praise; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

* **Hymn # 83** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

* **Charge & Blessing**

Congregational Response # 104

**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 *Come Thou Almighty King* arr. M. Hayes

* All May Stand

Announcements and Events

Sunday, December 3, 2023



**PARMA-SOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Church Office Hours: M, T, W, TH 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3

9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Parlor
10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Hall
2:45 PM - Life Group – Online

Monday, December 4

7:00 PM – Life Group (The Book of Genesis) – Parlor

Tuesday, December 5

11:00 AM – Care Team – Parlor
7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

Thursday, December 7

4:00 PM – Grief Group – Online
5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting – Parlor

Saturday, December 9

9:00 AM – Men’s Square – Denny’s Restaurant (Parma-Town)

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Parlor
10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Hall
2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today’s lesson and look deeper into today’s scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

CARE TEAM - The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you’d like, then mail. Let’s stay connected.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify Pastor Bill Hudson, officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

Below is Pastor Bill Hudson's contact information for your use.
Cell Number: 234-400-9453 E-mail Address: pastor@parma-south.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Bulletin is available in the Narthex and in the Literature Distribution Unit by the Tower Entry Door, rather than the Modesty Rail by the front pew.

Pledges - Thanks to all of you who have submitted your 2024 Pledge! If you haven't submitted it, please do so as soon as you can so we can move forward with work on the 2024 Budget. You can put your form in the Collection plate on Sunday, drop it off at the office or mail it to the Church.

Please Wear Your Name Tag – Pastor Bill would like to connect names with faces. Please remember to wear your name tag every Sunday.

Personal FM receivers – These are available, during our Worship service for the hearing impaired. Please see an Elder for assistance.

Youth Activities – Following the worship service, today! Join us in the dining room for lunch and in the gym for crafts, activities, and a lot of fun.

BUHRER KIDS AT CHRISTMAS - You may sign up to buy a \$25 gift for either a boy or a girl, Pre-K or Kindergarten. **Your gifts should be brought to Parma-South, today!**

LET'S SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS #263 – To order Peterson's Gourmet Nuts and Snacks, please see Jack Krisch, Dick Salisbury for an order form. **Orders need to be returned to Jack, Dick or the church office no later than, today! Pay cash or make check payable to Troop #263.** Please pick up your order in the church Dining Room following the service on December 17th. If you are unable to pick up your order, it will be delivered to your home. Any questions, please call Jack, Dick, or Sanae Rogers (Troop Committee Chair) at 440-785-7613. Thank you.

Esther Circle - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of December (Dec. 12), at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All women of Parma-South are invited to attend the programs of Presbyterian Women.

The Care and Share Store – Open from Nov. 5 – Dec. 10. The order form can be picked up in the church office, found on our website - MISSION page, and in the Sunday bulletins.

Christmas Dinner – Please join us in the dining room immediately after worship on Sunday, December 17th, for a festive church family dinner. Come enjoy great fellowship, holiday cheer and a delicious Christmas meal provided by Stancato's.

We need a head count to calculate the food quantity, so please, reserve your spot: You may call the church office, send an email to officeadmin@parma-south.org, or drop a note in the offering plate by Sunday, Dec. 10th. A free will offering will be collected at the dinner, to be given to the Parma Heights Food Pantry.

Christmas Eve Service - Pastor Debbie will lead the service in the morning at 10:00 AM. Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols with Candle lighting Service will be at 4 PM.

New Members Class – Interested in joining this congregation? Please let Pastor Bill Hudson know. He is aware of those who have expressed a desire to join this congregation, officially, and will be contacting you soon. **Membership can be accomplished in 1 of 3 ways:** 1. By confessing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. And if you have not yet been baptized, this would include your baptism. 2. By transfer of your membership from another congregation. 3. By a reaffirmation of faith.

Snowbirds – Are you migrating south for the winter? Please be sure to notify Parma-South with your new address. Also, let the church know when you will be available at that address, so that we can send appropriate mail to you in a timely fashion.

2023 Pledge Payments – All gifts and pledge payments that are received in the office by noon on December 31st or anything mailed and postmarked by December 31st, will be credited to your 2023 giving statement.

Ruling Elders on Session and Committees

Elder Audrey Brandmeier	Clerk of Session	Fellowship Chair
Elder Katie Kolthoff	Finance Chair	Endowment Co-Chair
Elder Yung-Tse Hung	Personnel Co-Chair	Worship Co-Chair
Elder Ed Walker	Nominating Co-Chair	Personnel Co-Chair
Elder Lisa Profio	Discipleship Co-Chair	
Elder Becca Sivik	Discipleship Co-Chair	
Elder Kathy Zietlow	Worship Co-Chair	
Elder Chuck Murphy	Properties Chair	
Norma Fink	Care Team Chair	
Don Sinko	Endowment Chair	

Christmas Crèche

Parma-South is blessed to have the opportunity to present a scenic and meaningful Creche this month. Mike Dory and some helpers will transform the library into a scene of beauty and lights. Seats will be available so you can spend time in this place of peace and share the story of Christ's birth with your children, family and loved ones. The display will be a highlight on December 17th when all are welcome to a church family dinner and holiday fellowship.

Wild Winter Lights



at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Thursday, December 28th at 5:30 PM- 10:30 PM.

\$15 per ticket

Ages 2 years and under (Free)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Tickets x \$15= _____

If you would like to attend **Winter Wild Lights**, please return the form and money to the church office by Sunday, December 10th. Checks can be made payable to: Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Any questions, please contact Katie at (216) 386-7741 or katekolthoff@gmail.com