



## *Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

*The Day of Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Gina Hansen, Lay Reader

Gwen Beyer, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

Chancel Choir

**May 19, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Welcome**

### **The Church Life and Ministry**

**Prelude**      Prelude in C Major      J.S. Bach

### **Call to Worship**

Tongues of fire, set our hearts ablaze with love.

**Tongues of fire, kindle our passion for justice and beauty.**

Mighty winds, blow the timidity from our words and deeds.

**Mighty winds, send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.**

Wind and fire, make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy that you stir in us.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 48**

Rain Down

(Congregation: Refrain – Choir: Verses)

### **\*Call to Confession**

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse our spirit. Let us pray together.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Our God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--forgive our casual disregard for our Lord's command to go and make disciples. We have not been faithful in using the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the Church at Pentecost. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry Christ's love and mercy into our communities and to the world beyond. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, praise God that we are forgiven, we are loved, we are empowered.

**By baptism we are graced with the power of the Holy Spirit to shape our thoughts and our words, to guide our actions and our attitudes.**

May our praise and thanks always go to God!

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Anthem**      I Thank You, Lord      J. Martin

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** John 14:12-17

**Second Lesson** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-24, 32-33

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Young Disciples: N<sup>o</sup>. 188, vs 1 “Jesus Loves Me”**

**Sermon**      A Christian UFO Story      Dr. Fancher

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 286**    Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**      The Sacred Hour      D. Higgins

**\*Doxology N<sup>o</sup>. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**O God, on this Day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit, so freely given and so powerfully active within Christ’s church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity; may it fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ whose promise of ever-presence is fulfilled in your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 279**      Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**\*Charge & Blessing**

Go to the world!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.

Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*Choral Response**    Peace of the Lord

**\*Postlude**      Great is the Lord      D & M.W. Smith

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**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

# Announcements and Events

*Sunday, May 19, 2024*



**PARMA-SOUTH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Church Office Hours: M – TH 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 19

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

- Recognizing Gwen Beyer – Happy Retirement!
- Meet Chris Venesile (New Music Director)

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

6:00 PM – Homestead Hoofers 4-H Meeting – Social Hall

### Monday, May 20

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

### Tuesday, May 21

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

### Thursday, May 23

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting – Parlor

### Sunday, May 26

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 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.

**GRIEF GROUP -** Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

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

**MEETINGS** - Please notify [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org) and Mary Sue Murphy at [msmgrandma@gmail.com](mailto:msmgrandma@gmail.com) when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

**CONTACTING OUR NEW GAP PASTOR – Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher**

In the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach Pastor Jon quickly, please call or text his personal cell phone at (440) 263-8872. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting him.

- **Office hours:** Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**With Deepest Sympathy** – Our heartfelt condolences go to Margaret and the family of Harold Mitchhart, who passed away on May 9, 2024.

**New Office Administrator** – Kathy Snyder replaces our off-site Virtual Ministry Assistant Nicole (who will remain until May 31, working with Kathy on the transition.) **Kathy's Office hours:** M-TH, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Email:** [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org)

**Presbytery Meeting Attendance** – The Presbytery of the Western Reserve holds a “presbytery meeting” on the fourth Monday of every other month from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm. Meetings are hosted by different churches, either in-person or virtually via Zoom. In addition to attendance by pastors within the Presbytery, each church can send up to two “commissioner representatives.” A church commissioner can be any current or past elder from that church, who can vote on issues on behalf of their church. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn about issues, concerns, and policies within the denomination or within our Presbytery, and share ideas with other churches. Each meeting includes a brief church service. For more information, or to register to attend a future meeting as a Parma-South representative, please contact Don Sinko at: ([donsinkocpa@hotmail.com](mailto:donsinkocpa@hotmail.com)).

**Mission Garden Volunteers** – Your help is needed! Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed in this very productive produce ministry to help with spring clean-up, planting, watering, harvesting, and delivering produce. **Garden season starts in May and runs through late September.**

**2024 Garden Events**

**Planting Day – Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 AM.** Rain make-up day would be on Sunday, May 26, after church if needed. \*Please bring a pair of gardening gloves. Garden tools are available, however you're welcome to bring your own favorite tool. Please sign up for watering, harvesting, and delivery to the Food Pantry, in the Narthex and Social Hall. For more information, please see Tony Indovina or contact him at: 216-701-0880 to sign up or for more information.

**Memorial Day Service - May 27 at 9:30 AM:** Our Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will be located at the front doors to greet visitors. The service will be led by Rev. Jon Fancher and the American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from two local veterans. The thirty-minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored. Please plan to be part of this service of recognition and remembrance.

**Annual Strawberry Festival – Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.** It will be held on our front lawn (weather permitting). Come, relax, and enjoy lunch, refreshing beverages and entertainment. There will be an assortment of food and, of course, our delicious strawberry shortcake! Please invite your family and friends and join us for a great time.

**Church Hiking** – For more information, contact Katie at 216-386-7741.

- **Saturday, June 29 at 12:30 PM**  
Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve
- **Sunday, July 14 at 12:30 PM** – Big Creek Reservation
- **Sunday, August 11 at 12:30 PM** – Brecksville Reservation  
Salamander Loop Trail

**Ongoing Prayer Concern:** Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers.

**Cards can be sent to:**

Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St., Anchorage, AK 99504

## School of Rock Musical

Come see  
Pastor Jon perform at:  
The Cassidy Theatre!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9  
AT 2:30 PM**

**Please complete the form.**

This is due to the Church Office by May 20th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ (x) \$17 = \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

## Congratulations, Gwen Beyer!

Thank you and  
**Best Wishes!**



*Reception on Sunday, May 19*

- Following our Worship service, during coffee hour.

### **Come and Celebrate Gwen's Retirement!**

She has been a very dedicated member of our staff, serving as our Director of Music, working with our youth, with carillon ringers and choirs.

**Gwen, you will be greatly missed!**

## **New Director of Music**

**Chris Venesile, is our new Director of Music.**

**Contact:** [music@parma-south.org](mailto:music@parma-south.org)

You can meet Chris and welcome him at Gwen's Coffee Hour Reception on May 19th.