



And he said,

"If you
have ears
to hear,
then hear!"

Mark 4:9

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

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August 25, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude

Psalm 19

arr. E. Broughton

Call to Worship

Come, all you weary and hurting;

Here, find rest for your souls.

Here, we enter into the grace of forgiveness;

Here, we taste the living water of renewal.

Come from busy weeks and anxious worry;

Find here stillness, like being led to green pastures;

Music that lifts us to the heavens,

Prayers that ease the wrinkles of the soul.

Come and worship God our Maker, Defender, Guide.

***Hymn N^o. 2** Come, Thou Almighty King

***Call to Confession, and Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord, it is the beginning of a new week. We sense our need for you. You ask us to read your Word. We may start to read the Bible, but then get busy and put it aside. We may begin to pray to you, and then the phone rings, and we are interrupted again. Sometimes we meditate in quiet solitude, only to find our minds wandering, and then on goes the TV. We confess our lack of discipline; we admit our half-hearted efforts at faithful living. Lord, speak to us through your Word. Let it penetrate our minds and hearts. Speak to us; open our ears that we may hear and obey your call. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Listen—here is good news: Jesus said, “The one who comes to me I will not turn away.”

He has come to forgive us in our failure, to accept us as we are, to set us free and to make us what we were meant to be.

Praise the God of glory and mercy for loving us so!

***Gloria Patri N^o. 581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

Musical Meditation Rise Up and Serve the Lord arr. P.L. Harris

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 6:1-10

Second Lesson Mark 4:21-23

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn N^o. 188 (verse 1) Jesus Loves Me

Time for Young Disciples

Sermon If You Have Ears Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N^o. 819** Be Still My Soul

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Praise to the Lord, The Almighty arr. K. Olson

***Doxology N^o. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

***Charge & Blessing**

Dona Nobis Pacem N^o. 752

Dona Nobis Pacem, Pasem

Dona Nobis Pacem

***Postlude** A new Name in Glory arr. R. Labenske

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The logo for Parma South Presbyterian Church features a blue cross with a semi-circle above it, set against a light blue background. Below the graphic, the text "Parma South Presbyterian Church" is written in a blue serif font.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday, August 25, 2024

OFFICE NEWS!

Kathleen Snyder is no longer working for Parma-South. The Personnel Committee has begun the search for her replacement as our Church Administrator. During this transition the following changes have been implemented:

We welcome back Nicole Cockrell representing Ministry Architects to perform most of our administrative needs. Any bulletin information please send to Nicole at: officeadmin@parma-south.org.

In addition, Cathy Demoss will be at the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00a.m. – Noon. Cathy will be functioning as our church receptionist and performing various office duties during this transition period.

We appreciate both Nicole and Cathy's skills and support for our church!

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, August 26

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Sunday, September 1

Labor Day Weekend

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, September 2

The Church Office is CLOSED.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: M – TH 9:00 AM – NOON

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.

- **Grief Group will resume on Sept. 5.**

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 officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at 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.

Ongoing Prayer Concern: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. **Card can be sent to:** Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St. Anchorage, AK 99504

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the New Tech Team!

Skills required: 1. Willingness to learn/research and 2. Reasonable comfort using computers.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church (post-covid) has had an explosion of Technology. **During our Worship service**, the balcony area has computers and monitors to facilitate live streaming and broadcasts to the new sanctuary monitors. **Other computer-controlled systems include:** our boiler, door locks, and robo-call systems. The church has been purchasing equipment on an as-needed basis. The time is now to start thinking ahead and planning...

How will the choir be able to see what is on the monitors? What type of computer should we buy for the new called pastor? What outdated applications are we still using in the office? Is it time to update our phone system? Is our 11-year-old outdoor digital sign still sufficient?

Up until now, our fantastic, albeit overburdened Properties Committee has been the default for all things in the building. Let's help move tech equipment off their plate. Are you willing to learn about the church's many systems and help decide what needs to be done? We need folks willing to give their time to meet & discuss tech topics. If you are the kind of person who checks email daily and owns a smart phone, you have enough tech savvy experience to help.

Let's meet, say, monthly. To formally volunteer, please contact Audrey at (440) 582-1418. (Yup, an old-fashioned land line!) **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Thank You to the Pastor Nominating Committee – A huge thank you to the Pastor Nominating Committee for finding a nominee and to all members who voted. Reverend Christin Moreland has been elected as Parma-South Presbyterian Church's next called pastor. Her first Sunday will be *World Communion Sunday, October 6th*. Please watch the announcements for events to celebrate our fantastic Gap Pastor, Rev. Fancher, to welcome Rev. Moreland, and an official installation service.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW PASTOR!

**Parma-South
Presbyterian Church
Elected a Called
Pastor**

by congregational vote
August 18, 2024



Rev. Christin Moreland



Start Date:
Sept. 30, 2024

First Sunday:
Oct. 6, 2024

Thank you to all who attended.

Due to an internet outage, we were unable to provide live streamed worship and a hybrid meeting.