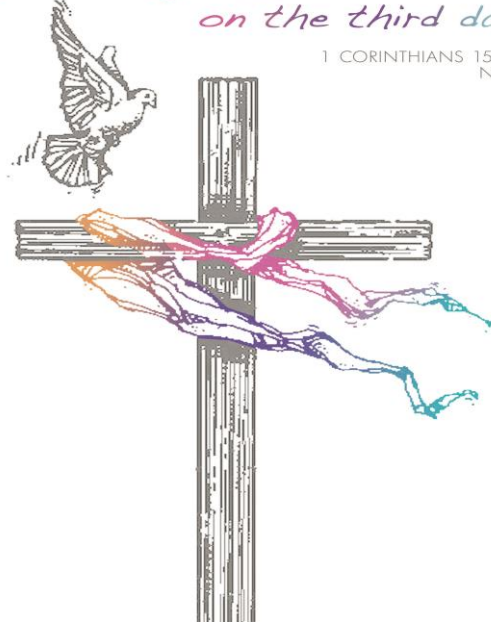


CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
SCRIPTURES, AND ... HE WAS

**raised**

*on the third day.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4,  
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## *Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

John Lahl, Lay Reader

Chris Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

**September 1, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Welcome**

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

#### **Prelude**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms arr. V. Labenske

#### **Call to Worship**

Joy rings through the skies, for God's love is alive in our hearts.

**Gladness cascades like a mountain stream, for God's word  
brings new life.**

Delight ripples through the trees, for God's grace heals our wounds.

**Let our songs raise the roof, for God is great and worthy of praise.**

Friends, let us praise the Lord.

**May the Lord's name be praised!**

#### **\*Hymn No. 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#### **\*Call to Confession, and Prayer of Confession**

**Patient, Encouraging God: we give thanks that we can bring our prayers to you. For we know there have been moments when we chose the wrong over the right. There have been people we could have helped but didn't; there are words we should not have spoken, but we did. When we could have shared our faith, we complained instead. We thank you, Merciful One, that you forgive us and transform our lives. By your grace, we can focus on the best, not the worst; on all that is lovely, not ugly; on words of praise, not profane speech. By your love we can trust that in Christ Jesus, our Savior, everything comes together for good. Amen.**

#### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

(from Romans 5:8)

Sisters and brothers in the Lord, believe the gospel.

**God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Sisters and brothers in the Lord, believe the gospel.**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### **\*Gloria Patri No. 581**

Glory Be to the Father

**Musical Meditation** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. M. Hayes

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Exodus 3:10, 4:10-16

**Second Lesson** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn N<sup>o</sup>.** 188 (verse 1) Jesus Loves Me

**Time for Young Disciples:** (Children may come forward)

**Sermon** Qualified Regardless Dr. Fancher

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>.** 507 Come to the Table of Grace

**Call to the Offering**

**Offertory** I Will Praise Him arr. V. Labenske

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Earth and Heaven: to you who gives all, we give thanks for what you give. We thank you for your love in Jesus. Fill our hearts with gratitude, and lead us into ever-deeper joy in giving. May our whole lives serve your will in his name. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Table**

Come—let us gather around the table of grace.

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

Come to the table of grace.

**Call to Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The 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.**

**Christ's Words Instituting the Sacrament**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have welcomed us at your table of acceptance. You have fed us so we have strength of body and spirit. You have equipped us to carry your gospel into the streets and homes and offices and shops of Parma Heights and northeast Ohio and the world. Thank you, Jesus; we are yours. Amen.**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>.** 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**God Be With You Till We Meet Again N<sup>o</sup>.** 541

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** I've Got the Joy arr. M. Hayes

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\*Please stand in body or spirit

The logo for Parma South Presbyterian Church features a blue cross with a white outline, set against a light blue background. The text "Parma South Presbyterian Church" is written in a blue serif font, with "Parma" and "South" on the top line, "Presbyterian" on the second line, and "Church" on the third line.

# Parma South Presbyterian Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### *Sunday, September 1, 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](mailto: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, September 1

##### Labor Day Weekend

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion

##### Monday, September 2

##### Labor Day

The Church Office is CLOSED.

##### Tuesday, September 3

9:00 AM – Noon – The Church Office will be open and resume current Hours of Operation.

11:00 AM – Care Team – Parlor

##### Thursday, September 5

1:30 PM – Presbytery Review of Session Minutes

4:00 PM – Grief Group - Online

##### Sunday, September 8

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Welcome Back to “Sundae” School – Church Lawn

- No Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** M – TH 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### 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 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](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 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**

**Labor Day** – The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd. Our current hours will resume on Tuesday September 3rd from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

**Care Team** – There is a scheduled monthly meeting on September 3rd at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

**Sunday, September 8, 2024** – There will be no coffee hour, since we are having an ice cream social for back to school. Coffee hour will resume on Sunday September 15, 2024.

**Happy Anniversary** – Announcing that Malcom (former Pastor at PSP) and Carol Shields will be celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Men's Square** – Meet us at Denny's (Parma) on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 am for Breakfast. For more information contact Ed Walker at (440) 552-2998.

**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.

We need people who are willing to give of 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!**

## **Christian Education**

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### **Welcome back to "Sundae" School!**

Please join us on the front  
lawn after the service on  
**Sunday, September 8th**  
for a sweet treat and  
fellowship.

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**Worship at 10:00 am**

