



## *Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Ed Walker, Lay Reader

Chris Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

**September 15, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Welcome**

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

#### **Prelude**

How Great Thou Art

arr. M. Hayes

### **Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God.

**God has spoken and still speaks. May all people pay attention to the roar—or the whisper—of the Holy One.**

Let us worship God!

#### **\*Hymn No. 703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

**Jesus, thy boundless love to me**

**No thought can reach, no tongue declare;**

**O knit my thankful heart to thee, And reign without a rival there!**

**Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; Myself to thee entirely give.**

**O grant that nothing in my soul**

**May dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!**

**All coldness from my heart remove; May every act, word, thought be  
love.**

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

**God of overflowing grace: when we think we are worthless, remind us of our value. When we think others are worthless, remind us of their value. Help us to accept the gifts you give us and to offer them for your glory. Help us recognize each person's worth as one of your children, and not judge them by work or wealth or other outward trappings. Help us to remember that you love the first and the last and all those in between. We pray to you, confident of the power of Jesus our Helper and Friend. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Here this good news: God loves you into life—again and again.

**Let us go therefore and do the same for others—showing love by what we say, think and do.**

**\*Gloria Patri** N<sup>o</sup>. 581 Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

**Anthem** Raise Your Voices R. Emerson

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

**Second Lesson** Mark 7:24-37

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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

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

**Sermon** Better Than the Disciples Dr. Fancher

**\*Hymn** N<sup>o</sup>. 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

**Prayers of the People, and 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.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** Immortal, Invisible arr. V. Labenske

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Compassion: touch us deeply in our worship. Touch and embrace our lives. Move our lives to generosity and service. Strengthen our faith and direct us into ministries and service for those in great need, looking to Jesus as our example for compassion. Rededicate our lives and bless our gifts. May these offerings help to renew your church and meet the urgent needs of the day. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** N<sup>o</sup>. 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me  
**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! [repeat]  
work  
pray  
sing**

**\*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** Excerpt from Postlude in G Major G. F. Handel

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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 15, 2024*

#### REMINDER

All members, please sign the attendance book. Thank you.

#### 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 15

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Outdoors (weather permitting)  
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room  
3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

##### Monday, September 16

5:30 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – Online  
7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

##### Wednesday, September 18

5:30 PM – Session Meeting – Parlor

##### Thursday, September 19

4:00 PM – Grief Group - Online

##### Sunday, September 22

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room  
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.

**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**

**The Properties Committee** has contracted a landscape company that was recommended by Tony Indovina. The Committee members walked the grounds with the owner of the company and after seeing the massive amount of work that will be done, we have decided to move forward with the project. This includes killing weeds, removing weeds, trimming virtually every tree and bush, adding a weed preventer and adding mulch to all beds as well as removing all debris from the site. The project should be done in three weeks. This will bring the grounds back to the beautiful shape it was meant to be.

**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.

- Are you willing to give of your 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!**

**The Love INC Annual Coat Drive** – Begins on September 9th and ends on October 17th. The annual drive has resulted in over 1500 coats being donated to those in need each year. These coats are dry cleaned and covered in plastic before they are given to local churches and organizations for distribution. If you know someone in need of a coat, please call the church office and give us the information on size and if it is for a child or an adult (male or female).

**CarePortal** – Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal. CarePortal will connect Parma-South with a local child in need who is living near Parma-South Presbyterian Church.

- The goal is to assist families to keep the children out of foster care. Information on children who need help will be sent to Love INC. Love INC will then forward the information to the contact person of the respective church.
- **Volunteer Opportunity** – A contact person is needed for Parma-South. A short training session will be conducted by Love INC. Susan Rhee has agreed to be a mentor for the contact person. **We need someone to volunteer** to be that contact person, in order for Parma-South Presbyterian Church to participate.
  - If you would like to volunteer as our contact person, please call the church office. More information is also available at: <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

**Trunk or Treat** – Please join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the church parking lot. There will be candy, crafts, and lots of fun! If you would like to participate, decorate your car, and/or donate candy, please contact the church office.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Our Mission committee has approved Parma-South's participation in Operation Christmas Child again. We were very successful in our first year (2023) collecting 69 boxes.

### **About the Project**

- Selecting an age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) for a boy or girl
- Next - Pack a shoebox with items like school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and treats
- If you are not a shopper, please consider making a contribution toward the processing and shipping of these boxes (a suggested donation is \$10 per box). This will go toward a child who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Now is a great time of year to purchase school supplies, books, summer t-shirts, flip flops, or toys. It sounds like this may be early to think about Christmas, however the **collection week is November 18-25, 2024.**

Additional details will be coming soon. You can also visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>

Please start your collecting items and help express God's love to a child this year. Thank you for your consideration!

**Contact:** Laura Dory (216-581-9364) or email [LMDORY68@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LMDORY68@YAHOO.COM)

All Women, All Churches are Invited!  
**CHRISTIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING**  
**Saturday September 28, 2024**

**Location:** Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
17989 Chillicothe Rd Chagrin Falls OH 44023

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

9-10:00 AM – Coffee, Donuts will be provided

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM -- Worship

11:00 AM to 12:30 -- Theme Discussion

12:30 to 1:15 PM -- Lunch and Fellowship

1:15 PM to 3:45 PM -- Music and Theme Discussion

3:45 PM – Cleanup and Closing Prayer

**Potluck Luncheon at 12:30 PM**

- **For the potluck, please bring something easy to share like sandwiches, salads, munchies, desserts, and beverage.**

So, bring your bible, a coffee cup, and a friend(s) for the day!!! We hope to be done by 4:00 PM, however please join us, for any or all day if you can!

Kindly reply to Dana Flenner at: [Danaflenner56@gmail.com](mailto:Danaflenner56@gmail.com) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>.