



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

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Laura Dory, Lay Reader

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September 29, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise arr. M. Hayes

Call to Worship

We have come here this morning to a place called God's house to meet, greet, and worship with people who are our sisters and brothers in Christ. We have also come to affirm our relationship with One who is our Creator and Parent.

We are present as God's children. We gather to celebrate the nurturing love that helps us grow up, the constructive wisdom that builds faithfulness, the gentle guidance that brings genuine discipline in our lives, the reliable support that steadies us through difficult times.

Let us come together in worship as children of God, as a family formed by a common faith.

*Hymn N^o. 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Call to Confession, and Unison Prayer of Confession

All-Mighty, Ever-Faithful God:

- How often have we relied on our own powers, skills and influences, but forgotten to seek your help and guidance...?
- How easily do we vent our frustrations on others rather than turn to you in prayer to seek strength, patience, and hope...?
- How tempted are we to view ourselves always in the right and everyone else in the wrong...?

Understanding, merciful Heavenly Father, help us shed the burden of "being our own god." Show us the relief—indeed, the joy!—that is ours when we place our lives in your hands. To that end, we offer this prayer in Jesus' name, for we want to follow his example in being faithfully obedient to you. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

No one can boast in God's presence. But God has brought us into union with Christ Jesus, and God has made Christ to be our wisdom.

By Christ, we are put right with God; we become God's holy people and are set free.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new—thanks be to God!

***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.

Anthem Now Thank We All Our God JS Bach

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Genesis Chapters 37-50

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Time for Young Disciples

Sermon Looking Ahead for Hints, or Dr. Fancher
 Looking Back for Helps?

***Hymn N^o. 686** God of Our Life

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 As The Deer arr. M. Hayes

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, as we give our offerings, give us the grace of global perspective. Let us see that we have been given so much more than we could ever use. Loosen our grip on material things by showing us the joy of giving, of serving, and of letting go of our plenty in order to meet the needs of others. And should we find ourselves in a time of need, grant us the grace of dependence, O God. Teach us the joy that comes from being cared for by people around us. Whether in plenty or in want, teach us to bless your name. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 309** Come, Great God of All the Ages

***Charge & Blessing**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again No. 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 O Worship the King arr. J. Raney

***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 symbol, the text "Parma South Presbyterian Church" is written in a blue serif font.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday, September 29, 2024

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

NAME BADGES – Church Members, please wear your name badge, so the new Pastor can get to know everyone.

EVENTS – Please let the office know of any upcoming events. We would like to track these on our Weekly Calendar again and get any new event set as reserved. Thank you.

Rummage Sale

Homestead Hoofers/PSPC Rummage Sale

Date: November 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Set up time is: Wednesday – Friday Evening

Are there any church groups who would like to do a bake sale or simple refreshment? Please let the office know if you are interested in donating any items. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 29

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, September 30

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, October 1

11:00 AM – Care Team – Parlor

Thursday, October 3

4:00 PM – Grief Group – Online

Sunday, October 6

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion

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. Many thanks and blessings.

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

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

World Wide Communion & Peace and Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 6 – The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

The Properties Committee has contracted a landscape company. The Committee members walked the grounds with the owner of the company and 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.

- 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 – Has began 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/>

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

From: Love INC. – Thank You for Your Gift

Thank you for making a difference Parma-South Presbyterian Church! It is only through the generous support of individuals like you that we are able to continue our mission to transform lives throughout Cuyahoga County in the name of Christ.

REID’S STORY

While Reid had been off work due to illness, their expenses were challenging to meet especially surprise ones such as needing a new hot water tank. They were in need of financial help. Reid’s church was able to give his family some funds to help with bills, and Love INC gave them a gift card to help relieve the cost of fuel and groceries. This allowed them to spend their funds on their hot water tank. Love INC also assisted with clothing and toiletries for the family. We followed up with the family to see if they needed additional help, and they said “No.” Later they sent us this email to say thank you:

“Dear Love INC,

My husband and I were so blessed to receive a much-needed big care bag filled with essential household supplies and a couple gift cards and even 3 movies in 1 DVD all about the life of Jesus and a life book.

I thank the Lord for Love INC. Satan has a way of wreaking havoc in our Christian lives that may seem hopeless to some of us, but thankfully God always has a plan! He uses any instrument He chooses to help us in our time of need. We thank the Lord for blessing us through Love INC and for taking the time to pray with us. (Heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness)”

If you would like more information about Love INC or would like to discover additional ways you can get involved, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us at getinvolved@loveinccuy.org or call (216) 459-0302.

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.

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

Sunday October 27th 2-4pm

- YES, I would like to decorate my car and pass out candy.
- YES, I would like to donate candy.
(Please have donations to the church office by Thursday, October 26th)
- YES, I would like to come and trick-or-treat.
of trick-or-treaters: _____
- Name: _____

Please fill out the form if you are interested in participating and/or donating candy and return it to the offering plate or the church office.

Thank you!