



FIRST SUNDAY  
in  
LENT

*Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Pastor**

Renea Schomer, **Lay Reader**

Chris Venesile, **Music Director**

Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**

Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**

**March 9, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

# LENT Lent LENT Lent

*\*Indicates: Please stand in body or spirit, as you may.*

**Reminder: Please sign the attendance book. Thank you.**

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## WELCOME

### The Church Life and Ministry

**Prelude**

**“ Praise To The Lord”**

**arr. R. Loree**

### Call to Worship

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus,  
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone,  
to do God’s will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness,  
but also through the wilderness.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Nº-618**

**“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

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

**We confess to you, O God,  
that we have been tempted by evil  
and have succumbed to sin.**

**You nourish us with your eternal word,  
but we hunger for bread that perishes.**

**You call us to worship you alone,  
but we seek to serve worldly powers.**

**You offer us salvation,  
but we gamble with the gift of life.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Guide us by your Word and guard us with your Spirit, so that we may live  
in faith and follow you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

In Christ's own experience with the struggles of the world,  
he has compassion upon us.

Friends, know that Christ has forgiven our sins  
and invites us into his loving care.

## **\*Gloria Patri N<sup>o</sup>. 581**

**Anthem**

**"Love Unknown"**

**arr. P. Drennen**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scriptures**

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## **Time for Young Disciples**

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

## **SERMON**

**"Cultivating Faith(fulness)"**

**Hymn of Meditation**

**N<sup>o</sup>.783**

**"When We Are Tested"**

## **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**

**"I Belong to the King"**

**arr. R. Loree**

## **\*Doxology N<sup>o</sup>. 606**

## Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn

Nº. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

\*Charge & Blessing

## Congregational Response

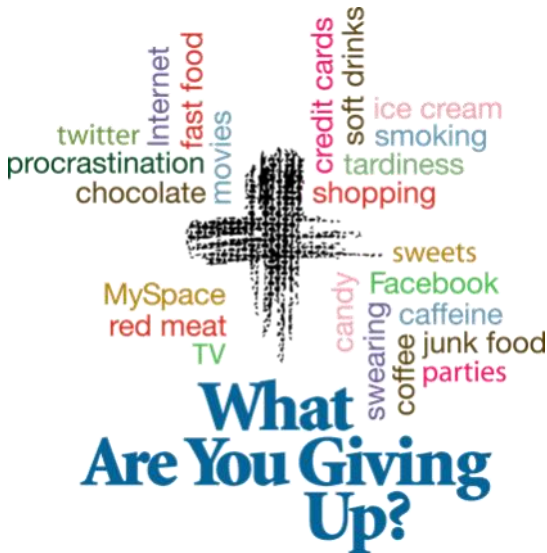
"Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice" (based on Psalm 17) Nº. 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice;  
Listen to my heartfelt prayer.  
In your just deliberation  
May I find redemption there.

\*Postlude

"C Minor Prelude"

J.S. Bach



RSVP



## WEEKLY SOUP SUPPERS

5:30 PM EACH TUESDAY during LENT 2025

March 11th - April 15th

Every Tuesday during Lent, we will share a simple meal and engage in a short devotional. **Do you make a famous soup or chowder you can share?** Please call 440-885-2652 or EMAIL [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org) to sign up to bring in a pot for a week or tell us you are joining us!



# Parma-South Presbyterian Church USA

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 9**

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 AM — Coffee Hour — Dining Room  
3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

### **Monday, March 10**

7:00 PM—Life Group – Parlor  
· Topic: Ephesians

### **Tuesday, March 11**

10:00 AM — Esther Circle Meeting — Parlor  
**5:30 PM Weekly Soup Supper – Dining Room**  
7:00 PM—Scout Troop #263—Social Hall

### **Wednesday, March 12**

6:30 PM— Fellowship Committee Meeting -- Online

### **Sunday, March 16**

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 AM — Coffee Hour—Dining Room  
3:00 PM – Life Group – Online  
6:00 PM – Homestead Hoofers 4H – Social Hall

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**



**Parma-South members and friends** packed 70 shoeboxes for the mission project Operation Christmas Child at the end of 2024. Presbyterian women and others donated \$10 per box for shipping some of the boxes we packed. By following the printed labels on the Samaritan's Purse website we were able to track the boxes we contributed. Our shoeboxes went to three countries this time--Honduras, Columbia, and Peru. Thank you to all who supported our efforts to enrich the lives of the children receiving these boxes by packing gifts for them and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. —Laura Dory

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Submit requests using the back of the attendance sheet or Prayer Request cards available in the pew holders. Place completed cards in the offering plate.

Rose Djukic (healing)

Audrey A.

Denise M. (car accident)

Healing, Samara, Dad, Mom.

### **Please be in prayer with:**

Malcolm Shields, who is in the late stages of Parkinson's and has entered hospice care.

### **ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS**

Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and is now considering a liver transplant. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to: Megan Severson, 2612 Ingra Street, Anchorage, AK 99508

**THE MEN'S SQUARE GROUP** is meeting on, Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 AM at the Denny's on Day Drive in Parma. Our plan this month is to have our group discussion following breakfast, and then work on our current project at the Church. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there!

**Life Group** – This is an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture with the **book of Ephesians**. Join the live Zoom feed

Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998.

**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 hosts an online group on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Contact Debbie at (856) 912-1202. She is also leading in person grief groups on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Strongsville United Methodist Church from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & COMMUNICATIONS**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Weekly Announcements: Submit by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays.**

**Meetings:** This includes scheduling requests or cancellations notices.

**Events:** All upcoming events should be communicated to the church office.

**\*All office communications should be sent to the Office Administrator at [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org).**

# A Sharing Calendar for Lent 2025

Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or a jar.

March 9-14

**Sunday:** *God, open our eyes to your face in every person. Let us see the ways we are all connected with all of Creation. May we as your Church, together, seek love, justice and peace with all. Amen.*

**Monday:** Using the online map, find a PDA partnership near where you live. Say a prayer for those recovering from natural and human-caused disasters.

**Tuesday:** In a natural disaster, people are often unable to access their normal sources of drinking water. Sharing a gift in your fish box will help water reach people who need it.

**Ash Wednesday:** Read Isaiah 58:6-8, 12. Which actions or words stand out to you? Write a prayer of intention for Lent using some of the words from Isaiah 58.

**Thursday:** Think of three people you are thankful for. Find a way to let them know you are thinking about them. Consider sharing a gift in their honor.

**Friday:** Blue T-Shirt Sunday celebrates the ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Wear a blue shirt for worship this Sunday and learn more at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

March 16-21

**Sunday:** *Gather us all around your banquet table, O God, with all who hunger and thirst. May we join, together, to share the abundance you've intended for all. Amen.*

**Monday:** Using the online map, find an SDOP partnership near where you live. Read about the need being addressed and say a prayer for the people involved in that ministry.

**Tuesday:** Social barriers can be like locked doors that hold people back and keep them from thriving as Jesus intended. Make a gift to help open doors so all people can grow and learn freely.

**Wednesday:** Clean water is a necessity for every living thing. Using the online map, find three projects related to water. Give a gift for each faucet in your house.

**Thursday:** What are you thankful for in yourself? God offers gifts and talents to each of us. Make a short list of yours and make them part of a "Thank you, God" prayer.

**Friday:** Millions of Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy fresh food. Make a gift for each grocery store near your home.

March 23-28

**Sunday:** *Encourage us, Creator, when things get difficult. May we draw creativity and hope from your Spirit, and from our partners along the way. Amen.*

**Monday:** Using the online map, find a project or partnership near a location you have wanted to visit, but have never been. Say a prayer for all neighbors whom you have never met.

**Tuesday:** People who care for others also need care. Do something special for the caretakers in your life to say, "Thank you."

**Wednesday:** Wiggly worms and buzzing bees are essential to healthy soils and plants. Give a gift of thanks for all the little things that help the world grow.

**Thursday:** The right supplies make all the difference, whether you are growing crops or learning at school. Remember the last time you had the right tool for a project and make a gift as part of remembering.

**Friday:** Make up a mealtime prayer and use it during meals this weekend. Give a gift in thanks for the food you have.

March 30-April 4

**Sunday:** *God, you say, "Come to the waters" and "Buy wine without money and bread without price." Let us learn by your generosity, the gift of giving what we have to share. Amen.*

**Monday:** Using the online map, find a Presbyterian Hunger Program partnership near where you live. Say a prayer for the people involved in the ministry there.

**Tuesday:** When rain is scarce, special collection systems are built to catch the water so it can be used for growing plants. Give a gift to help bring water to people when it doesn't rain.

**Wednesday:** Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Can you identify a favorite Bible verse about light? Make a gift in honor of the verse.

**Thursday:** Social support and connection are important parts of being healthy. Give a gift of gratitude for one person or place that offers welcome to you.

**Friday:** Teaching healthy food choices and food safety can change the health of an entire community! Make a gift for the healthy foods you had today.

April 6-11

**Sunday:** *Loving God, help us to learn from what others have seen, so that we might grow in understanding across lines of difference. Amen.*

**Monday:** Using the online map, locate a ministry in a country far away from you. What needs are being addressed there? Say a prayer for the people involved in these ministries.

**Tuesday:** Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Make a gift to help ensure healthy food for infants.

**Wednesday:** The vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Visit [pcusa.org/GOHkits](http://pcusa.org/GOHkits) and ask your church to assemble kits for such emergencies.

**Thursday:** Think of all the things people share with you. Write a thank you note to one of these people and give a gift of thanks for their care.

**Friday:** Learn about the Indigenous peoples who inhabited the land where you live. Learn the name they used for the land when they lived there.

April 13-18

**Passion/Palm Sunday:** *Guide us through the paths that feel lonely, assured that you are always with us. Be with us in the darkness as we walk by faith and not by sight. Amen.*

**Monday:** Immunizations give us hope for a day when certain diseases will no longer cause sickness and pain. Give a gift for each immunization you have received.

**Tuesday:** It is estimated that nearly 1 in 11 people around the world will go to bed hungry each night. Make a gift to eliminate hunger.

**Wednesday:** Education helps lift people out of poverty. OGHS helps kids world wide attend school. Make a gift and consider donating books to a local reading program.

**Thursday:** Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by war and disasters. Give a gift for each blanket on your bed.

**Friday:** Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster, especially if the internet isn't working. Give a gift for every phone your family has.

April 20

**Sunday - Resurrection/Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing:** Present the gifts in your coin box to your congregation. Say a prayer for all those who will receive help from your generosity.

For more locations and ministries, go to [pcusa.org/oghsmap](http://pcusa.org/oghsmap) or scan this code.



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