

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio



"We Are Small, We Are Numerous, We Are Deep" — by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

First Sunday Of Lent
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 22, 2026 10:00 AM

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Senior Pastor**
Becca Sivik, **Lay Reader**
Chris Venesile, **Music Director**
Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**
Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**
Thomas Molua, **A/V Team Member**
Kyle Jackson, **A/V Team Member**



Reminder: Please sign the attendance pad located in the pew OR scan the code on the front of the bulletin. Thank you!

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

✠ Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

WELCOME

THE CHURCH LIFE AND MINISTRY — ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“My Tribute”

arr. A. Crouch

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

***OPENING HYMN** No. 505

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

*✠ **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.

We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.

We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.

We have to check our wiggles *and* our questions at the door.

But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.

And all of a sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

We know the answer already.

The Spirit whispers: *of course, of course, of course.*

Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace.

With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

Amen.

*† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's grace is wild and unruly.
God's mercy is abundant and surprising.
God's love is expansive and unending.
So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?"
the answer is and always will be:

of course, of course, of course.

This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 581

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

N. Sleeth

*† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they remained there a few days.

Matthew 13:31-32 (NRSV)

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HYMN N^o. 188 (verse 1 only) “Jesus Loves Me”

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON “Surprise !” Rev. Christin Moreland

HYMN OF MEDITATION “In a Neat & Tidy Garden” (see next page)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Wonderful Words of Life” arr. L. Keiter

***DOXOLOGY** N^o. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** N^o. 771 “What Is the World Like”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

 N^o. 227 “Jesus, Remember Me”
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

***POSTLUDE** “All Hail King Jesus” arr. D. Moody

In a Neat and Tidy Garden

ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7 D (“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Robert Lowry (1875)



In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol



There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:



Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place



What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!



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WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 22

10:00AM – Worship Service — Sanctuary

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(No Coffee Hour)

2:45PM — Life Group Meeting — Online

6:30PM — Organ Discussion Meeting — Zoom®

Monday, February 23

7:00PM — Life Group Meeting — Parlor

7:00PM — Cub Scout Den Meeting — Social Hall

7:30PM — Building for HOPE — Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, February 24

Parma Heights SWAT in Education Wing All Day

5:30PM — Weekly Lent Soup Supper—Dining Room/Gym

Wednesday, February 25

2:30PM — Tech Day — Sanctuary

5:30PM — Session Meeting — Hybrid

Thursday, February 26

1:00PM — Race Wealth Gap Simulation — John Knox PC

6:00 PM — 4H Spin Groups/3D Printing — Parlor

7:00PM — Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sean - in major car accident
Jean Williamson, flu
Barbara Carrig - health concerns
Taralyn grandmother - moving
Kaye Djukic
Jane/John health concerns
Ben Chu - immigration ongoing
Christins mother - eye surgery
Brandmeier baby in NICU
Summers family

Megan Severson - recovery after liver transplant
RECOVERY ADDRESS in Texas through to April:
1912 Arbor St, Unit 1, Houston, TX 77004

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT 2026

WEEKLY SOUP SUPPERS

TUESDAYS
5:30 PM
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24
March 31

FREE

Every Tuesday during Lent, we are sharing a simple meal and engaging 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 or use the QR code to the left, to tell us you will be coming. There is also a sign-up at the "Holy Communication table" in the narthex.

RSVP HERE



NEW MEMBER CLASS

SATURDAY MARCH 7
10:00AM - 1:00PM

EMAIL Pastor Christin:
pastor@parma-south.org
or call the church office.



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.**



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

What does the Lord require of you?

...to do justice

*and to love kindness and to walk
humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

*Responding to Christ's call to ministries of
compassion for the world's most vulnerable.*



February 18 — April 5

What does the Lord require of you?

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