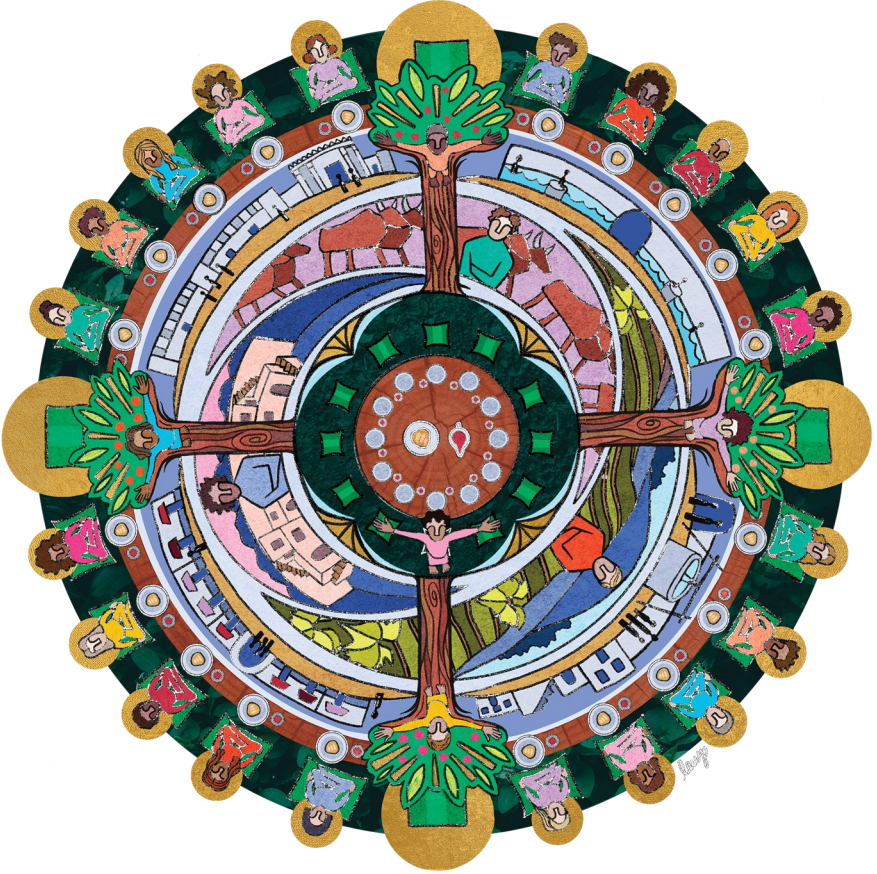


Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio



"There Is Still Room" — by Lauren Wright Pittman

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026 7:00 PM

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Senior Pastor**
Chris Venesile, **Music Director**
Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**
Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**
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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.

PRELUDE “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” F.C. Atkinson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

If God threw a party,
all would be invited.

If God hosted a dinner,
there'd be a seat saved for each of us.

If God prepared a banquet,
a cheer would go up when you arrived.

This is the good news:
God is throwing a party.

God is hosting a dinner.

**God is preparing a banquet,
and all are invited.**

Let us worship this invitational God.

***OPENING HYMN** No. 433

“Sign Us with Ashes”

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 14: 15-24 (NRSV)

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

SERMON

“All Are Invited”

Rev. Christin Moreland

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

arr. T. Paris, L. Larson

*† UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

you invite all of us to your table:

the faithful and the doubting, the restless and the hopeless, the addicted and the lonely, the lost and the confused. You invite all of us, regardless of who we are or where we’ve been, but we fail to do the same. When given the opportunity, we are guilty of casting judgment on our neighbors. We draw lines, assume the worst, create cliques, and accept exclusion.

Forgive our harmful ways. This Lent, show us how to love others the way you love us. With hope we pray, Amen.

*† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, no matter how many times we mess up,
no matter how many times we lose our way,
no matter how many times we decline God’s invitation,
God will never stop inviting us to the table.

There is and always will be a seat saved for you.

So join me in these good news words:

We are forgiven, again and again.

We are invited, again and again.

We are loved, from beginning to end.

Thanks be to God, our Inviter. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 581

HOLY COMMUNION and IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Receiver: In life and death, I belong to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Be Still My Soul" arr. M. Ham

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

***†CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. G. Roberson