# Parma-South Presbyterian Church

6155 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

## World Communion Sunday
## 19th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22
## October 4, 2026 10:00 AM

I am HERE

**Welcome to worship!**
Please scan this QR code or sign the attendance pad located in the pew.

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Senior Pastor**
Rev. Debbie Cerra, **Guest Pastor**
Noa Weatherwax, **C.E. Coordinator**
Chris Venesile, **Music Director**
Laurie Archibald, **Pianist**
Renea Schomer, **Lay Reader**
Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**
Thomas Molua, **A/V Team Member**
Kyle Jackson, **A/V Team Member**

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

**WELCOME**

**THE CHURCH LIFE AND MINISTRY**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (written by Rev. Richard Fairchild http://www.rockies.net/)

Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
**We have a high priest**
**who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses**
He has been tempted in every way, just as we are,
yet was without sin.
**Therefore he is able to save completely**
**those who come to God through him,**
**because he always lives to intercede for them.**
Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

***OPENING HYMN** No. 664 "Morning Has Broken"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You alone, O Lord, can judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Nothing is hidden from your sight. Before you everything is laid bare:**
**our captivity to sin and evil,**
**our devotion to false idols,**
**our neglect for neighbors in need,**
**our abuse of your creation,**
**our wandering from your way,**
**our failure to live by faith.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Write your word upon our hearts. Keep us faithful in your covenant. Guide us in your new and living way. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our great high priest in the house of God.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The Holy Spirit has spoken: "I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more." Now our hearts are cleansed from all evil just as our bodies are washed with water. We can live in hope, confidence, and joy for God is faithful.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Brean and Wine, Wine and Bread" J. Carter/ M. Beall

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE Hebrews 4:12-16 (CEV)**

God's word is alive and powerful! It is sharper than any double-edged sword. His word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts. **13** Nothing is hidden from God! He sees through everything, and we will have to tell him the truth.**14** We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. This is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. **15** Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! **16** So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved grace, and we will find help.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN** No. 188 (verse 1 only) "Jesus Loves Me"

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** "Mercy & Grace" Rev. Debbie Cerra

**HYMN OF MEDITATION**
No. 614 "Great Are You, Lord" (2x)

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

One: The Lord be with you**.**
**Many: And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
One: From every place on this planet, we turn our face to You, O God. You have gathered us from North, South, East and West to pray.
**Many: In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us together in Your love as Your Church.**

One: Blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking Yourself. Though vulnerable and rejected, we thank You for teaching the radical hope of God; for extending grace and mercy to a world determined to get vengeance; for offering love to a world bent on destruction, for bestowing peace to a world determined to tear itself apart.
**Many: Speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to You, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.**

One: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these Your gifts of bread and juice, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together may retell our common stories together, reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together.
**Many: On this World Communion Sunday, may we be one with all who share this feast, and join with all Your children at every corner of Your table.**

One: May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for Your righteousness; may we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for Your justice. O Lord, may we be united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

**Many: Send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Keep us faithful, fruitful, hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of Your Kingdom, to feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm.**

One: Through Christ and in Christ; the One who came for us, died for us, and rose for us; the One who prays for us and offers mercy and grace to us; the One who first taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father…**

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 774 "There is Now a New Creation", v 2

Call the lost and found together;
tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever
and a new life has begun.

***POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Family of Shirley Dash who passed away 9/22
Sharon's sister Judy
Judy Tolve sister Barbara - cancer
Linda Tresise- health concerns
Nancy Indovina-vision
Wendy Hart- health concerns
Rose Djucik
Barb Carrig
Ben Chu - ongoing immigration situation

## This Week at Parma-South

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
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| Worship Service with Communion | Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Parma-South Sanctuary |
| Building for Hope TOUR | Sunday, October 4, 2027 | 11:00 AM | Meet in the GYM |
| Al - Anon | Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Parlor |
| Care Team Meeting | Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Parlor |
| Bible Study | Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 6:00 PM | 2nd Floor Conference Room |
| Yorktown Ladies Car Care Clinic | Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 5:30 PM | Yorktown Garage |
| Men's Square | Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Dining Room |

**Sunday, October 25th after worship service**

**There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service on Sunday October 25 to approve the pastor's 2027 Terms of Call and for the election of the following list of candidates to be presented by Nominating Committee.**

**Session (3 Year terms):**
**1. Cathy DeMoss**

**2. Nate Bugenhagen**
**Nominating Committee (1 year terms):**

**1. Wendy Hart**
**2. Susan Geers**
**3. Claudia Jackson**
**4. Pam Murawski**
**5. Sandy Kardamis**
**6. Kathleen Rice**

**Endowment Committee (3 Year terms):**

**1. Darlene Ells**
**2. John Decker**
**3. Ed Walker**

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*Changing Lives Through Christ*

## HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

On **Saturday, October 24,** Parma-South will be participating in **"Parma Heights Frights"**, a community sponsored event held at **Greenbriar Commons** from **1-4 PM.**

We are asking you for **Halloween candy donations** for Parma-South to hand out at the event. Please support Parma-South's presence at this popular event by dropping off your bags of Halloween candy in the drop box near the church office by **Monday, October 19th.**

## Volunteers Needed!

We are also looking for **volunteers** to represent Parma-South and hand out candy at the "Parma Heights Frights" event.

If you can help at the event, please talk to **Noa Weatherwax.**

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# EXPLORE PARMA-SOUTH

**OUR BUILDING. WHAT COULD HAPPEN HERE?**

## BUILDING TOURS AFTER WORSHIP

Meet in the gym near the stage around 11:00a.m..

**OCT 4**

**TOWN HALL OCT 11**

## HELP US IMAGINE SOMETHING BIG

Parma-South is progressing through the Building for Hope process and seeking bold, sustainable programs that use our building **to meet community needs.**

Tour the upstairs offices, education wing and huge third-floor with Building for Hope guides.

Third-floor room accessible only by stairs.