

**Communion Sunday
February 4, 2018**

SILENT MEDITATION

“The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord.”

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* L. Larson

INTROIT *Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart* M. Parks

CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Schomer

L: We gather for worship in the midst of a broken world.

P: Let us learn of God's way to serve.

L: We gather for worship to build ways of love.

All: For the strengthening presence of God and each other, we
lift our voices in joy and praise!

+*HYMN #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we want to save the world and yet sometimes we cannot even begin to save ourselves. And so we gather our thoughts during this time of prayer and pray for ourselves. Teach us how to rearrange our lives so that what you would have us do is our first priority. Grant us the courage to release what we desire and firmly grasp what you would have us do. Help us to step outside of our comfort zone in your name. Grant us a willing heart to serve you no matter where we are or what we do. Alert us to the needs of those around us, and encourage us to meet that need in love, thereby being the church of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *At the Table of the Lord* J. Martin

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Pledge Envelopes: The 2018 contribution envelopes have been placed in the **Workroom** and are available for pick up. If you would like envelopes and do not see a box with your name on it, please contact Jan Fritzsche at 440-885-2652 between the hours of 1:00-5:00 any weekday except Thursday. She will be glad to prepare one for you.

2018 Annual Meeting: Annual Reports were due on January 29th. **If you have not submitted your report to Karen, please do so as quickly as possible.**

Tidings is here!: For those of you who choose to pick up your copy of the Tidings at church, the February edition of Tidings is now available in the Narthex, Workroom and the Library for your convenience. Copies may also be found online: www.parma-south.org.

Souperbowl of Caring: Sunday, February 4. Our young people will collect a special offering today to alleviate hunger in our area. All proceeds will go to the Parma Heights Food Bank.

Poverty Workshop: Saturday, February 10th 9:00AM – 2:30PM. This training session provides insight and deeper understanding of the challenges that come with living in poverty. Sign up in office. **Deadline to register is Monday, February 5th.**

Valentine's Dinner: February 10th at 6:00 PM. Come and enjoy a great dinner and fellowship on Saturday. The menu will be homemade lasagna, salad, dessert and drink. Our young people will use the proceeds to attend NWMC. The cost is \$15 per person. This is by RESERVATIONS ONLY. Please call the church office to make your reservation. **Deadline to register is Monday, February 5.**

Karen Hildreth, Office Administrator
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Email Address: officeadmin@parma-south.org

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 4 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

1:00 PM - Home Communion

Monday, February 5

9:30 AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Rollhouse Parma Bowling

10:00 AM – Historical Society Archiving – Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 PM - Mission Team - Parlor

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – Multi-Purpose Room

3:00 PM - Life Group - Parlor

6:30 PM - Time of Prayer - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 8

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Rollhouse Parma Bowling

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

7:00 PM – Renewal Team – Susan Rhee's Home

Saturday, February 10

9:00 AM - Poverty Workshop

6:00 PM - Valentine's Dinner

Sunday, February 11

10:00 AM - Worship Service

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Arthur Thiele

Marilyn Weiss

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Our Parents, Three Brothers and Two Sisters by Dwain and

Roseanne Best

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 9:16-23 N.T. p 171

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Faith Stretching"

*HYMN #494 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Reception of Elements

*HYMN #287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

GTG #547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE Give Me Jesus

P. Drennan

Today's Ushers: Ann Kasner, Carol Werner, Kathy Zietlow,
Glenn Hess

"FAITH STRETCHING"

February 4, 2018 I Corinthians 9:16-23

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. We are reminded that God wants to stretch our faith. And just like physical stretching, spiritual stretching is not easy.
2. There are many ways we stretch our faith and one of them is to share it. How do we stretch out to the community around us?
3. Ministry in our community begins by remembering whose ministry it is. We are here on God's behalf and work to God's glory, not our own.
4. I wonder how often Christians of means fail in their ministry because they don't come as a servant. When we enter as the financial saviors, the intellectual know betters and "I've got a solution to your problem fixers" we come from a superior position instead of from a "we are in this together" posture.
5. Adaptive Evangelism – Paul could stretch in many directions because he was willing to adapt to the people. He adapted his behavior, not his message, in whatever was necessary to overcome barriers to the gospel.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Describe the most adventurous thing you've done? Name one thing you learned from the experience.
3. Name a person that led you to faith. Describe how they did that.

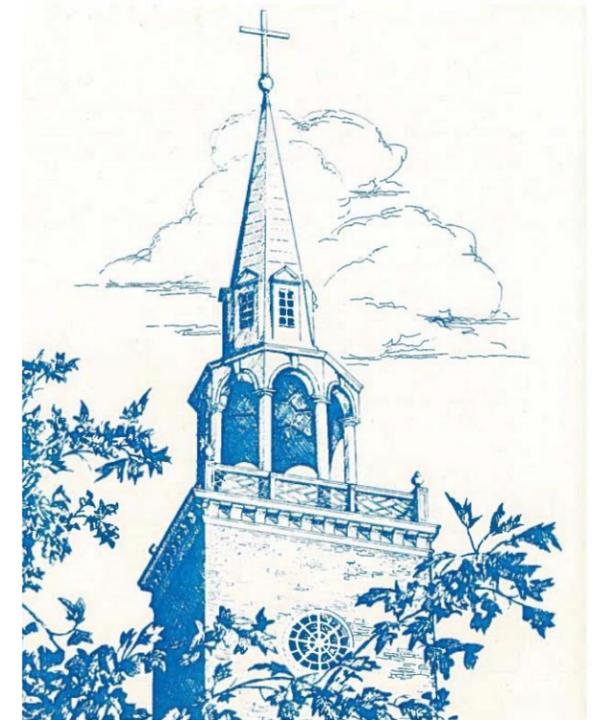
Read I Corinthians 9:16-23

4. What does Paul mean by, "I have become all things to all people."?
5. In what areas of your life is God stretching you? How are you responding to the challenges?
6. Who might God be calling you to share life and good news with?

Life Practice – Write out a brief testimony of your faith. Share it with a Life Group partner or friend.

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Changing lives through Christ



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2018 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers