



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Gina Hansen, Lay Reader

Gwen Beyer, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

April 21, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude

Adoration

D. Wyrtsen

***Call to Worship**

God is like the gentle shepherd,

Leading us beyond our wants,

Leading us beyond our fears,

Leading us to a place of rest,

Where we sing the music of God's love

**And feel new strength to walk through the
valleys and shadows of life.**

***Hymn N^o. 386** Come, Worship God

***Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession**

God our Source of Great Joy: you offer us the gift of happiness, yet we continue to pursue what we *think* will make us happy. You give us a world of companionship, yet we ignore our neighbors and fail to love even our families as we ought. You bless us with the beauty of creation, yet we threaten the planet entrusted to our care. You offer us abundant life, yet we chase after too many material goods. You promise us comfort in sadness and healing in sickness, yet we pretend that our lives are just fine. You have told us not to be afraid—that you walk with us, even through the darkest valleys—yet we live according to the shadows of our fears.

**Merciful God, forgive us for following false pleasure.
Like a tree planted by a running stream, plant us in
your soil and nourish us in what is true, that we might
be rooted in the goodness of all you offer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He will not be merely some distant, future hope; Christ is our present as well.

**Even though our human weakness causes us
to stumble and fall, God gives us power for the
living of these days, and the sure hope of
Eternal Life.**

For God's mercy, let us sing our thanks and praise!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem Hymn of Promise N. Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 23 (NRSV)

Second Lesson Matthew 18:12-14 (Good News Translation)

***Passing of the Peace**

Time for Young Disciples: N° 188, vs 1 "Jesus Loves Me"

Sermon For You Are With Me Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N° 693** Though I May Speak

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory On Wings of Morning R. Nolte

***Doxology N° 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God our Creator: according to the scriptural record you
set aside one day of the week to look back upon your
labors and rest from them. Today we set aside these
treasures for sacred use, looking back to you as the
source of our blessing. Thank you for your love revealed
in Jesus your Son. Amen.**

***Hymn N° 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

***Charge & Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

Because He Lives (Refrain)

Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow,

Because He Lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

All life is worth the living,

Just because He lives!

***Postlude** Sunday Joy M. Hayes

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements and Events

Sunday, April 21, 2024



**PARMA-SOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Church Office Hours: M – F 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 21

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

- Welcome Rev. Dr. John Fancher, Gap Pastor

12:30 PM – April Hike – Meet at Lake Isaac, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

6:00 PM – Homestead Hoofers 4-H Meeting – Social Hall

Monday, April 22

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

Thursday, April 25

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee – Parlor

6:00 PM – Bells Practice – Sanctuary

6:00 PM – Endowment Committee Meeting – Online

7:00 PM – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Sunday, April 28

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today’s lesson and look deeper into today’s scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

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 holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify Nicole at officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR NEW "GAP PASTOR" -- Hi, I'm Jon Fancher, and I'm looking forward to ministry in your midst for the next few months beginning this Tuesday, April 16. For future reference, I encourage you to [save this page](#) or [make note of this number](#): in the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach me quickly, please call or text my personal cell phone at **(440) 263-8872**. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting me. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 21st!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Tags – Please remember to wear your name tags for our new Gap Pastor Jon, who begins today.

Presbyterian Women of the Western Reserve will gather at St. Marks Saturday, April 27. Matt Gesicki from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will provide an overview of common mental health conditions, myths and misconceptions, and outline strategies for communicating with individuals with mental illness. General Presbyter, Sharon Core, will tackle the topic of dealing with change. Her perspective will inform and guide our churches to new attitudes and approaches.

Ongoing Prayer Concern: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers.

Cards can be sent to:

Blake Severson
420 Cherry St.
Anchorage, AK 99504

Welcome - Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher



GAP PASTOR

REV. DR.
JON FANCHER

Sunday, April 21 - Join us at Coffee Hour after worship, as we welcome Rev. Jon Fancher as our New Gap Pastor. Come and introduce yourself, and enjoy some cake and socializing!

April Hike - Lake Isaac

Please Join Us:

Lake to Lake trail in Middleburg Heights.

Sunday, April 21 at 12:30 PM.

Meet up Spot: Lake Isaac

Contact Katie: 216-386-7741

Town Hall Meeting



Next Topic:
Summer!

Your Invited!

Please plan to attend, following the Worship Service. Lunch is provided.



Parma-South Presbyterian
Town Hall Meeting

Presentation by:
The Fellowship
Committee

**Sunday
May 5**



Memorial Day Service

**Monday, May 27
9:30 AM**

Location: Parma-South Front Lawn
*Bring a Lawn Chair.

The service will be led by our Pastor and the American Legion Post 703.

The Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will greet visitors at the front doors.

Annual Strawberry Festival

Parma-South's Annual

**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 2 | 11AM - 1PM

