

PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

7th Sunday of Easter – Lectionary Year A Sunday, May 28, 2017/ 10:30 AM Service

- Everyone is asked to sign the **Friendship Folder** at the end of each pew.
- **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder toward the center aisle, and then return it to the outside aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshippers.
- **For sight impaired worshippers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.
- Unless otherwise announced, please join us in Heritage Hall following worship for donuts and coffee.

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

BRYN CALFARIA/Michael Ryan

CHORAL INTROIT

Surely the Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68

One: *Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.*

All: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

One: *Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.*

All: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

One: *Let us worship God!*

OPENING PRAYER: *We sing praises to you, O God; we raise a psalm in your honor. You clothe us in all goodness; we are draped in accordance with your design. As you have sent Jesus Christ to make your will known, you promise your Holy Spirit to guide us along your path. As your holiness fills our halls, hear us as we worship your name. Amen.*

*OPENING HYMN #265 (Purple Hymnal)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

LITANY OF ASSURANCE:

One: Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may be glad when Christ's glory is revealed.

ALL: To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

One: Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that in due time God may exalt you.

ALL: To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

One: Cast all your anxieties on God, for God cares about you.

ALL: To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

One: Be sober, be watchful. Your enemy the devil prowls around seeking someone to devour.

ALL: To God be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #579: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT

1 Peter 4:12-14 (Page 235)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

We invite children, parents and the young at heart to come forward while the congregation is singing.

WE CELEBRATE A TIME FOR FAMILIES

Sharon Clegern

SERMON

"This is a Test."

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, let us return the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Give as you have made up your heart, mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, but to the glory of God.

[Please place completed friendship sheet in the offering plate during the offering portion of the service.]

OFFERTORY

Beati Mortui

Mendelssohn

*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit,
that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them.*

*DOXOLOGY #592: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: *You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. As your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that you do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in bringing your sons and daughters to a greater sense of your glory. Amen*

*CLOSING HYMN #733 (Purple Hymnal)

We All Are One in Mission

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Our Christ Ascends

Todd Kendall

LITURGIST FOR THE DAY: Barb Imm AMBASSADOR: Debby McWhorter

The flowers are given by Denise Bien in memory of her father, Roy Zentmeyer, who served as a mechanic in the Navy in WW II.



Pleasant Ridge
Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 28, 2017

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Please email announcements to comm@prpc.org by **Wednesday at 12:00 noon** to be considered for the bulletin.

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK: NEWS TO KNOW

PW MEETING TO APPROVE REPORT OF DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE: A brief meeting following worship today will be held in the Sanctuary to receive and approve the report of the PW Disbursement Committee. All women of the church are urged to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY

PICNIC



The Annual PRPC Memorial Day Picnic will take place tomorrow at noon on May 29th. Deacons will provide drinks, table ware and fried chicken! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know what you will be bringing. The Jump N Jive Band will be leading us in some patriotic songs and we will have a time to remember our Veterans. Please join us!

Life After Loss: A Five Week Journey Toward Healing (LAST SESSION) Wednesday May 31 at 1:00 in the Library. We will be reflecting on our experiences and on C.S. Lewis' Book, *A Grief Observed*. Rev. Amy Snow will be facilitating this group. Please contact her if you have any questions: revamysnow@prpc.org or 631-9707 ext. 102.

Next Sunday June 4th Pentecost: This will be a busy Sunday morning! We will be led in worship by our youth and children, partaking of communion, welcoming new members, and participating in the ordination and installation of new officers. **Remember to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the church, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and all the local blessings at PRPC!**

Pentecost Offering on June 4th : Focusing on the first third of life: Ministries supported by the Pentecost Offering reach people during this critical stage. Children, youth and young adults develop their spiritual moorings through supportive communities, caring mentors, and faith-related nurture and service. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering support local and national efforts of faith formation in the first third of life, with 40% of the proceeds staying here, while 60% is used to support national PCUSA initiatives focused in this area. Nationally, 25% supports the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program that provides young people with a year of volunteer service and a lifetime of change. A second 25% goes to ministries with youth including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium which teens from our congregation have attended. The remaining 10% helps at risk children and youth. PRPC Mission Committee has selected our TeamWorks after school program which provides tutoring, enrichment activities and mentoring to students from Pleasant Ridge Montessori School as the recipient of the 40% we retain. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Please give generously and support the future of our young people.

IN THE CHURCH: UPDATES WITH SESSION AND DEACONS

May Session Highlights: The full agenda of the May 22 Session included regular monthly reports and important new business. Here are some of the highlights. Mission Committee reports that the next Habitat for Humanity project -in Madisonville has received approval. Volunteer signup will be publicized soon. Building and Grounds Committee reports that the deteriorating columns at the sanctuary entrance will be replaced. In case you missed the May 14 Congregational Meeting, officers were elected as follows: for Elder, two year terms, Mary Abbott, Steve Hammelrath, and Dorothy Solt: and for Deacon, three year terms, Linda Baden, Tom Crosby, and AJ McNeil. A nice bit of news from last month: Trader Joe's is contributing a weekly bag of groceries for the Little Pantry on Montgomery Road.

Vision 2020: The Session recently approved a Task Force called the Vision 2020 Taskforce that will be doing some work over the next few months to discern God's call for us at PRPC as we move ever forward over the next few years. The official charge is: The Vision 2020 Taskforce will prayerfully discern together a framework for the Session of the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church strategically, financially, and missionally to work within for a three-year period. This Taskforce will make recommendations to be voted on in concern for but not limited to the church budget, endowment, leadership, staffing, building usage, programming, worship and mission emphasis as we all move forward together to address the challenges to remain faithful to our calling as a sustainable and missional church. The members of this task force are: Don McLennan (Chair), Steve Hammelrath, Marcie Crosby, Rebecca Huffman, and Leah Hoover. Please keep them and this process in your prayers as they start their work.

Deacon News: Spring Cleaning Time....in August! We have got the cleaning bug! If you would like to join your Deacon friends, please sign up at the Welcome Desk and we will keep you in the loop for our small projects. Or next BIG PROJECT – cleaning Judd Kitchen will begin after church on August 13th (wear old clothes to church) continuing Monday August 14th! Mark your calendars. We will need LOTS of HELP!

IN THE CHURCH: UPCOMING THIS MONTH

International Hospitality Network News: We will be hosting IHN the week of June 18th. To be a part of this ministry, please check out our sign-up board available in Heritage Hall. For more information and questions, please email Christina Freund at Christina.prpc@gmail.com.

PRPPS Summer Camps: Our Preschool has openings for Summer Camps for the last weeks of June for ages 3-7 year. Please see our webpage at www.prpc.org or contact Anna at [513.631.0170](tel:513.631.0170)

The Tuesday Night Lent Devotional Group will be going to dinner Tuesday, June 20th at 7 PM at Nine Giant. As we move up Montgomery Road we would like to invite the congregation to join us as we enjoy local microbrews and delicious appetizers. If you are interested in joining us please e-mail Scott Hatch at cincihatch4@gmail.com or call him [513-396-7041](tel:513-396-7041) as we would like to make a group reservation by Friday June 16th

Summer News: Please note that as summer is approaching, we will be moving worship into Heritage Hall as we did last year. This will start on June 25 and go through 3 September. One experiment that we will be trying this summer as well is to move away from our typical print bulletins and utilize our projection abilities. In other words, the liturgy and songs will be projected on the screen. This is a big step for all of us and we thank you ahead of time for being playful enough to try something new and see where it goes!

Summer Worship Changes: Communion on July 2 will be moved to July 9 and August 6 will be moved to August 13 at the 10:30 services due to both pastors being out of town.

Summer Building Hours: The building will be open starting the week of June 5th, Monday-Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM, closed on Fridays leading up to Labor Day. During the summer, any bulletin requests will need to reach Jennifer by Tuesday, 3 PM.

Don't forget! Honor a family member or friend with flowers on the altar. The Flower Guild is setting up the calendar for the year. The arrangements are done by Greenes Florist for \$40.00. Contact Barb Stringer at 677-1737 or bstring9@aol.com with any questions or to select a date for your flowers



BE A SUPER HERO AND JOIN US

FOR VBS 2017!

For children entering Kindergarten through Cost: \$10 per child (payable on opening night of VBS; scholarships available upon request)

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

WHEN: July 9-July 13 at 6 PM

WHERE: Right here at PRPC!

To register please visit our site: <https://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/prpc>

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, May 28

8:20 am: Child Care (Room 101)

8:30 am: Worship (Chapel)

10:30 am: Worship (Sanctuary)

Following Service: PW Disbursement Meeting

4 pm: Yoga (Heritage Hall)

Mon, May 29

12 pm: Memorial Day Picnic (Heritage Hall)

Wed, May 31

1:00 pm Life after Loss: Five Week Program (Library)

7:00 pm: Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Sat, June 3

9:00 am: Church Leaders: Conflict Seminar w/ Rev. Amy Snow

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Joanne Porter**, Hospice
- **Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Mary Jane Bogart**, Health Concerns
- **Burnett Family**, Fred's brother Mike is in hospice
- **Bill Clegern**, husband of Sharon, Health Concerns
- **Myrtle Davis**, grandmother of Christina Freund, passed away
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health Concerns
- **Marjorie Evert**, recovering from broken ankle
- **Marian Fenker**, Health Concerns
- **Dorothy Fisher**, recovering from fall
- **The Rev. Dr. Bob Hoover**, father of Leah Hoover, Health Concerns
- **Allison McGrath**, Additional Cancer treatment-prayers and positivity appreciated
- **Debby McWhorter**, passing of her mother
- **Val Mohr**, Health Concerns
- **Sheila Potter**, Health Concerns

- **Phyllis Shea**, Health Concerns
- **Bob Strom**, father of Marcie Crosby, Health Concerns
- **Tom Wall**, Health Concerns
- **Tom Wise**, Health Concerns
- **Ann Wood**, Health Concerns
- **Betty Zentmeyer**, Health Concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Noah Imm** – Grandson of Susan Imm, Nephew of Abbe & Barb Imm
- **James Ohlweiler** – Member of congregation
- **Katie Rupp** – Friend of the Imm Family
- **Evan Sofar** – Friend of Myriam Engelken

Mission Co-Workers:

- **McGill Family**, serving in Malawi
- **Turk Family**, serving in Madagascar

Church Leaders:

- **Vision 2020 Taskforce**

Church Staff:

- **Christina Freund**

Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Missions.

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of May: 29 Patricia Adams.

Month of June: 3 Nancy Record, Judith Trefzger, 4 Allen Hill, Linda Baden, Allison Hatch, 8 June Davis, Allison McGrath, 10 Gerri Jacobs, Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, William Farnham, 12 Christopher Braverman, 13 Beverly DeLon, Elizabeth Hammelrath, 19 Kristen Bishop, 21 Brian Davis Lydia Knutson, Miriam Knutson, 24 Lori Thomas, Nolan Davis

OUR STAFF

Sharon Clegern, *Director of Family Ministries*

Christina Freund, *TEAM Works Coordinator*

Theresa Merrill, *Organist*

Dr. Thomas G. Merrill, *Director of Music*

Claire Noack, *Financial Administrator*

Andrea Nolan, *Child Care Coordinator*

Anna Rapp, *Director of Preschool*

Rev. Amy Snow, *Director of Congregational Care*

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