

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church

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

5th Sunday in Lent – Lectionary Year B Sunday, 18 March 2018/10:30 AM Service

- Everyone is asked to sign the **Ministry of Friendship Pad** 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 pad 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.
- **For hearing impaired worshippers:** Hearing Aide Devices 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

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johann Heermann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give us faith that when you come, like the wind, though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us and discern your movement.

ALL: Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of the flame: let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives. May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.

One: Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home with us: truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us, and truth to lead us in the way of your will.

ALL: Give us an open heart, Lord, that we may see all people for your realm, and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word. Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and in every generation.

ALL: Come, wind, come, fire, come, truth, come, love.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Glory to you, our God! Glory to you! Holy Spirit, Lord and Comforter, Spirit of truth everywhere present, filling all that exists, treasury of good gifts and source of life, come and dwell in us; cleanse us from all sin and in your love brings to salvation: God, holy; God, strong and holy; God, holy and immortal; bestow your blessings on us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #718 (Purple Hymnal)

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

*CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong- body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*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 LESSON

Galatians 5:22-26 (Page 191)

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

The Seeds of Sacrament

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 offering plate during offering portion of service.]

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Lauren Maynus, Soloist, Soprano

*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: O God of boundless love, You restore our strength through faith in Your goodness. You look with favor upon us and through Christ redeems us. You take not yourself from us, but promise Your presence through the gift of Your Spirit. You come from behind to push us, and go before us as our guide. Accept now what we bring You in response to Your encompassing care of us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #209 (Purple Hymnal)

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. K Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Procession to Calvary

John Stainer

The flowers are given by Marian Fenker to the Glory of God in memory of husband Edward.

LITURGIST FOR THE DAY: Tom Crosby AMBASSADOR: Nancy Wickemeyer



Pleasant Ridge
Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, 18 March, 2018

Please email announcements to comm@prpc.org by **Tuesday, 3:00 PM** to be considered for the bulletin.

IN THE CHURCH: LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Body and Soul Series: Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda will be holding a 6-part series on The Heidelberg Catechism-from 9:30- 10:15 am in our library. This series explores how the Heidelberg Catechism, a classic expression of faith, addresses the everyday anxieties people face and helps bring us closer to God.

The schedule is as follows:

18 March -Body and Soul: The Spirit and the Sacraments

25 March -Body and Soul: The Grateful Life

1 April- Body and Soul: Teach Us to Pray

Tuesday Night Lenten Devotional: March 20 & 27 Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor by Jana Riess. Deacon's will once again host a Tuesday night Lenten Devotional series at Molly Malone's at 6:30 PM.



March 31st: McWhorter Film Series presents: Chocolat 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

A woman and her daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French village that shakes up the rigid morality of the community.

~Pizza, pop and popcorn will be provided~

March 21st: Soup Supper and Worship at RLPC during Lent!

This Lent our congregation is joining with Wyoming, Crestview, and Reading-Lockland to experiment in joint worship and sharing a meal on Wednesday nights. The worship leadership is being provided by Rev Amy Snow, is from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please contact her for more details and with any questions

IN THE CHURCH: HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Save The Date!

March 29th, Maundy Thursday: Pot Luck Dinner 6pm / Tenebrae Service 7pm.
More information to follow!

HOP OVER to PRPC and JOIN IN THE FUN!

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews & neighbor's children to
PRPC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st!

We welcome toddlers and children through the 5th grade.

Bring your Easter baskets and meet in Heritage Hall at 10:00 am.

Please note: *If you have any plastic eggs that you can part with, please bring them to the front desk for Cheryl Hatch.*



IN THE CHURCH: NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE date has been set! The sale is scheduled for Friday, April 27 from 2-6pm and Saturday, April 28 from 9am-2pm. Rummage sale donations are accepted year round ... so you don't have to wait. Items we can take at this time include clothing, household and kitchen items, linens, books, tools, decor items, toys and more! There is limited space so please call first if you have larger items (tables, chairs, dressers, etc). Contact Judy Davis @ 351-1080 to make arrangements. Tell your friends and neighbors their items will be accepted too!!!! Items should be relatively clean and in working order. We take most items however we can't accept televisions, computer monitors, tires, large appliances or items with Freon. If in doubt, call first.



SOMETHING NEW! The Rummage Sale has a special area for those items that are "Better than Rummage". If you have nicer items you would like to donate, please contact Judy to schedule drop off. Details will follow as the date approaches. The committee is looking for 1-2 people to help with coordination the week of the sale. Please call Judy for more information. Thank you.

Volunteers still needed! Anyone interested in Volunteering as a Front Desk Host during our Sunday service hours, email comm@prpc.org or contact Jennifer during her office hours Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm to reserve your date.

From the Flower Guild: If you have donated flowers previously, you hold that date, no need to call; we'll call you to confirm. These Sundays look open for 2018:, April 29, & August 19. If you are interested in one of these dates, please call Barb Stringer at 677-1737.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Congratulations to David Olweiler!

Recipient of Makateewa Service Award – Highest Honor For Service to Our Local Boy Scout District



Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Preschool will be hosting a fundraiser this on Tuesday, April 10th from 4 to 9 pm at Grand Central Delicatessen. When you purchase your meal mention the school's name and follow the restaurant's instructions to receive 15% of your meal's price donated back to Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Preschool. If you think you may be able to attend please sign up we have to have at least 20 RSVPs in order for this event to happen. The link is <https://www.groupraise.com/events/56375>

We are excited to host our 3rd Annual Donuts for Dudes event on March 23, 2018. This event has a two-fold purpose of welcoming the special males in our children's lives into the building to spend time with the children, and to help the men in our community know various ways that they can connect with the school and support their children. The event will engage the whole school community in celebrating men that morning; children will have the opportunity to have the special males in their lives join us here at school for activities, coffee and donuts. Children who are unable to have a special male join them that morning will engage with male volunteers from various local businesses, fraternities, etc. in the classrooms while sharing donuts and juice. The event will be held from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at PRM on Friday, March 23rd. PRM is asking for your help in supporting the children in the classroom who are unable to have a special male join them that morning. We want every child to feel supported, and to meet a variety of male role models in our community. If you are able to join us that morning, you would be assigned to a classroom and you would simply visit with the children. They will serve donuts and coffee for you at this time.



If you are willing to act as a volunteer please sign up using the link at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa8a822a1ff2-donuts>.

The Caring Place: We are offering our clients food to make a nice Easter breakfast, including pancake mix, syrup, fruit, eggs, butter and a choice of bacon or sausage. If you'd like to contribute any amount toward it, that would be most welcome! Please place the food in the Heritage Hall Barrell. Any funds could be collected by Jo Ann Ruff or mailed to: The Caring Place, 6312 Kennedy Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45213. Thank you for your continued support.

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Mar 18

- 8:20 am:** Child Care (Room 101)
8:30 am: Worship (Chapel)
9:30 am: Body and Soul Series (Library)
10:30 am: Worship (Sanctuary)
***Deacons Meeting following after worship**
5:00 pm: Yoga (Heritage Hall)

Mon, Mar 19

- 11:00 am:** Tai Chi (Heritage Hall)
12:00 pm: PR Garden Club Meeting (Library)
7:00 pm: Boy Scout Troop 6 (Judd Hall)

Tues, Mar 20

- 5:30 pm:** Building & Grounds Meeting (Library)

Wed, Mar 21

- 2:30 pm:** TEAM Works (Heritage Hall/Library/Classrooms)
6:30 pm: Cadet Troop #42352 (Judd Hall/Scout Room)
7:00 pm: Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Mar 22

- 7:30 pm:** Choir (Choir Room)

Fri, Mar 23

- 10:00 am:** Metallic Club Heritage Hall
5:00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sat, Mar 24

- 12:00 pm:** TEAM Works Clean Up (IHN area)
6:00 pm: Wedding (Sanctuary)

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Bill Clegern**, husband of Sharon, passing of brother and Health concerns
- **David York**, passing of father-Rev. Tom York
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Marcie Crosby**, passing of her Aunt
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health concerns
- **Marian Fenker**, passing of family member and Health concerns,
- **Bryant Hargrave**, grandson of Diane Hargrave, Health concerns
- **Cheryl Hatch**, recovering from knee surgery
- **The Rev. Dr. Bob Hoover**, father of Leah Hoover, Health concerns
- **Susan Imm**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Bob McCormick**, Health concerns
- **Allison McGrath**, Cancer treatment

- **John Mohr**, Health concerns
- **Val Mohr**, Health concerns
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns
- **Emily Morgan**, recovering from surgery
- **Nancy Schmidt**, health concerns for her husband, Carl
- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns
- **Ann Wood**, Health concerns
- **Jim Woodcock**, brother of Jo Ann Woodcock, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Noah Imm** – Grandson of Susan Imm, Nephew of Abbe & Barb Imm

Mission Co-Workers:

- **McGill Family**, serving in Niger and South Sudan
- **Turk Family**, serving in Madagascar

Staff and Church Leaders:

- **Deacons**
- **Andrea Nolan**

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 March: 1 Ann Wood, 5 Anna Goldhahn, 9 Ginger Todd, 13 George Horning, 15 Jane Eyler, 16 Larry Gillihan, 17 Pam Savas, 18 Vera Lambert, Lynn Adams, 22 Sara Jane King, 23 Valerie Mohr, Joyce Segal, 26 Joyce Horning

OUR STAFF:

Sharon Clegern, Director of Family Ministries
Theresa Merrill, Organist
Dr. Thomas G. Merrill, Director of Music
Andrea Nolan, Child Care Coordinator
Anna Rapp, Director of Preschool

Rev. Amy Snow, Director of Congregational Care
Jennifer Sullivan-Golubich, Church Administrator
Rev. Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, Pastor & Head of Staff

Easter Sunday Flowers



Please complete the form below and leave it in the collection plate on Sunday or mail with your check marked for Easter flowers and payable to:

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church
5950 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213
Attention: Easter Flower Order

Deadline is NEXT SUNDAY, March 25th

____ Lily Plant(s)
____ Daffodil Plant(s)
____ Tulip Plant (s)
____ Hyacinth Plant(s)
_____ Total cost @ \$10.00 per plant

Please MARK Appropriate Designation whether *In Memory* or *In Honor of*:

In Memory / In Honor of:

Relationship to Donor:

_____	_____
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You may pick up your plant(s) on Sunday, April 1st after the 10:30 AM service in the Sanctuary.

Please contact Debby McWhorter with any questions at 513-351-8672.

Donor Name: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Phone: _____