

# PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Lectionary Year B

Sunday, 21 January 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

*Amazing Grace*

*arranged by George Shearing*

CHORAL INTROIT

*Surely the Presence*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

**ALL: God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.**

One: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.

**ALL: Our trust is in the Lord. We worship the living God.**

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: You are our rock and our strength, O God, and in You rests our deliverance. You defend us in the midst of adversity; You protect us from ultimate harm. You humble the mighty with acts that manifest Your transcendent power; the lowly You comfort with Your tender embrace. We gather this day, saved by Your mercy. Hear now our praises as we herald Your greatness. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN #463 (Purple Hymnal)

*How Firm a Foundation*

*FOUNDATION*

\*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: **God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we make our confession. Christ preaches repentance; we do not heed His call. Your new day is proclaimed; we dwell on the past. We turn not from our evil ways, nor do we sacrifice those treasures that give us status. We say we obey You, but our deeds betray us. By Your grace renew us, and cleanse us of sin**

*(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: Hear the good news: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." God is merciful and just, and Jesus Christ promises redemption to all that believe. As we turn from our old ways and respond with faith to Christ's call, we receive the assurance that we shall be saved. 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

Mark 1:14-20 (Page 35)

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

Steve Hammelrath

ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace with Psalm 62*

MERRILL

SERMON

*Let it Go*

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

*Fishing in Different Waters*

MERRILL

**\*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: Eternal Source of refuge and trust, our days are filled with Your abiding presence. We awaken with the dawn of new life. We labor with assurance that You bless the work of our hands. We sleep at peace in the promise of Your protection and care. All that we are and all that we do are signs of Your benevolent deliverance. Accept now the gifts we bring You as tokens of our unending devotion. Amen

\*CLOSING HYMN #169 (Purple Hymnal)

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

REST

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

*Built On the Rock*

*Kirken Den Er Et Lindeman, arr. Gordon Young*

The flowers today are given by Mary Abbott to the Glory of God in honor of her parents.

LITURGIST FOR THE DAY: Barb Stringer AMBASSADOR: Joyce Thoma



Pleasant Ridge  
Presbyterian Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, 21 January, 2018

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

### IN THE CHURCH

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have election of new officers and approval of terms of call for the pastor prior to worship in the sanctuary. Following worship, a special report of the Vision 2020 process and goals, as approved by the session to guide us a church over the next three years, will be held in Heritage Hall. Please plan on attending all the important activities next Sunday.**

**Here is the list of NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICE to be presented to congregation on January 28, 2018.**

ELDER (Class of 2021): Carol Burnett, Claire Hughes, Don McLennan

DEACONS (Class of 2021): Marge Hammelrath, Sarah Koehler, Lorna McCafferty, Brenda Weaver

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Ray Bogart, Scott Hatch, Jeannette Marshall.

**A very special thank you to our Ambassadors.** Another year has passed and these wonderful ladies meet and greet our members and potential new members every Sunday morning. They are there to answer questions and direct individuals in the right direction. All 13 ladies have done an awesome job, but I want to especially thank Sue Imm, Jo Ann Ruff and Dorothy Fisher for their 22 years of constant service to the Ambassadors. There are 3 other ladies who have served for over 12 years they are Mary Jane Bogart, Shelley Horning and Betty Merriman. Thank you ladies for all you do... Mary Overman

**Calling all Volunteers!** Anyone interested in Volunteering as a Front Desk Host during our Sunday service hours, email [comm@prpc.org](mailto:comm@prpc.org) or contact Jennifer during her office hours Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm to reserve your date.

**Offertory Envelopes:** Envelopes are available by request for those who used them last year. Please email Jennifer at [comm@prpc.org](mailto:comm@prpc.org) or call her at the church

During these Winter months please take note of when our building is closed due to inclement weather. Anytime the Cincinnati Public Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather, our church building will be closed along with the Preschool, and ALL Volunteers and Staff are not to report. Please be mindful we do not know any sooner than the public when CPS will be closed. When the weather is behaving--we are open Monday-Friday 9:00 am -4:00 pm.

### GRATITUDE IN THE COMMUNITY



Appreciation for the generosity of PRPC...from Pleasant Ridge Montessori School!

We received an update this week from the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School with good news from the Uniform Challenge that we supported in August. The school has been able to fully outfit 87 children with uniforms and accessories from the generous hearts at PRPC and another non-profit sponsor. The school expressed their appreciation and followed up with thank you notes.

One PRMS teacher, who had several children in her class outfitted with a uniform, wrote.....

“Thank you for donating school uniforms to our school, PRM. We’re lucky to have you in our community” and a student sent us this, “Thank you for giving me uniforms and helping me learn.” ~ Emma ~

## THIS WEEK AT PRC

### Sun, Jan 21

- 8:20 am:** Child Care (Room 101)
- 8:30 am:** Worship (Chapel)
- 10:30 am:** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm:** Scottish Dancers
- 5:00 pm:** Yoga (Library)

### Mon, Jan 22

- 11:00 am:** Tai Chi (Heritage Hall)
- 6:00 pm:** Boy Scouts Troop 6 (Judd Hall/Scout Room)
- 7:00 pm:** Session/Deacons Meeting ( Library/Narthex)

### Tues, Jan 23

- 6:00 pm:** Girl Scouts (Judd Hall)

### Wed, Jan 24

- 7:00 pm:** Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

### Thurs, Jan 25

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

### Fri, Jan 26

- 10:00 am:** Metallic Club

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

### New Prayer Concerns:

- **Eric Thompson**, Heath concerns for his mother
- **Jim Woodcock**, brother of Jo Ann Woodcock, Health concerns
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Bill Clegern**, husband of Sharon, Health concerns
- **Crosby Family**, passing of Bob Strom, Marcie's father
- **Forbriger Family**, passing of William, Nancy's grandson
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health Concerns
- **Marian Fenker**, Health Concerns
- **Leah Hondorf**, Health concerns friend of the Imm family
- **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
- **Tom Merrill**, passing of his father
- **John Mohr**, Health concerns
- **Val Mohr**, Health Concerns
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns
- **Emily Morgan**, recovering from surgery
- **Sophie Wappus**, niece of Rev Amy Snow, Health concerns
- **Tom Wise**, Health Concerns
- **Ann Wood**, 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

*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 January:** 2 James Todd, 3 Senour Hunt, Maddy McGrath, 7 Nathan Record, 8 Cynthia Fesmire, Steve Hammelrath, 9 Barbara Stringer. 10 Richard Record, 15 James Ohlweiler, Angela Hunt, Trevor Hunt, 16 Beatrice Lampkin, Gretchen McCormick, Kenneth Suer, 17 Charles Studley, 22 Alice Bingham, 23 Janet Jenner, 30 Glenn Montague.

## 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