

# PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Lectionary Year A

Sunday, October 22, 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	<i>Prelude in Classical Style</i>	Gordon Young
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Surely the Presence</i>	<i>arr. Merrill</i>

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP		Psalm 99
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One: You are the Lord; let the peoples tremble! You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**ALL: You are exalted over all the peoples. Hear us as we praise your great and awesome name. You indeed are holy.**

One: Lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**ALL: We will extol you, O Lord our God, and worship at your footstool.**

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: *All of our lives are full of your mercy, O God; wherever we turn you are sure to be there. If we are found in the depths of depression, you lift up our spirits with the hope of new life. When we bound to the heights of ecstasy, you rejoice with us and make our feet light. You surround us with your Spirit who knows our needs before we announce them. We give you all praise, O God of all life. Amen.*

*OPENING HYMN #81 (Purple Hymnal)	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	AUSTRIAN HYMN
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### \*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

**Lover of justice, distinctions becomes blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations, and reclaim us from error when we obey not your will.**

*(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

Remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah when he wrote: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when ... I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Therein lies our assurance. 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

Matthew 22:34-40 (Page 25)

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

ANTHEM

*Come Sound His Praise Abroad*

MERRILL

SERMON

*The Focal Point*

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

*Holy Manna*

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: O God, we hear about the cost of discipleship. Nothing less than our whole life is required. We dedicate these gifts in response to Christ's call, and offer ourselves in full commitment. Take us and mold us according to his will. We pray that who we are may be acceptable, what we do may find favor, and that which we give will reflect your love. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #716 (Purple Hymnal)

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Gordon Young

LITURGIST FOR THE DAY: Tom Crosby AMBASSADOR: Shelley Horning

*Flowers are given by Julie Hoerst in loving memory of grandparents, Frank and Charlotte Hoerst and Bob and Helen Flick.*



Pleasant Ridge  
Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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

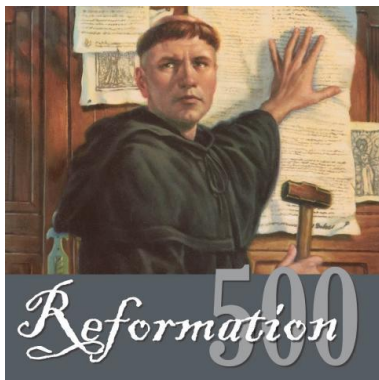
IN THE CHURCH NEWS

**“SPOOKS and FRIGHT NIGHT” Jr High Party**

Friday, October 27 at 6 – 9 pm

Please join us for: a COOK-OUT of devilish delights, ghoulish GAMES, freaky FUN, creepy SNACKS, scary MOVIE, & (quite literally) GHOSTS in the Graveyard!

RSVP Sharon Clegern at [sclegern@prpc.org](mailto:sclegern@prpc.org) 513-482-0811 **\*\*Sponsored by PRPC CE/ Jr. High Committee\*\***

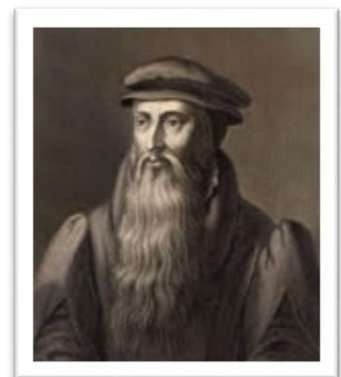


This year as we celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. We will also be celebrating Heritage Sunday in our church as we recognize members of those who have been members of the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church for 50 continuous years or more. In addition, we will recognize members who have dedicated significant time and energy to the service and mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the ministries of *Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church* and the wider community in which we live.



Please join us for the 10:30 am service on October 29<sup>th</sup> and stay for the reception following the service as we celebrate loyal relationships with this church and through the many years of service to Jesus Christ, the Lord of all life.

Starting next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, we will be having a three week series (29 October, 5 and 12 November) on John Knox. This will begin at 9:30 am and go to 10:15 am in Heritage Hall.





## Presbytery of Cincinnati

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in southeastern Indiana, northern Kentucky, and southwestern Ohio

Community Learning Clusters will be in session starting **this Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Innovation Center at Xavier University. Meetings will be held from 8:30 am- 12:30 pm. Come learn and grow with other congregations as they address these topics: ~How do we engage with Millennials? ~ How do we engage with our neighbors? ~ How do we contribute to racial reconciliation? For more information, contact Jeuanita at [2.0transformation@gmail.com](mailto:2.0transformation@gmail.com) or 513-791-1153

**Monro Circle will meet again Wed., Nov 1, at 10:30 AM for Bible Study "CLOUDS OF WITNESSES" a study of the book of Hebrews led by Rev. Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda.** We are on lesson two and three. Our business meeting will follow at 11:30 AM. Everyone bring a brown bag lunch –dessert will be available. *Even if you are not a member please attend-Everyone is invited.* If you plan to stay for lunch, call Sondra Hunt, 513-615-3935 by Oct 30th, so there will be enough dessert for all.

**Tai Chi NEW Start Time:** On November 6<sup>th</sup> and every Monday morning following, **Tai Chi will be at 11:00 AM** in Heritage Hall.

Coming soon will be a **New Members Information Class** for those that have been visiting the church and would like more conversation about what it is to be a Presbyterian and what it is to be a member of PRPC.

As we head into the holiday season, let us do our part to help every neighbor in need. **Mission Committee is teaming up with The Caring Place and Girl Scout Daisy Troop 44515 for our annual Stock the Caring Place Drive! On Saturday, Nov. 11th from 10-11:30 am** you can pull into PRPC parking lot and drop off your donation to help those in need. Our volunteers will help so you don't even have to get out of your car! According to The Caring Place, all items are of in need from non-perishable food, personal care items, household supplies, underwear and socks for men, women and children and of course toilet paper. If you can't make it this day, you can always place donations in the large bin by the front door.



**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, November 19th,** we will be having our annual **Thanksgiving Luncheon** following the 10:30 service. This is a potluck of fun and food for the church family so please plan on attending!

**J. CREW AT P.R.P.C:** Yep- **Jesus' Crew**, serving others, getting Jobs done and building fellowship all at the same time. Thursday mornings at 9:00 am- report to Jennifer's Office and get a "To Do List" list to help out around the church. Work till about 11:30, let Jennifer know what you accomplished and then have lunch with your friends! Sounds like fun because it is! Contact Judy Davis @ 351-1080 for more information.





This is a visible sign that the building has been secured and closed or hasn't been open yet for the day. If you see this sign in our door window, please only enter if you have access with a building code. False alarm reports are billed to the church. **REMINDER:** Before leaving the church, please be sure to turn off all the lights, fans, AC window units and other items in the room you were using that requires electricity. Also be sure all doors are locked and alarm code will be reset by you or someone leaving after you. Building and Grounds appreciate all the efforts from the congregation in conserving energy, and maintaining the security of our building.

**Friendly Reminder:** There are 18 lockers in the Kemper Coat Room for your convenience to lock up your valuables while you are here in the building. In the past, several purses and other personal belongings have disappeared. Be safe—not sorry-- and take advantage of the lockers while you visit with us.

**The Flower Guild is setting up the calendar for the end of the year.** Consider honoring a family member or friend with flowers on the altar. 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.

Thank you to all who donated items and volunteered time to the Fall Rummage Sale. A special thanks to all who supported the Jewlery Booth. Brenda and Susan are thrilled to report that this year was their best year since 2008 and they couldn't have done it without you!



## IN THE COMMUNITY

**The Caring Place :** We are now signing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Each dinner consists of a chicken and all the "fixins" The cost is about \$30.00. If you'd like to contribute any amount toward it, that would be most welcome! Thank you for your continued support.

## THIS WEEK AT PRPC

### Sun, Oct 22

**8:20 am:** Child Care (Room 101)  
**8:30 am:** Worship (Chapel)  
**10:30 am:** Worship (Sanctuary)  
**10:30 am:** Jr. High Classes  
**12 :00 pm:** Session Meeting, lunch provided (Library)  
**5:00 pm:** Yoga (Heritage Hall)

### Mon, Oct 23

**10:00 am:** Tai Chi (Heritage Hall)  
**10:30 am:** Worship Committee (Library)  
**6:00 pm:** Boy Scouts Troop 6 (Judd Hall/Scout Room)  
**7:00 pm:** Session/Deacons Meeting (Narthex/Library)

### Tues, Oct 24

**10:30 am:** Staff Meeting (Library)

### Wed, Oct 25

**2:30 pm:** TEAM Works (Heritage Hall/Library/Classrooms)  
**7:00 pm:** Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

### Thurs, Oct 26

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

### Fri, Oct 27

**10 am :** Metallic Club (Heritage Hall)  
**5:00 pm:** Presbytery Youth Event: Spooks and Fright Night

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

New Prayer Concerns:

- **John Mohr**, Health concerns
- **Reece Family**, passing of Chris Reece's mother
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Burnett Family**, passing of Fred Burnett's brother Mike
- **Bill Clegern**, husband of Sharon, Health Concerns
- **Cramer Family**, passing of Jeanne Cramer
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health Concerns
- **Marjorie Evert**, recovering from broken ankle
- **Marian Fenker**, Health Concerns
- **Leah Hondorf**, Health concerns friend of the Imm family
- **The Rev. Dr. Bob Hoover**, father of Leah Hoover, Health Concerns
- **Bob McCormick**, Health concerns
- **Allison McGrath**, Additional Cancer treatment-prayers and positivity appreciated

- **Val Mohr**, Health Concerns
- **Phyllis Shea**, Health Concerns
- **Bob Strom**, father of Marcie Crosby, Health Concerns
- **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
- **James Ohlweiler** – Member of congregation

Mission Co-Workers:

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

Church Leaders/Groups:

- **Jim Valentine**

Church Staff:

- **Anna Rapp**

*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 October:** 1 Jim Valentine, 2 Beatrice Lea, 5 Silas Schwegman, 6 Patricia Shannon, 9 Deborah McWhorter, 12 Marcie Crosby, Abigail Imm, Nelson Greening, 13 Sharon Wissel, 16 Thomas Smith, 18 Gregory Hatch, 20 Norma Tassian, Hiroko Nishiyama, 22 Phyllis Shea, George Wissel, 23 Betty Merriman, 27 David Bayless, 29 John Mohr.

OUR STAFF

Sharon Clegern, *Director of Family Ministries*

Theresa Merrill, *Organist*

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Rev. Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, *Pastor & Head of Staff*