



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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 22 January 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Prelude in C - Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is sure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Your law is perfect, O God; Your ways are just. We praise You for Christ, who makes known Your word. Gold's value is nothing compared to the salvation You offer. The sweetness of honey is a foretaste of the feast You prepare. Made alive by Your mercy and renewed in Your Spirit, we come adoring Your goodness, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:

Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.

In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*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: **O God, have mercy upon us, and through Christ forgive our sin. He called the church to be one body with parts to make it function. We sever that one body through suspicion and hostility; we cannot dine around one common table. We divide into separate bodies and pretend to be the church. We take from one another what belongs to us all. By Your grace make us one in Christ.**

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Paul declares that “as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” Friends, affirm Your baptism and be made one in Christ, since in Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581: **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:

Sharon Clegern

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.

GIFT OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

ANTHEM

Si iniquitate observaveris

Samuel Wesley

Si iniquitates observaveris Domine, Domine quis sustinebit? Quia apud te propitiatio est, Deus Israel.
O Lord, if you took into account our iniquities, who could withstand the test? But forgiveness is of the God of Israel.

SERMON

Tension and Light...

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.

*CLOSING HYMN #170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, “Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul.”
You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

*BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in C - Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

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

OUR NEWS:

The Church Directory will be updated in the first February Constant Contact, if you have ANY CHANGES prior, please send them to Jennifer at SullivanJRPC@gmail.com

Giving Statements will be sent out via email/post mail the second week of February.

COMING UP: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bell Choir: Join us on February 1 @ 7 pm in the library. We are joining together with other churches to form a joint Bell Choir. Come out for information and -ringing!

Mennonite Arts Weekend is scheduled for February 3-5, 2023 here at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church!

This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists, including musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople. Activities and workshops designed specifically for Pre-K children through high school are planned throughout the weekend, including a jam session with Girl Named Tom. A nursery will be available.

Find the list of presenters and registration information at <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/>

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER PRIOR TO THE EVENT!

Souper Bowl of Caring collection will be on Super Bowl Sunday on Sunday, February 12 at the 8:30 and 10:30 am services.

Congregational Meeting, February 19th, after our 10:30 am worship. We will be receiving reports, reviewing the budget and terms of call for pastor.

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Jan 22

8:30 am: Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 am: Worship (Sanctuary)

Mon, Jan 23

6:00 pm Boy Scouts (Boy Scout Room)
6:00 pm: JASGC Language Class (Library)

Tues, Jan 24

12:00 pm: Bible Conversation (Library)

Wed, Jan 25

2:30 pm: TEAM Works (Heritage Hall)
7 pm: Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Jan 26

7:00 pm: Choir

Fri, Jan 27

8:30 am: Metallic Club (Heritage Hall)

Sat Jan 28

10:00am: Boychoir Board Meeting (Heritage Hall)

HYBRID LECTIONARY BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

We have weekly conversations looking specifically at the Biblical Text that will be preached the following Sunday. **These will be weekly at Noon in the Library. Just bring your own Bible and lunch.** Everyone is encouraged to read the text prior to coming in order to join in the discussion. Each week, we will walk through three questions in concern for the text:

-What is going on in the text? What is this text saying to me? What does this text need to say to us as a congregation?

We look forward to seeing you there and to get you started, here are the texts that we will be looking at in the weeks to come:

- 24 Jan: Micah 6:1-8
- 31 Jan: Matthew 5:13-20
- 7 Feb: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- 14 Feb: Exodus 24:12-18
- 21 Feb: Matthew 4:1-11

Last, for those that cannot make it to PRPC at that time but want to join in too, please know that this is going to be a hybrid Bible Study. You can join in on ZOOM. Please email Jennifer for the necessary link at SULLIVANJRPC@gmail.com or see the links available in our Constant Contact email announcement.

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Scott Hatch and family**, passing of his father Gregory Charles Hatch, January 16th, he was 89 years old.
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

****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 Mission.**

- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Pam West**, friend of Jeanette Marshall, Health concerns
Serving in the Armed Forces
- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
Mission Coworkers:
- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of January: 7 Nathan Record, 8 Cynthia Fesmire, Steve Hammelrath, 9 Barbara Stringer 10 Richard Record, 16 Beatrice Lampkin.