



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

First Sunday of Lent-10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 26 February 2023

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Thou Knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer.
 But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
 O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
 Suffer us not at our last hour for any pains [of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus - J. S. Bach

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: We will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: Because You have made the Lord Your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.

All: God will protect those who call on the name of the Lord and show them salvation.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: We call upon You, O God; hear our prayer. We raise our voices in glad adoration. You have brought Your people out of bondage. You ministered to Jesus when he was tempted by Satan. You know when Your people are afflicted, and understand their estrangement when they are alone and dismayed. We pause along our journey of faithfulness to bow down before You and worship Your name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
 should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross
 and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent the Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

*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 Judge and Redeemer, we come before You, shorn of all pretenses and without cause for pride. We care more about bread than our confession of Christ our Savior. We worship many gods and do not serve You alone. We offer bribes to garner Your favor; we do not rely on Your promised goodwill. Forgive our deceit and grant us forgiveness. Through Christ we repent of our sinful ways.**

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Paul writes, "if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." John writes, "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness". Friends, in Jesus 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

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

ANTHEM

O Lord, My God, to Thee

Jacques Arcadelt

O Lord, my God, to Thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in Thee, in thee have I trusted.
Let me not be ashamed, Let not my foes triumph over me.
O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me.
Teach me Thy way, Lord, Lead me, lead me in a plain path.
O hide not Thy face, Hide not Thy face far from me.
Lord God, Lord God, Hide not Thy face far from me.
Amen.

SERMON

Each Other's Angels...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not
vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there
blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in F - Dietrich Buxtehude

Theresa Merrill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Christa Yoda - Child of God, Daughter, Teacher, Spouse, and Mother.
We love you! Nicholas, Aidan, and Rylee.

OUR NEWS:

Souper Bowl of Caring: THANK YOU PRPC FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The PRPC youth and CE Committee extends deep gratitude to our congregation who generously donated \$1,100 to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. All of the monies received will stay local and go directly to The Caring Place, fighting hunger in our community.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

Easter Day Flowers for the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday is on April 9 this year.

If you wish to participate in our annual display of potted spring flowers, please contact Barb Stringer only (not Jennifer).

The cost is \$15 per 6" pot. You may pick up your flowers after the 10:30 Easter service.

The cutoff date to order from the grower is Sunday, March 12.

Please provide your dedication(s) and payment to Barb Stringer, in person, by phone (513-460-2952), or via email bstring9@aol.com.

Let's make it an expression of Easter joy!

Lenten Season Lecture Series

Over most of the Lenten Season, we have interesting people in and out of the church who will be with us to present on anything from history, travel, to current events. We hope that you will be able to join us on these Sundays as they will be both informative, educational, and even entertaining. All these will take place on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 in the Library.

26 February: The Reverend Kathy Angi will be with us to talk about her recent time spent in Poland working with refugees from the Ukraine.

5 March: No lecture

12 March: Jacob Simpson, the Curator of the Cincinnati Print Museum, will be presenting on the history of printing in the Queen City.

19 March: The soon to be Dr. Emily Simpson will be presenting on her work in paleontology at the University of Cincinnati and beyond.

26 March: Lisa Allgood, Presbytery Executive for Cincinnati and avid photographer, will be with us to talk about her recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land with other persons from the Presbytery.

2 April: The soon to be Reverend Sharon Clegern, will be presenting on her time spent in South Africa and beyond during her time in Seminary.

Spring Rummage Sale 2023

The Spring Rummage Sale is on the calendar for Friday, April 21 (1-6pm) & Saturday, April 22 (9-2).

Donations are being accepted NOW! Items we can take at this time include clothing, household and kitchen items, linens, books, tools, decor items, toys and more! Items should be relatively clean and in working order (with all their pieces). The recommendation is "If you wouldn't give it to your grandma, then it might truly be rummage". Tell your friends and neighbors their items are accepted as too!!!! There is limited space so please call first if you have larger items (tables, chairs, dressers, etc.). Contact Judy Davis call/text @ 513-207-6906 to make arrangements. Most items are accepted however, we cannot take televisions, large appliances, tires, sets of encyclopedias, or old computer monitors. (See hamiltoncountyclecycling.org for a list of drop off sites). More information to follow as the date approaches.

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Feb 26

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

Mon, Feb 27

6:00 pm: JASGC Language Class (Library)

6:00 pm: Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts room)

Tues, Feb 28

12:00 pm Bible Conversation (Library)

6:00 pm: JASGC Language Class (Library)

Wed, Mar 1

2:30 pm: TEAM Works (Heritage Hall)

7 pm: Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Mar 2

7:00 pm: Choir

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:

-28 Feb: John 3:1-17

-7 March: NO BIBLE CONVERSATION

-14 March: Psalm 23

-21 March: Ezekiel 37:1-14

-28 March: Matthew 21:1-10

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:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Steve Hammelrath**, Health concerns
- **Bob Ruff**, Health concerns

- **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

****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.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of February: 2 Khadedra McNeill, 12 Erin Bowling, 14 Dale Roush, 15 Lisa Wilkens-Maynus, 19 Susan McLennan, 28 Candy Ralston.

Month of March: 5 Anna Goldhahn, 9 Ginger Todd, 15 Jane Eyler, 17 Pam Savas, 18 Vera Lambert, Lynn Adams, 22 Sara Jane King, 26 Joyce Horning.