

PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Epiphany of The Lord-Lectionary Year C

Sunday, 6 January 2019/10:30 AM

- 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 the hearing impaired:** hearing devices are available.
 - **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

Variations on "What Star Is This Which Beams So Bright"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

CHORAL INTROIT

Surely the Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60

One: Arise, shine; for Your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon You.

All: Lift up Your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to You.

One: Then You shall see and be radiant; Your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

All: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Merciful God of deliverance, we praise You for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of Your compassion and care. Our eyes behold the brightness of Your promised righteousness; You illumine our darkness with the hope of Your justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of Your splendor; we bow down to worship You, lifting our voices in praise of Your goodness and giving heed to Your instruction. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #150

As With Gladness Men of Old

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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: **Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of Your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is Your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In Him You have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which You in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. Like rain that falls on the fields, like showers that water the earth, God's goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God's mercy and assurance of pardon. 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.**

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 HYMN

What is This Lovely Fragrance

Healey Willan

***DOXOLOGY #606: 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, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of Him whom You sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT:

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 2)

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

Rev. Amy Snow

ANTHEM

Joys Seven

Stephen Cleobury

SERMON

By Another Road...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION: Communion will be served by intinction. Intinction means "mingled together or both at once." Please tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice then place it in your mouth. For those having issues of mobility or needing a gluten free alternative, we will have teams of servers who will come to you and serve you in our traditional method so all may enjoy the table feast.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

CLOSING HYMN #151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Noelle Suisse

Louis Daquin

LITURGIST FOR THE DAY: Denise Bien

PRPC Changing Lives in 2019!

Thank you cards were received by Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, for the check sent by our Mission Committee. The children now have a police officer at the intersection of Ridge and Lester crosswalks –keeping the children safe during arrival and dismissal of school.



Pleasant Ridge
Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, 6 January, 2019

Building Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Please email content to comm@prp.org
by Wednesday at 3 PM.

www.prpc.org 513-631-9707

CHURCH NEWS:

Offering Envelopes will be ready next Sunday for those who requested them through our Stewardship Campaign. They can be picked up outside of Jennifer's office.

PRPC's First Annual Health and Wellness Fair, will be today Sunday, January 6 from 10 AM - 2 PM in Heritage Hall. There will be a variety of organizations in our community that help people with personal health, fitness, and care planning. There will be BP screenings, fitness demonstrations, and sports injury screenings as well. Mercy Health will also have their mobile mammogram van there. Organizations that are attending:

101 Mobility
Alzheimer's Association
Care Patrol
Community Yoga with Karen Smith
Council on Aging
Go With The Flow Tai Chi
Home Care Assistance

Mercy Health
Mullaney's Pharmacy & Medical Supply
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Ohio Living Llanfair
Oxford Physical Therapy
Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center
Solutions for Long Term Care

As you start your new year—keep in mind our Rummage Sale is the best place for your old stuff! Our 2019 Spring Rummage Sale is set for May 3 & 4th. 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! 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. Items should be relatively clean and in working order. We take most items however we can't accept televisions, computer monitors, tires, large appliances, encyclopedia sets, or items with Freon. If in doubt, call first.





REMINDER: Before leaving the church, please be sure to turn off all the lights, fans, and other items in the room you were using that requires electricity. Any trash in the area, please place it in the closet trash can. 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. Let's all work together in keeping our building safe and tidy!

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Jan 6

- 8:20 am: Child Care (Room 101)
- 8:30 am: Worship (Chapel)
- 10 am: Health and Wellness Fair (Heritage Hall)
- 10:30 am: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm: Yoga (Heritage Hall)

Mon, Jan 7

- 11 am: Tai Chi (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 pm: CISV (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts Troop 6 (Judd Hall/Scout Room)

Wed, Jan 9

- 10 am: PRPPS Board Meeting (Library)
- 2:30 pm: TEAM Works (Heritage Hall/Library/Classrooms)
- 7 pm: Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Jan 10

- 7:30 pm: Choir (Choir Room)

Fri, Jan 11

- 10 am: Metallic Club (Heritage Hall)
- 7 pm: CISV Overnight (Judd Hall/ Heritage Hall)

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Susan Cooper-Pytel**, Cancer treatment, friend of Jennifer Sullivan-Golubich
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health concerns
- **Marian Fenker**, Health concerns
- **Bryant Hargrave**, grandson of Diane Hargrave, Health concerns
- **Cheryl Hatch**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Allison McGrath**, Cancer treatment
- **JoAnn Ruff**, Health concerns

- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Co-Workers:

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

Global Humanitarian Service:

- **Avery Wاكلatsi**, granddaughter of Marjorie Evert, is serving with the Global Health Organization in Rwanda following a brief term of service with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso and aiding in hurricane relief in Puerto Rico with the Red Cross.

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 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