

February 1, 2026

THE
VISION
WORTH FOLLOWING



**I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your elders shall dream dreams,
and your young people shall see visions.
Even on the most unexpected people,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.**

Joel 2:28

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Vision Worth Following
February 1, 2026

The Vision that Sustains Us
8:30 & 10:00 am

WELCOME!

We welcome you to worship today. Park Ridge Community Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. We commit to the ongoing work of being a church journeying together to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's love and to fulfill our responsibility to embody the Christ Spirit in the world. No matter who you are or where you are on this journey, you are welcome and loved.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Andante Moderato

Florence Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

And let the God of life satisfy our souls.

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy. We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager lunches; Bless them, and us. Break them, and us. Share them, and us.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news. We serve a God who feeds us and sustains us with grace upon grace. There is always enough to go around. Through God's provision, we are forgiven and set free to live out the Vision of abundance! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

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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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-37

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. Monaco

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread V1-2

*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 9:11-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To Be Free

Rev. Mollie Foster

OFFERTORY

Minuet and Trio

Benedict Cruft

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of Epiphany be with you!

And also with you!

Be still. Wait patiently for the One who loves you.

Our hearts rest in that peace which God offers to us.

Trust in God, who delights in you.

We rejoice in the One whose Light shines in our lives.

...With all who hunger for your hope, with all who thirst for your salvation, we join our voices in singing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God, our delight. Creation sings your glory in every moment.

Hosanna in the highest!

...As we seek to walk in the Light which he brought, as we would remember his self-giving love and service, we would proclaim that mystery called faith:

Christ died, praying for those who harmed him; Christ rose, doing to death what we could not do; Christ will return, not withholding resurrection from us.

...And when our journeys have come to an end, when we are gathered with the cloud of witnesses around that resurrection Table of wonder, we will sing your praises forever, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (in the pews)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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*BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

Bach

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

GF Handle

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the ushers.

Leading Us in Worship:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Anita Rifkind, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist
Chancel Choir
Karen Nelson, Violin
Dave Belden, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Melissa Bach, Cello

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PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our February Ushers: Tim Lapp (captain), Adrian Hill, Lonn Naudzius, Bruce Nelson, Anita Rifkind, Fred Siebert, and Laura Sissman.

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you are joining us in worship today. Please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

Please email office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS are \$60 to sponsor! You can sign up to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church. All-gender/family restrooms are located at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via Zelle (our Zelle email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org), or via our new online giving platform! You can text "GIVE" to (847)-908-9088 or scan the QR code to make a donation!



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nursery (0-5 years old) Our nursery is open from 8:30 am to 11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. It's a safe and welcoming space located downstairs, just next to Jordan Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K-5th Grade Children are invited to join us for Sunday School following the Children's Message during worship. This week, children will learn the Bible story of Jeremiah. Our My Bible students will begin in the Sunday School wing and, after music time, will move to the 3rd-5th grade classroom to begin exploring the Bible together. Children may be picked up in the Sunday School wing following worship.

6th-12th Grades Youth will remain in worship today for Holy Communion.

Middle School Holy Chow TODAY, 11:45 am-1:00 pm We will gather in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown for a meal together with meaningful discussion with Pastor Mollie! No money needed!

Wacky Wednesday (6th-8th Grades) Wacky Wednesday provides a fun and safe space at PRCC for Middle School Students on Early Release Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm.

Youth Choir The Youth Choir meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 pm.

Feed My Starving Children - February 7th All are welcome—ages 5 and older—to join us for our annual Feed My Starving Children outing! This is a meaningful opportunity to serve together and make a difference. Please [sign up HERE](#) so we know you'll be joining us.



ADULT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Ellinger Transept

Wednesday Night Bible Study is discussing "The Bible and the Transgender Experience. Books are \$10 from the Church Office. This study is convened in person with a [zoom option](#).

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Thursdays at 9:00 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda! All are welcome! Join us on Zoom!

FAITHFUL FIRST SUNDAYS, Sunday, February 1 at 9:30 am



Is the idea of praying in front of others daunting? Do you ever feel like you just don't know what to say? Join the Stephen Ministers for Faithful First Sundays, a monthly gathering to explore different approaches to prayer. We meet on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30–9:50 am in the Ellinger Transept (off the sanctuary, opposite the chapel). Feb 1: Native American Directional Prayer.

OUTREACH

100 YARDS FOOD DRIVE Help tackle hunger and bring your A-Game to donate 100 yards of food by Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 8) for the Maine Township Food Pantry. Drop off non-perishable food in Ellinger. Items will be measured each week!

An Interactive Conversation



Wednesday, March 4 at 7 pm in the Ellinger Transept - Cathy Clarkin, environmental educator and Executive Director of Accelerate Climate Solutions, will discuss the pressing need to advocate and engage for climate change. "Climate Change is part of the current humanitarian crisis," she says. Cathy welcomes questions about climate change and how you can help. Hosted by Creation Care and Social Justice teams.

Educational Table, Sunday, March 1, during Coffee Hour

Engage with ways you can be part of Creation Care. Suggestions include small and large activities for you and your family. (Hint: you can compost greasy pizza boxes!) Bonus: taste chili simmering on an induction electric countertop burner, part of the movement to electrify kitchens. Hosted by Creation Care and Social Justice teams.

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

A NIGHT OF CASINO GAMES, DINNER, COCKTAILS,
LIVE MUSIC, AND AMAZING AUCTION ITEMS--
CARNIVAL STYLE!

\$100 PER TICKET
\$750 A TABLE OF EIGHT
\$50 AFTER DINNER TICKET

5:00 PM: COCKTAILS
6:00 PM: DINNER & LIVE AUCTION
7:30 PM: DESSERT, CASINO GAMES,
& LIVE MUSIC



This event is for ages 21+



PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that we hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of the community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Greg S., Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM January 25th:

- We pray for Greg S. and Danny B. as Greg was just diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and has begun chemo.
- We pray for Angie P. and her mother as her mother has begun hospice care.
- We hold the communities traumatized by ICE agents in our prayers, especially the families and loved ones who have been kidnapped, beaten and killed.
- We pray for all of those living outside in these dangerously cold days.
- We pray for the Mauery family.
- We give thanks for Janet's niece Maria, who is healing and will return to work this week.
- We give thanks for birthdays, especially Eugene J and Katie H.
- Sue asks for prayers for a coworker's brother Mario, who is experiencing swelling in the brain.
- We pray for Brendan's Uncle John, who is undergoing surgery tomorrow.
- We pray for Kathy's mom Nancy, as she experiences additional health challenges, for Kathy and Marc as they care for her.
- We pray for Sharon's dear friend John who is battling cancer and the impact of his treatment.
- We pray for Pete and Jimmy's brother Victor M.

VOLUNTEER

WITH PRCC!



FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

FEBRUARY 7 | 9:00 AM

740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg

REGISTER HERE



Be a part of our annual Family Service outing at Feed My Starving Children. Everyone aged 5 and older is invited to join us!

GATHERING WARMTH

PRACTICES FOR HARD SEASONS

A workshop hosted by Stephen Ministry and the Social Justice Team and facilitated by Pastor Mollie and Sarah McCarty

Join us for a gentle, supportive workshop for those navigating emotional heaviness during the winter months.

Feb. 16

7:00 - 8:30 PM

PRCC PARLOR

Register Here



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, February 1

- 8:30 am - Chapel Worship
- 9:30 am - Faithful First Sundays (Ellinger Transept)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am - Middle School Holy Chow (Uptown)
- 12:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting (Library)

MONDAY, February 2

- 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, February 3

- 5:30 pm - Rainbow for Children
- 6:00 pm - Faith Development (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Training 2026 (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, February 4

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 3:45 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY, February 5

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 10:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)
- 6:00 pm - Nominating Committee (Library)
- 6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

FRIDAY, February 6

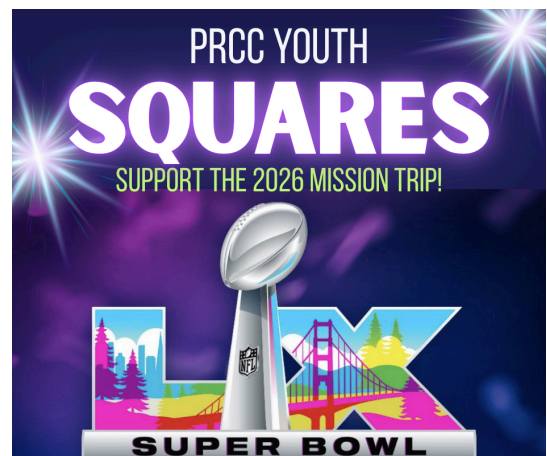
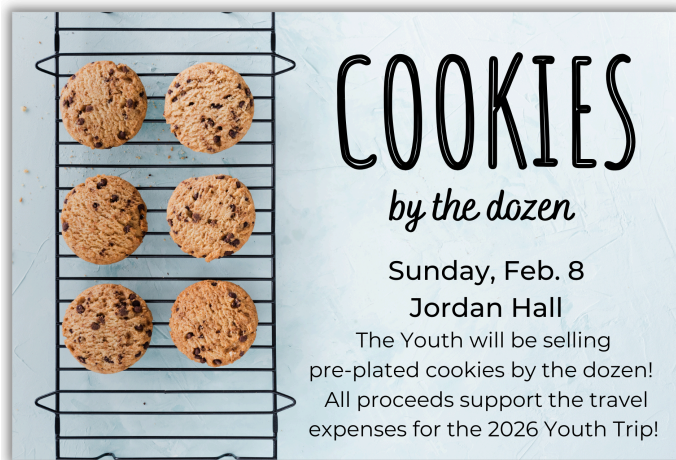
- 5:30 pm - Confirmation Trip to JRC Synagogue

SATURDAY, February 7

- 9:00 am - Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg)

Happy Birthday

02/01 Bertie Stevens
02/02 Ben Curtis
02/02 Joe DeYoung
02/03 Chris Barsanti
02/03 John Donahue
02/03 Bernice Zabawski
02/04 Mollie Foster
02/04 Connie Wojtowicz
02/05 Tom Curtis
02/05 Abigail Makar
02/05 Ariel Makar
02/05 Kevin Plach, Jr.
02/06 Lisa Irwin



Play Super Bowl Squares & Support Our Youth! Join the fun and support the PRCC Youth Mission Trip to Portland, OR (June 2026)! \$20 per square and all proceeds help fund this meaningful mission. Pay via Zelle (giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) or by dropping off cash/check to church office. Mark "Youth Mission Trip" on memo.

