

February 22



CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Cultivating & Letting Go: Cultivating Identity; Letting Go of Control
February 22, 2026 8:30am & 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We cultivate the earth— **When we till the ground and lay new seeds.**
We cultivate safe space— **When we pay attention to what others need.**
We cultivate worship— **When we come together, our hearts on our sleeves.**
In this worship, may we be honest and present; **May we be faithful and gracious.**
For the God of the soil, who is the God of our hearts, is near. **Let us worship Holy God.**

*HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God We,
We are works in progress. In spaces where we could cultivate belonging, we build up walls. In spaces where we could cultivate compassion, we insist on perfection and pressure ourselves to achieve the impossible. In spaces where we could let go of anger, we keep score like it's our job and insist on an "eye for an eye" justice. So today we pray— Remind us how to cultivate hope, love, and justice. Remind us how to let go of fear, perfection, and hatred. Forgive us. Guide us. Heal us.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Thy Will Be Done

Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

My Bible Presentation

...We receive these Bibles with thanks. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you as you read its stories and learn about God. May God bless you as you use this Bible in your home, Sunday school, and worship. We will continue to learn and grow together with you in our love for God's Word.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS 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 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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

O Lamb of God Most Holy, V. 1

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*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

The Journey Begins With Us

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***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**

Gracious God, You speak of a promised day—a promised day where swords will be beaten into plowshares and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. So we offer you these gifts in hopes that they might help bring about that day. Use us and use these gifts for your good; and as you do, cultivate in us more generous hearts. Amen.

***HYMN**

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

***POSTLUDE**

** 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
Katie Reboletti, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist
Chancel Choir

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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 sponsored this week by Dolores Stenerson to celebrate Patrice Conaway 97th Birthday! Alter 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 (Ages 0–5) Our nursery is open from 8:15–11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.

Sunday School (Pre-K–5th Grade) Children are invited to head to Sunday School following the Children's Message during worship. This week, we'll explore The Parable of the Fig Tree and what it teaches us about patience and growth. You can pick your child up in the Sunday School wing after worship.

My Bible Today we celebrate our My Bible students as they receive their Bibles! We are incredibly proud of each of them and all they have learned along the way. A heartfelt thank you to Sue Laurie, Preston Smith and Kym Giera for faithfully leading this wonderful group of young Bible scholars! Congratulations to all of you! Addie Anderson, Emma Hollingsworth, Sadie Huddleston, Nicholas Laginess, Mila Serrano, Lara Smith, Emmitt Tone

6th-12th Grades Youth will meet in the Library following the Children's Message for Sunday School! Today's lesson is "Why Ashes?"

High 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.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study is discussing "Sowing Seeds of Climate Hope" is the theme of the Bible Study starting Wednesday, Feb. 25. The study ties together the theme of worship "Cultivating and Letting Go" with lessons shared by Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher. Through video, discussion, and scripture we will consider the ways we are called to be caretakers of creation. No book to buy. "Sustaining Creation" (no book to purchase. 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!

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS, SUNDAYS DURING LENT

Lent invites us into a slower, more reflective rhythm of faith. During this sacred season, the Steven Ministers invite you to journey through seven Lenten Prayer Stations. Each station offers simple, meaningful practices to help you pause, pray, and listen for God's presence in the midst of everyday life. Come at your own pace and allow this time to gently renew your heart and spirit. A map guiding you to each station can be found in the Butler Place Room.

FAITHFUL FIRST SUNDAYS, Sunday, March 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 Steven 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). March 1: Lectio Divina.

OUTREACH

Creation Care: 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. Andrea Ramirez, a high school senior, will help with the presentation. Cathy welcomes questions about climate change and how you can help.

Hosted by Creation Care and Social Justice teams. Presentation also available on Zoom. Sign up with the QR code

Creation Care: Educational Tables, 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.

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 Sarlo, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM February 15th:

- We give thanks for Dillon's baptism today and the joy the family shared.
- We celebrate with Andrew and Courtney D. on the birth of their daughter Finley
- We hold in prayer Lisa I's son, Joe, as he prepares for spinal fusion surgery on Monday, 2/16.
- Our prayers are with Adrienne W. as she awaits test results that will guide future treatment. may she be surrounded by God's peace during this anxious time.
- Mike L. asks for prayers for his best friend, Aaron M., who was just diagnosed with bone cancer. May God give him strength in the journey ahead.
- Sarah M. requests prayers for a dear family friend, Everett S., who entered Life in the Resurrection this morning. May his wife of 64 years, Grace, feel surrounded by God's love and peace amidst her grief.
- We pray for Beckham, who was just diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and his parents Ambrea and Piotr as they navigate what this means moving forward, mixed with the joy of being pregnant.
- Bill & Sharon P. ask for prayers for their daughter Emily, who seeks a new job after her research lost government funding.

EASTER FLOWERS

[Place your order for Easter flowers](#), by Monday, March 23, indicating your preferences. Flowers will be placed around our sanctuary for worship to add to the beauty of these services. The names of those who purchase flowers and those for whom the flowers are dedicated will be listed in the Easter bulletin.



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+

LIVE AUCTION:

Week-long Vacation in Mexico
Garden Concert for 10
One Year PRCC Parking Spot
AND MORE!

RAFFLE PRIZES

MENU

Special "Carnival Margarita"
Mango & Plantain Empanada*
Cajun Meatballs
Panko Encrusted Pork Loin
Latin Jambalaya*
Shrimp Skewers*
Mixed Salad*
Mixed Vegetable*
Voluptuous Bars
Banana Pudding Shooters
Cheesecake
Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee
* *Gluten free*

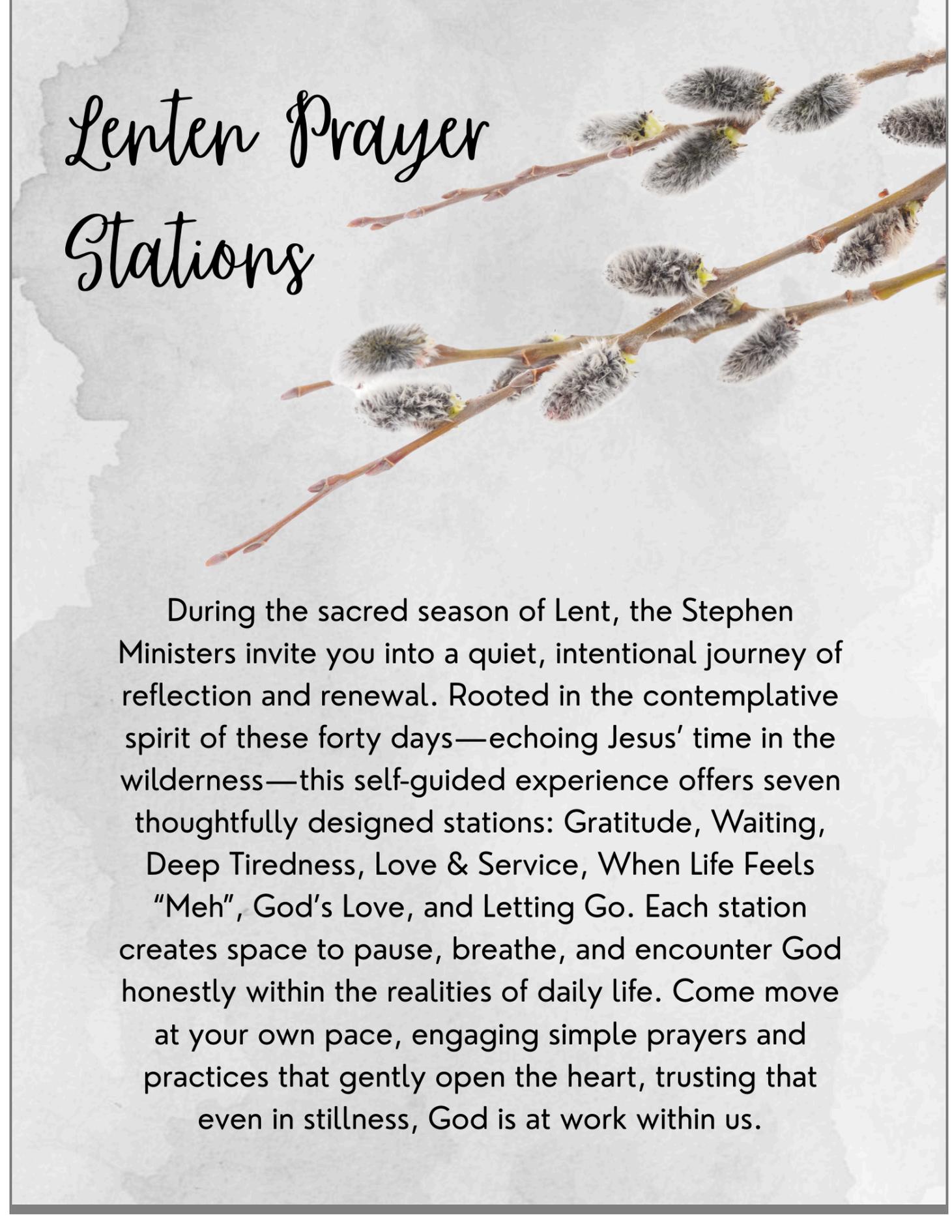
← **Buy Tickets Using this QR Code and find links to MORE Carnival fun!**



← View and **Place your Bid for Silent Auction** Items using this QR Code. You do not need to be present to win. The Silent Auction will close at 10 pm on Feb. 28. Winners will be notified via email and payment will be processed when the auction closes. PLEASE NOTE: In order to avoid paying an additional fee, on the check out page (Help keep Zeffy free...) please click the default 15%; select "Other"; and then input \$0. *The amount of your purchase BEYOND actual value is tax deductible.*



← Sign up to Play in the **ALL NEW Poker Tournament!** We will host a 10 person Poker Tournament. For a buy-in of \$100, players will receive \$10K chips. When/if you run out, for \$50, you get \$5K more! Winner will receive a trophy and special prize. Poker Tournament will run from 8:30-10 pm in the Great Hall.



Lenten Prayer Stations

During the sacred season of Lent, the Stephen Ministers invite you into a quiet, intentional journey of reflection and renewal. Rooted in the contemplative spirit of these forty days—echoing Jesus' time in the wilderness—this self-guided experience offers seven thoughtfully designed stations: Gratitude, Waiting, Deep Tiredness, Love & Service, When Life Feels "Meh", God's Love, and Letting Go. Each station creates space to pause, breathe, and encounter God honestly within the realities of daily life. Come move at your own pace, engaging simple prayers and practices that gently open the heart, trusting that even in stillness, God is at work within us.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, February 22

- 8:30 am** - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am** - Holy Chow- High School

MONDAY, February 23

- 1:00 pm** - PEO Chapter DA (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm** - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, February 24

- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm** - Rainbow for Children
- 7:00 pm** - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, February 25

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

THURSDAY, February 26

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 6:30 pm** - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

SATURDAY, February 28

- 5:00 pm** - CARNIVAL

