



Singing Our Faith

August 31, 2025

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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8:30 am & 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

Come, sing and dance before the Lord!

Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Let every soul sing God's praises!

Let all of creation dance with joy!

Praise the Almighty God who guides our lives.

Praise the Lord of Hosts who watches over us.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies, vs. 1

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When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

*OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You created this wondrous universe and all the magnificence within it. You have blessed us from the beginning of time to this day of praise and thanksgiving. May our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, Jesus, that we offer this prayer. Amen.

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning, vs. 1

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

At Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance said he, and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

For I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*FIRST LESSON

Luke 19:36-40

HYMN

This is My Father's World, vs. 1

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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees and skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is worthy of our praise, but we are aware that we are undeserving of God's grace. Yet, God gives it to us anyway. This is why we can sing God's praises! So, in words, spoken and sung, let us lift our confessions to God:

Gracious God, you created all things good, yet we do not always live up to that goodness. In our time of confession, we come as we are – broken, sinful, hurtful – knowing that you will welcome us. So, together we sing:

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Merciful God, we know the difference between right and wrong, yet sometimes feel powerless in the face of temptation.

Walk with us, and give us strength, we pray, and together we sing:

Just a Closer Walk with Thee, v. 1 + refrain

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thank you for hearing our prayers, O God, and for guiding us with your light. Together we sing:

Be Thou My Vision, v. 1

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth, v. 1

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S 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

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, vs. 1,

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What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

HYMN

In the Garden, v. 1

C. Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,

and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;

and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:41-47

HYMN

They'll Know We are Christians, v. 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. (repeat)

And we pray that our unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY

*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

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt
be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new
mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord
unto me!**

*HYMN

Here I am, Lord, v. 1

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Joyful, Joyful, v. 1

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Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love; Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

POSTLUDE

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

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

Leading Us in Worship on August 31, 2025

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians
Sue Douglass, Organist

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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.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is available for children up to age 5 from 8:30 am -11:30 am. Our nursery is located right next to Jordan Hall in the basement.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available in narthex.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our August Ushers: Barbra Madro (CAPTAIN), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek, Christopher Browning, Marty McHugh, Marylyn & Dick Collentine, and Mike Proue.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) We'll be taking a summer break from Sunday School, but we can't wait to welcome the children back on Sunday, September 14 for a brand-new year of faith-based fun!

Nursery (0-5 years old)

The nursery is available for children up to age 5 from 8:30 am -11:30 am. Our nursery is located right next to Jordan Hall in the basement.

Sunday School Registration Is Open!

We're excited to welcome children back to Sunday School this fall! Register now using this QR Code!



We're also looking for one adult teacher to join our rotation and two youth helpers. If you feel called to serve, please reach out to Morgan.

Wacky Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday provides a fun and safe space at PRCC for our Park Ridge Middle School Students on Early Release Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30.

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, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sam Orth, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM August 24th:

- We give thanks for the wonders of Church Camp, praying that this last day away is transformative for all! We give thanks for the leadership of Pastor Mollie and Morgan.
- We celebrate the birth of Erin and Logan Henke's daughter Bonnie, who was born last week. We celebrate with the Henke family and send our love.
- Prayers for those seeking employment that just the right possibility would open up.
- Prayers continue for Margie as she heals from shoulder surgery.
- We hold Siobhan, Evan, and Maeve Hunter and family in our prayers as Siobhan's grandma entered life in the resurrection on 8/16.
- We pray for Jim M.'s aunt June K., whose husband recently entered life in the resurrection.

PRCC RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year



One Service: 10:00 AM

with a special backpack blessing!

FREE LUNCH & FUN FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN:

**Foam Party – Bounce House – Cotton Candy –
Yard Games – Grilled Deacon Dogs!**

IN IT TOGETHER

Retreat in Place



Friends. Couples. Companions on the Journey.
In the space of three days, we will care for one another,
our relationships, our selves, and the world. Life is divinely interconnected.

October 3-5, 2025 @ PRCC

\$200 per pair

Schedule At-A-Glance

Friday, Oct. 3

7:00 pm Opening Kick Off w/ childcare

8:30 pm Dessert & Connection Time

Saturday, Oct. 4

9:00 am Morning Devotion & Activity w/ light snacks

10:15 am Service Project (children/guests welcome)

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

2:00 pm Afternoon Free Time Optional Activities

5:00 pm Group Reflections

6:00 pm Catered Meal Together

7:00 pm Evening Vespers w/ childcare

9:00 pm Silent Disco Party (additional guests welcome)

Sunday, Oct. 5

10:00 am Closing Worship & Serve Communion in 2s

Saturday Options:

- Relationship Enrichment session with your partner/spouse and pastor using online tool (\$35)
- 1 hr. Massage at Elements Spa (\$115)
- Forest Preserve Clean Up
- Thank You Notes to Local First Responders
- Letter Writing to Representatives
- DIY: Organize a Small Group - walk, talk, shop, explore...

Bring along
your person

Register
Here



“Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matt. 28:20

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 31

8:30 am - Last Garden Worship (Outdoor Lawn)

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, September 1 OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

12:00 pm - Protest in Uptown Park Ridge

TUESDAY, September 2

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)

7:00 pm - Trustees Mtg. (Library)

WEDNESDAY, September 3

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)

7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY, September 4

9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)

11:30 am - Lincoln Park Shelter Cooking (Kitchen)

6:00 pm - Outreach Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

SATURDAY, September 6

ALL DAY: Vine Street BBQ (Parking Lot/Jordan)

Happy Birthday

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Andrea Goodwin

Joe Salamone

09/02

Cindy Reynolds

Julie Smith

09/03

Ryan McGuffey

09/04

Kyrie Nelson

09/05

Mel Budreck

Kathy Davis

Jackson McGuffey



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

JORDAN HALL 7-9PM

PRCC'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 INVITES YOU TO

September Swap-a-looza



ALL ARE WELCOME FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, BEVERAGES, DESSERT AND "SHOPPING."

A \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION WILL GO TOWARDS THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 FUND WHICH SUPPORTS OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY.

PLEASE BRING 3 HOME DECOR OR PERSONAL ACCESSORY ITEMS TO SWAP. EXAMPLES INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY LOVED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS READY FOR A NEW HOME, IE. FRAMES, WREATHS, VASES, BOWLS, ETC. AS WELL AS HANDBAGS, JEWELRY, SCARVES, HATS. MAYBE YOU HAVE AN UNUSED GIFT CARD HIDING IN A DRAWER TO PASS ALONG. NO CLOTHING, PLEASE. AND YOU'LL GO HOME WITH 3 "NEW TO YOU" ITEMS!!

QUESTIONS AND/OR RSVP TO JAMIE @ 847-344-1692 OR TRICIA @ 847-707-0713

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