



Connected by Love.

"ABOVE ALL, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH LOVE,
WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN PERFECT
HARMONY."

COL. 3:14

**Connected by Love
RALLY DAY
September 7, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connected by Love: Build to Love
September 7, 2025

Rally Day
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

Put a Little Love In Your Heart

DeShannon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy and Living God, you are... **the Love that keeps us connected!**

We give you thanks that you have brought us together in order to create...

Connections that endure time and tribulation!

Be with us in our learning, our worshiping, our fellowshiping that leads to...

Connections through Love!

We are yours, walking in the way of Jesus, living in the Spirit so that we might be for the world... **The tie that binds, connecting one to another and all to You, O God!**

Let all God's people say, Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

*HYMN

What The World Needs Now

Bacharach

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have created us with the capacity to love one another.

Yet, we respond with questions like - "am I my brother's keeper?"

You knit within our souls an inclination to bond with others, creating family from strangers.

Yet, we are quick to notice the differences that separate us from one another, denying the kinship that exists.

You gather us together like a mother hen collects her chicks.

And we remain self-focused, failing to see our siblings' struggles.

Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Remind us that you have created us to love one another well. Help us recognize your divine image in each other. May we delight in the tie that binds our hearts together rather than resist it. We are connected to You, O God, through your unconditional Love. Enable us to discover renewed life, love, and hope through our connections to one another. Connect us by your Love, we pray.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is love. Anyone who has been loved, felt love, seen love - has encountered God. We are forgiven and loved unconditionally by our Creator so that we might also forgive and love unconditionally. **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

Genesis 1:26-31

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

What A Wonderful World

Thiele

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

*PREACHING LESSON

Ruth 1:8-19

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Kin Folk

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Do Lord

Traditional

*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

God of love, thank you for the abundance of blessings in our lives. Thank you for the sun and the rain, for friendship and community, and for the bonds of love that connect us to each other. May these gifts we offer become tangible lifelines to those in need. May our words and our actions radiate your love in the world. Strengthen the ties that bind our hearts together that we may love one another more. Amen.

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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***Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above. Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears,
our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. When
we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart and hope
to meet again.***

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As

Wonder

** 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:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Dan Smith, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Music Director
Neal Wehman, Drums
Kent Wehman, Piano
Bryan Doherty, Bass
Bruce Nelson, Percussion
Sarah Marie Young, Vocals
Mike Levin, Sax

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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.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our September Ushers: Bill Barsanti (captain), Tom Brunet, Lorel Brunet, Cindy Klimmick, Rich Roecker, and Sharon Kemerer.

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 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 9:30 -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! If you feel called to serve as a SS leader, please reach out to Morgan.

Wacky Wednesday (6th-8th Grades)

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 pm.

Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)

Next Sunday, September 14th, is Middle School Holy Chow! We will gather in the Butler Place Entry at 11:45 and walk Uptown for lunch and meaningful discussion! We will return to PRCC at 1:00 pm!

Youth Choir

We're excited the Youth Choir will resume Wednesday, September 10, 3:30-4:45 pm.

ADULT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - "Study of the Prophets"

7-8:30 pm, in Ellinger Transept

Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 3 our weekly Bible Study class will begin a study of the Prophets. We will consider the Minor and Major Prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures, in concert with Prophets here and now. What makes a prophecy a prophecy? Are there modern day prophets speaking truth to power? We will learn from a variety of theologians using the Disciple Bible Study materials. Through DVD, scripture reading, and additional background, we will explore the meaning of these ancient texts and what they say to us today. All are welcome! We will use this study through December!

KNITTING KNIGHTS

September 15 @ 1 pm

The current project is prayer squares. If you are interested in helping us out by knitting or crocheting a prayer square, reach out to Liz Swanson or pick up a pattern in the church office. They will be collected and used by the Stephen Ministers in the fall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursdays at 9 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!

Discussion & Meet the Author Night w/Rev. Brandon Robertson

Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 pm , Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church is honored to welcome Rev. Brandon Robertson for a special event as part of the Queer & Christian Book Tour. This event is open to all and will be a space for meaningful conversation and connection. For more information, contact Rev. Amanda H. Joria.

OUTREACH



LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter on the first Thursday of each month. Join the team for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen.

“Many hands make for light work”, so please consider helping with this worthwhile project. Please contact Luan Zoellner at lzoellner@ameritech.net or (847) 525-8353 if you are available to assist.



LOVING LUNCHES

PRCC is pleased to support our partner and local non-profit organization Loving Lunches. Monthly, PRCC assists Loving Lunches by preparing 160 lunches that will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Volunteers are needed monthly to assist with preparing and packaging meals and making kindness cards that are placed into each lunch bag. Volunteers of all ages are welcome; however, kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. In addition to in-person volunteers, supporting the cost to supply these meals is greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Volunteers from our congregation prepare a healthy meal for approx. 75 people and will serve at a NEW site, First United Methodist Church! We are in need of 4 cooks and 12 servers! [Sign up here!](#)

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 31st:

- We give thanks for the students and teachers who navigate the new school year routines, in new spaces and places.
- We celebrate Bill Sharringhausen's 91st birthday and the continuous light he shines into the world.
- We give thanks for Sarah C.'s successful navigation of a medical issue this week and for the responsive care of her family and care team.
- We hold Sam, nephew of Lois Z., in our prayers as he begins a new trial treatment for cancer. We ask for strength for Sam and his wife, Salina, and wisdom and guidance for his medical team.
- Lois Z. asks for prayers for her friend, David, who underwent neck surgery on Tuesday, 8/26. Prayers for David and his wife, Lynn, throughout the surgery and as he recovers.
- Karen N. requests prayers for her brother, who was recently diagnosed with cancer in his spine and lymph nodes. Please hold him and his family in your prayers as they navigate their next steps in treatment.

- We hold the family and loved ones of Sharon P.'s mother Pat, who has begun hospice care and is nearing the end of her life.
- We hold the families of the children who were killed and wounded this week in Minneapolis in another mass shooting, traumatizing a community and a nation once more.
- We pray for the transgender community, who are created by God in God's very image, and yet too often become a scapegoat and target for fears and anger. We pray for protection and love to surround each one.
- Jim M. asks for prayers for his Aunt Hoppy who has recently received a pacemaker.



youth mission trip
celebration

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK
FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

We will provide baked/fried chicken!
Bring a side to share!








2025-2026
Sunday School
Registration

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Get to Know
Park Ridge
Community Church



Are you interested in learning more about Park Ridge Community Church? Join us on one of the dates listed below to hear all that PRCC has to offer and what it means to be a member of this church.

All info sessions will take place at PRCC from 7-8pm.

OCT. 14	FALL INFORMATIONAL SESSION <small>↘ New Member Sunday - October 26</small>
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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, September 7 RALLY DAY!

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 am - Rally Day Festivities (Church Lawn)

MONDAY, September 8

10:00 am - PEO Meeting (Library)

6:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, September 9

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

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

5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children

7:00 pm - Welcome and Membership Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, September 10

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

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

2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)

2:45 pm - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)

3:45 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:00 pm - Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 11

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

6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Happy Birthday

09/07

Emily Laginess
Jackson Laudadio
Maureen Lenke
Kim Witte

09/11

Bob Krah

09/12

Barb Adams
Kathy Chandler
Olivia Galindo
Monse Galindo
Timothy Good

09/13

Sue Beckner



ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancake BREAKFAST
KIWANIS OF PARK RIDGE

   

 **SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**
 **7:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Celebrate Our Club's

PARK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1300 W. CRESCENT, PARK RIDGE, IL
PANCAKES - SAUSAGE
COFFEE - JUICE & MILK

\$10 ADULTS **\$5 KIDS**

PROCEEDS & 50/50 RAFFLE
BENEFITS LOCAL CHARITIES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

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