



Connected by Love.

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

COL. 3:14

Connected by Love
SENIOR SUNDAY
September 14, 2025

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connected by Love: From Generation to Generation

September 14, 2025

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

Air from Water Music

Handel

*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

O For a World

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that sometimes we think we know it all. That there is nothing more for us to learn in this journey of life. We are blind to the newness around us. We are deaf to the new word you long to speak to us. Our hearts are closed to the change you long to bring in us. Forgive us for thinking we have it all figured out. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to growth in you that our days may be filled with the joy and peace of knowing you more fully.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Psalmist writes: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?" **From youth to old age and gray hairs, you, O God, have loved us. Let our words proclaim the joy of your forgiveness and the blessing of your mercy. We have been forgiven and can be at peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

How Can We Name a Love (Tune: This is My Father's World)

How can we name a Love that awakens heart and mind, Indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78:1-4

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Prelude in C

J.S. Bach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A BLESSING FOR COMMUNITY - Mosaics of Divine Diversity

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I'll Fly Away/Keep on the Sunny Side

Traditional

*PREACHING LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Wisdom, Blessings, and Curses"

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Nimrod

Elgar

*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 our Ancestors, with steadfastness and patience Help us: to serve you and to trust you, to know that the road under us is solid, that your companionship at our side is real and that we need fear no evil. Help us to keep our balance and to approach each day with expectancy. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God who loves completely be with you.

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

Open your hearts to the One who does not pass us by.

Our hearts will be filled with God's grace.

Let us lift our voices in glad songs to God.

Joyfully, lovingly, we offer our praise to our God.

...With those who are faithful mentors, with those who long for healing, we bring our songs of joy to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God our trust. All creation joins in praising your name.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to show us our neighbor.

Hosanna in the highest.

...As we remember the stories Jesus told, as we seek to see ourselves in these tales, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Jesus died, trusting in God completely; Jesus was raised, to offer God's love to all;

Jesus will come, to carry us into God's heart.

...And when all time and life has ended, and we are gathered around the Table with our sisters and brothers, we will sing our songs of praise without ceasing, 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

Communion will be served by the Deacons, while the congregation remains seated in your pews. At the direction of the pastor, we will eat and drink together as one body.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN

O Perfect Love

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE

Fantasia No. VIII

Ives

** 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
Lectors:
Anita Rifkind
Luan Zoellner
Lois Orth-Zitol
Beth Parsch
Bill Scharringhausen

Sasha Gerritson, Music Director
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Hellar, Piano
Karen Nelson, Violin
Dave Belden, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Melissa Bach, Cello
Eugene Jarvis, Piano

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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, Sandy Bowen and Katie Reboletti.

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 Patrice Conaway for commemoration of Keith and Dolores Stenerson's 77th wedding anniversary. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) Sunday School is back in session! Children are invited to leave the worship service following the Children's Message and head to the Sunday School Wing for a time of learning and fun. Please plan to pick up your child from their classroom after the service concludes.

Nursery (0-5 years old)

Our nursery is open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for children up to 5 years old. It's a safe and welcoming space located in the basement, just next to Jordan Hall.

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.



Youth Sunday School (6th-12th Grades)

With the CoLABorate curriculum, youth will explore deep theological questions through scripture and stories! Youth meet in the Library following the Children's Message.

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)

Today 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

Youth Choir will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 pm.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

Our weekly Bible Study class has begun with the study of the Prophets. 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 at 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 LUNCHESES

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 SEPTEMBER 7th:

- We celebrate with Aunt Mary who turns 102 on 9/10 and for the birth of her great-great niece!!
- We hold Susan G. in our prayers as she prepares for surgery on 9/9.
- Kym asks for prayers for her sister's ex-husband and for Kym's upcoming cataract surgery.
- We pray for Eleanor A. as she is experiencing some medical challenges. May she return to health and wholeness soon.

- We hold Lois and Joe's nephew, Sam, in our prayers as his cancer treatments have been discontinued. We pray for Lois as she journeys to Virginia this week to spend time with Sam and his wife, Salina, that they feel wrapped in God's presence and love during their time together.
- Laura S. asks for prayers for Karl as he safely climbs another summit and returns home.
- Sharon K. is celebrating the 13th birthday of Grayce K. this week.
- We pray for Suz S. as she seeks to faithfully serve the City of Chicago as a volunteer and running for office.
- We pray for the elected leaders of Chicago, Illinois, and our nation as they seek the strength and wisdom to make wise decisions.

 <p>youth mission trip celebration</p>	<p>SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP</p> <p>ALL CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP!</p> <p>We will provide baked/fried chicken! Bring a side to share!</p>		
			

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER and help the PRCC Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team meet their goal of 70 walkers raising \$12,000:

- Go to: parkridgecommunitychurch.org ; link to the Crop Walk page and click the link for the Team Webpage. There you can register as a walker. On that same site you can make a donation to a walker or the PRCC team.
- Ask your friends for donations!
- Eat at **City BBQ on September 18** from 11:00 AM– 8:00 PM and mention Crop Walk. A percentage of your total bill will be donated to the walk.



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 14 - Senior Sunday!

- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Ministry Fair (Jordan Hall)
- 11:30 am - Holy Chow- Middle School Lunch

MONDAY, September 15

- 9:00 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 1:00 pm - Knitting Knights Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)
- 7:30 pm - Board of Directors (Library)

TUESDAY, September 16

- 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 - Wall of Sound Practice (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, September 17

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:15 am - Kindred Spirits Outing to Long Grove Candy Co.
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 2:45 pm - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 3:30 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 18

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

SATURDAY, September 20

- 1:15 pm - Confirmation Field Trip to the Bahai Temple

Happy Birthday

09/14

Ann Siena
Kati Weber

09/15

Kathy Berry

09/16

Laura Sissman
Rachel Stephen

09/19

Dick Collentine

09/20

Joe Zitoli



ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancake
BREAKFAST
KIWANIS OF PARK RIDGE

 

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

Celebrate Our Club's  **100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY**

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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