



Connected by Love.

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

COL. 3:14

**Connected by Love
YOUTH SUNDAY!
September 21, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connected by Love: Loving Service
September 21, 2025

Youth Sunday
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

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

How Happy is Each Child of God

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; **forgive us.**

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; **forgive us.**

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; **forgive us.**

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true

to you in every time of trial; Help us remain connected to you and to one another through loving service.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

How Can We Name a Love

B. Wren

(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

CELEBRATING THE Baptism of CYRUS ARTHUR ARVANITES

Parents: Dana and Baleigh Arvanites

Godparents for Cyrus: Christ Arthur Arvanites & Korinne Courtney Collier

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Cyrus, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care for Cyrus being baptized as he grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND BAPTISM

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE


PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Cyrus will bask in your love as he journeys through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

God Claims You

Refrain



Cyrus, Cyrus, God claims you, God helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you too.

1. We this day do all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
2. We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
3. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la by.

Fine

D.C.

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Only Hope

J. Foreman

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

*PREACHING LESSON

John 13:3-5, 12-15

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Serve Rev. Mollie Foster, Mary Lynch, Owen Smith

OFFERTORY

I Believe

M. Miller

*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

We work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labour, volunteer work, our home life-- all our time we spend for you. Thank you for jobs which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labour with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use

these offerings in your kingdom work, as you provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.

***HYMN**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

J.S. Bach

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
Lectors:
Leah Born
Archer Geye
Alena Goodwin
Luke Goodwin
Rae Hill
Isabella Makar
Anna Oberholtzer
Coren Smith

Sasha Gerritson, Music Director
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Hellar, Piano
Youth Choir
Chancel Choir

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<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) 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 am to 11:15 am 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.

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 Choir

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

ADULT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 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 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!

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 Pastor Carol.

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!

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, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM September 14th:

- We celebrate the many generations who have built and continue to build this community of faith.
- We pray for the brokenness of creation and the evil that persists throughout the world. Fill us with your grace and your steadfast love.
- Sandy asks for prayers for her sister Rosella who will have surgery on Friday.
- We pray for all of those who had surgery this week, for healing grace to surround each one.
- Rick B. asks for prayers for his longtime friend Robin who has finished chemo and will have a mastectomy this week.
- We lift up the Family of Pat Thompson who entered life in the resurrection last Sunday.
- Kym asks for prayers for Jay, Amber, Ashley, and family as they grieve the loss of Rick.
- We hold the Orth-Zitoli family in prayer as Sam, Lois's nephew, entered life in the resurrection on 9/13 after a three year battle with cancer. The family is overwhelmed with gratitude for the love and support of their PRCC family.



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 **D'Agostino's on September 30** from 11:00 AM–9:00 PM and mention Crop Walk when you dine-in or carry-out.

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 21 YOUTH SUNDAY!

- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - All Church Potluck (Jordan Hall)
- 3:30 pm - Sunday Night Suppers

MONDAY, September 22

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

TUESDAY, September 23

- 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 - Swap-A-Looza Circle 10 Event (Great Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Wall of Sound Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Meet the Author Night w/Rev. Brandon Robertson (Park Ridge Presbyterian Church)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, September 24

- 9:00 am - CPR Training (Great)
- 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 25

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

SATURDAY, September 27

- 10:00 am - Memorial Service- Patricia Ann Thompson

Happy Birthday

09/21

Joey Figgins

09/23

Courtney Dyer

Angie Weber

09/24

Lydia Zweifel

09/25

Charlie Giera

Sarah Hibbard

09/26

Gale Fabisch

09/27

Kathy Tumminello



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.
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**FALL INFORMATIONAL
SESSION**

➤ New Member Sunday - October 26

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