



Connected by Love.

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

COL. 3:14

**Connected by Love
Two By Two
September 28, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connected by Love: Two by Two

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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

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 My Soul Bless Your Redeemer v. 1-4

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have shaped us in your image, created for relationship, for love, for connection. Yet we reject community in favor of independence. We turn away from our siblings, our friends, our neighbors, telling them to make it on their own. We believe the lie that says our self-worth is intrinsically connected to our self-sufficiency.

Remind us of the strength to be found in one another. Soften our hearts to respond to the needs of others. Re-connect us to your heart and help us re-member one another as siblings in your family. Help us to trust that connection once again. Open our hearts, O God. Open our hearts.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A threefold cord is not quickly broken. We find strength in connection, as God's Holy Spirit unites us, one to the other. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are connected by the ties of love that bind us together.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

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

B. Wren

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

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Let Me Speak the Song of Songs

Jim Lucas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Abide With me, v. 1

*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 10:1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Need You to Survive

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

I Need You to Survive

Frazier

*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

Giver of every good gift, our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving for all you have done. You have given us more than we could ask or imagine in the blessing of one another. Help us to not take a single second for granted. Give us generous hearts to lend help and support to all those in need. May our words, our actions and our offerings help our friends and neighbors to not only survive, but thrive. May the gifts we offer today echo the gift you continuously offer through the love of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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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*

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
Ella McCarty, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Music Director
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Piano
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Chancel Choir
Meg Thomas-Cary, Soloist

CREDITS: Today's liturgy written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2025.

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 sponsored this week by the Joyce Family in honor of their daughter Sophia's 4th Birthday 10/5 and Kate & Brendans' 12th Anniversary 9/21! 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) 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. This week we will continue to learn about God's Love for all of us. Please plan to pick up your child from their classroom after the service concludes.

Nursery (0-5 years old)

Our nursery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for children up to 5 years old. It's a safe and welcoming space located downstairs, just next to Jordan Hall.

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.

Trunk or Treat at PRCC! 🍬

October 26 | 3:00–5:00 PM | PRCC Parking Lot

Join us for a spook-tacular afternoon of fun at our annual Trunk or Treat! Kids can come in costume and trick-or-treat safely from decorated car trunks in our church parking lot. This is a fun, festive event for the whole community—invite your friends and neighbors! Want to get involved? We need volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy. [Sign up to host a car](#) or See Morgan.

Bloom: A PRCC Moms & Babies Fellowship

October 18 | 9:30–11:00 AM | Jordan Hall & Nursery, Moms of little ones—join us for Bloom, a special Mommy & Me playdate at PRCC! While the kids enjoy playtime together, moms can relax with coffee, snacks, and great conversation. It's a wonderful time to connect, laugh, and build community with other moms. Don't miss this sweet morning of fun and fellowship!

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!

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 21th:

- We celebrate our youth ministry and the leadership our youth provide, caring for others so generously.
- We celebrate Cyrus's baptism and the joy of witnessing the expanding body of Christ in our midst.
- We celebrate with the Sindt family on their grandson receiving the National Merit Scholarship from Buffalo Grove High School.
- We hold Grace C.'s son, Evan, in our prayers as he recovers from wrist surgery following a work accident.
- We pray for a young person who is struggling with asthma and was in and out of the hospital this week getting their breathing under control.
- Julie B. asks for prayers for her sister's son-in-law, AJ, who received a bone marrow transplant this week. We hold AJ, his wife, Tammy, and their two young children in our prayers during the long journey ahead.
- Patrice C. asks for prayers for Debbie, who received a new kidney at Mayo clinic this week.
- Sarah H. asks for prayers for baby Ben, that he can go home after 2 heart surgeries. We also pray for Jack's mental health struggles.

PRCC FELLOWSHIP

SQUARE DANCE NIGHT



OCTOBER 18
7:00 PM
\$10 AT THE DOOR
PRCC GREAT HALL

COME FOR A FUN NIGHT
OF DANCING!
WEAR WHATEVER YOU WISH
AND BYOB!



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 **Portillo's on Dempster on October 8** from 5:00 PM–8:00 PM and mention Crop Walk.
- Eat at **Harp & Fiddle on October 16** from 11:00 AM–9:00 PM and mention Crop Walk.

TRUNK or treat

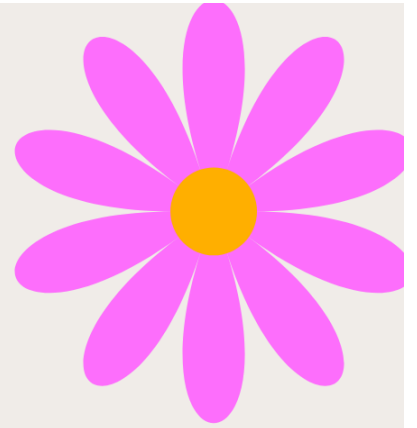
Join us for the annual
Trunk or Treat

October 26
PARK RIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
PARKING LOT

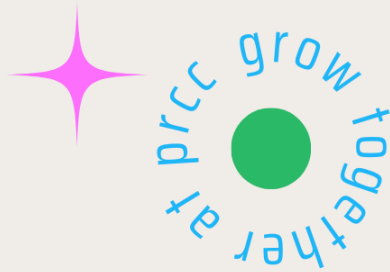
3 PM - 5 PM

Sign up to
host a car here →

Bloom



A PRCC Moms and Babies fellowship



October 18
9:30-11:00

JOIN US FOR A MOMMY & ME PLAYDATE AT PRCC!

**Jordan Hall
& Nursery**

Bring your little ones for a morning of fun and friendship. While the littles play together, moms can relax with coffee, snacks, and good conversation. It's the perfect chance to connect, laugh, and make sweet memories with your kids and community.

Any Questions? Morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, September 28

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - High School "Holy Chow"
- 2:00 pm - Confirmation Orientation Meeting (Jordan Hall)

MONDAY, September 29

- 7:00 pm - Social Justice Mtg.(Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, September 30

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children

WEDNESDAY, October 1

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral 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, October 2

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 11:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)
- 6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Happy Birthday

09/28

Eve Hinton
Sharon Solomon

09/29

Lucas Runtz

09/30

Isa Gaby

10/01

Paul Schrimpff

10/02

Penny Chlebicki

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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