

Grace

not Perfection.



JANUARY 16, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Somewhere

Bernstein

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.

**The human mind plans the way,
but the Lord directs the steps.** *(Proverbs 16:3,9)*

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from far away.

**You search out our path and our lying down,
and are acquainted with all our ways.** *(Psalm 139:1-3)*

We rest in the refuge of God's grace,
trusting in God to lead us throughout our years.

**Give us faith, O God, and
help us to rely more fully on your grace.**

***HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**I've tried to hide from your searching gaze,
Love's Delight: I've climbed mountains,
and burrowed deep into earth's caverns;
I've fled to the farthest edges of my soul,
and longed to sail in my fears to the dark side of the moon.
And wherever I go - you are waiting for me!
Even in the dimmest corners of my heart,
your light is able to find me.**

**Lost, I am found; afraid to speak of my sinfulness -
you hear my stumbling words before i shape them in my mind;
unable to help myself - you redeem me
through the gracious love of Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior.**

Silence prayers are offered.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort;
in moments so dark, we stumble over ourselves, God lights the way;
in joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.

**Even when we cannot see it, God's grace is all around us,
surrounding us with peace and healing.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*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 OF THE PEACE**

FIRST READING

Psalm 46:1-11

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Oblivion

Piazzolla

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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

1 Peter 5:5-7

This is the word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Out of Control

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,
we praise you for all you have given us,
for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us.
In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.
We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings we bless you.
May we live as in your presence, love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***HYMN**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

LEADING US IN WORSHIP JANUARY 16, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Services
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Greg Winston, pianist
Bruce Nelson, vibes
Bob Mack, bass

Ushers: Jan Steiner, Tom Brunet, Lorel Brunet, Paula Mack, Sharon Kemerer, Bill Barsanti, and George Skoog

Credits:

Call to Worship written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2022.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by © Thom M. Shuman 2011. Posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

Prayer of Thanksgiving written by St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)

The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Connor Michael Harvey, who was born on Wednesday, January 12 at 4:52 am to proud parents Michael and Katie Harvey and adoring big sister, Carson.

THANK YOU FROM OUR STAFF!

Wow! Thank you, Park Ridge Community Church family, for your kindness, care, and support of our ministry team! Thank you to the SPRC committee for coordinating a church-wide effort to shower us with kindness. We feel your love!! This past year has held it's share of challenges, but we are so grateful to be here serving among you. Thank you for your generous contributions that made their way to bless us this Christmas, in particular. Thank you too for your ongoing collaboration and leadership at this incredible church. We are inspired and blessed by YOU each and every day!

Thank you so much,

Your Ministers, Staff, and Musicians

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 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 Beaudine, Heather Cannon, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Reggie Pantazi, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM JANUARY 9TH:

- We celebrate the remarkably talented musicians who bless our worship!
- Birthdays include Paul F. on 1/10; Barb Z. on 1/12, Ian B. and Maggie W. on 1/13; Rex P., Paula M., Johanna O. on 1/14; Dave D., Bruce W. and Naomi S. on 1/15.
- Charlie and Kym send their love as they worship from home, where they are quarantining, being regularly tested and keeping safe.
- Please pray for Andrea's friend Jasmin and family as her son Wyatt will be facing a very difficult and challenging surgery to remove his stomach this tomorrow, 1/10.
- Zach has asked us to hold his best friend's mom in our prayers as she struggles with Covid and COPD.
- Please continue to pray for Kathleen who faces serious health issues. Her husband Jim passed away last week after a battle with cancer.
- Angie asks us to include her very close friend in our prayers as she cares for her husband who is going through cancer treatment and as they face other challenges.
- Robin and Ed K ask for prayers for their son Scott, who had an accident at an indoor BMX bike track, breaking his leg in multiple places, which will require surgery once the swelling subsides.
- We hold in our prayers all those struggling with depression, addiction issues and mental illness especially as we continue to practice social distancing and many of the coping tools available to address these issues are hampered.
- We pray for our nation as we find ways to confront evil and injustice in our politics, our criminal justice systems, and civic behavior. We pray for a peaceful transition of power at the inauguration on Wednesday. We pray for our own and the other 49 state capitols today, we pray for those who protect and work in the capitol buildings. We pray for police forces and National Guard troops, FBI, and others called upon to protect people and places that serve our nation.

BUILDING UPDATE

BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE

Since covid cases are still going strong, we will continue to keep the building closed through the end of January. We will re-group and make a decision on how to move forward in February. Please reach out to the Church Office if you need a zoom link or have any changes to the Calendar. Thank you for your continued support to keep us safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAZZ IN JANUARY – POSTPONED

In a continued effort to keep our Church Family and those that visit our building safe, our committee has decided it is best to postpone this event. We are so grateful to all of them for the time and efforts they had put into this event and thank them for making such a responsible decision. We will be working over the next few weeks to issue refunds for tickets purchased, please contact the Church Office with any questions.

VOLUNTEER!

SIMPLE SUPPER

Will remain paused through the end of January.

THE BRIDGE PROJECT

We are still collecting coats and other warm clothing through the end of January.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

ADULT ED: Tuesday Daytime Bible Study: Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World

All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed. We will finish up our studies from the Old Testament on January 11. Beginning on January 18, we will begin our exploration of Luke and Acts, both of these Biblical books being written by the same author! Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie and others lead this study. All are welcome to participate as we read and consider the scriptures together and discuss how these ancient texts apply to our lives today!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3ROSEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aQT09>

ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm - Grace Not Perfection

Join Jackie Tilles and Katie Reboletti in the Church library as we consider this study written by Emily Ley. We will consider when we've been confronted with our own limitations: we cannot do it all! When we hold ourselves to a standard of perfection, God invites us to let go of that unrealistic standard and instead step into grace. In this four week video-based study, author Emily Ley will share ways she has embraced a simpler life, making space to breathe, laugh and grow! This is a great way to start a new year! Come and join us for this new study that will correlate with the sermon series!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84079820295?pwd=S0pxK3MzSktNaEhldk9Dck5jaGo3dz09>

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children's Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you would like to register for the coming Sunday School year, you may do so through the Church Office, by contacting Shelley O'Brien, or on our website - <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/christian-education>.

JANUARY YOUTH GROUP

Bundle up! Youth Group will meet outdoors for games in the church parking lot and Carriage House Driveway from 11:30 am -12:30 pm through the month of January. Be sure to check the weekly parent email for updates regarding Youth plans and schedule changes.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY!

We are currently looking for volunteers to be on call to work the Nursery during Sunday Worship. This would be strictly as needed, if a family came in needing nursery care, the Ushers would let you know. If you are interested in signing up, please do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-nursery>

Thank you in advance for helping us to accommodate all families.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

On January 30th, we will be hosting a Cross Cultural Training for any and all adults and friends at PRCC via Zoom. We will begin at 11:30 am and finish at 2:30 pm. A link will be provided as the date approaches. If interested or have more questions, reach out to Laura Lapp or Pastor Mollie.

This training prepares each volunteer to engage with a refugee individual or family in Chicagoland. It offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden a volunteer's understanding of who refugees are and how they get to the United States, as well as what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about the culture(s) of many refugees who are arriving and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. After this training, individuals can begin volunteering with the Exodus Neighboring Program to include things such as:

- Socialize with families and individuals
- Help students with tutoring
- Help with language learning
- Help with learning history and actions towards citizenship



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