

# Grace

not Perfection.



JANUARY 23, 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**

*Rondo*

Pleyel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone,  
we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace offered to us.**

**\*HYMN**

*Take My Life and Let It Be, v. 1-4*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you have called us to follow Christ,  
but we are uncertain what "a life of humility" even means.  
More often than we'd like to admit,

**we choose to exalt ourselves, lifting ourselves over others.**

More often than we'd like to admit,

**our sense of success depends on someone else's failure.**

More often than we'd like to admit,

**our love of God does not guide our relationships.**

More often than we'd like to admit,

**we twist service into convenience and leisure,  
ignoring the idea that to serve is to be the servant.**

**Disturb the habits of our sin, O God.**

**Awaken us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray – show us your ways.

**Highlight what we can change, and change what we cannot.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Beloved of God, God is at work in you! God is alive in us!

God lives – but sin is dead.

And our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.

**Alleluia! 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**

Ecclesiastes 4:1-12

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*After All*

McDonald

**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**

Philippians 2:1-4

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**It's Not All About Me?**

Sasha Gerritson

**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**

**May we imitate your generosity, Gracious God, as we offer these gifts to you. May we model your justice, as we seek to bring hope to the broken all around us. May we share the gift of your love with all who are alone and hurting, and simply looking for grace in their lives. This we pray in the name of our Bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*In Thee I Put My Trust*

Bach

**POSTLUDE**

*La Comparsa*

Lecuona

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

LEADING US IN WORSHIP JANUARY 23, 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

PRCC Chancel Choir

Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist

Christie Miller, clarinet

Emily Marlow, clarinet

Rose Sperrazza, clarinet

David Tuttle, clarinet

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

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**Credits:**

Call to Worship and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Thom Shuman and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance adapted from **In the Name of Jesus.... Service Prayers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, posted on the **Worship Ways** page of the United Church of Christ website.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that 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 16<sup>TH</sup>:

- We celebrated the birthdays of Sam B., Linda L., and Luke G. on January 18, Cooper L.'s birthday on January 20, Jonathan L.'s birthday on January 22, and Sharon K. and Mile & Massimo T.'s birthdays on January 23! Happy Birthday to each of you!
- The rose on the altar is in celebration of Connor Michael Harvey, who was born on Wednesday, January 12 to Katie and Michael. You might remember Connor's big sister Carson we have held in our prayers. Connor is a joy that we treasure for Katie, Michael and Carson!
- We are grateful and celebrate the ministry of the Medical Lending Closet and the volunteers who go out of their way to offer care for our community.
- Ginny J asks us to join her in prayers of gratitude for the successful heel surgery for her daughter-in-law Rachel. Please continue to pray for her healing as she has a long road ahead.
- We pray for Josh and Kenna S. as they anticipate the arrival of their baby girl any day.
- Please hold Pastor Carol's parents in your prayers as they are both battling covid, and especially for my mom whose health remains compromised by pneumonia and scarring on her lungs.
- Kim D. asks for prayers as she heals up from a fall and is nervous for an upcoming medical test on her hand.
- Scott K is scheduled for surgery this Tuesday. The family is grateful to be home and for the prayer support. Please continue to pray for the medical team as they prepare for surgery and for the healing process after that.
- Prayers for Tom B, who has been struggling with sciatica and will hopefully have a procedure this week to give him some relief.
- Prayers for Massie B. as she grieves the death of her grandpa and travels back and forth from Kansas City to help with arrangements.

The two roses on the altar are in Celebration of the births of Piper Sissman and Harper Linske.

## BUILDING UPDATE

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Our building continues to be closed to activities, groups, and meetings through the end of January due to Covid. Church Leadership will re-evaluate current numbers and discuss re-opening in February. Thank you for helping us stay 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

Simple Suppers have been paused through January.

### THE BRIDGE PROJECT

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

### LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Our next date to serve is February 3<sup>rd</sup>, sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln13>

## 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/83091129872?pwd=QXFCSDVsWEhvNWUxOU5XZFliNEVlZz09>

**Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> – *Forgiveness: Finding Peace in Letting Go***

## 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!

### 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.

### **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>.

### **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.



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