

Grace

not Perfection.



JANUARY 30, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GRACE NOT PERFECTION: Live in God's Grace

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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

Adagio

Albioni

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

What is grace?

Grace is God's gift to us, freely given.

Grace creates us. Grace sustains us. Grace redeems us.

God's grace takes our brokenness and makes us whole.

People of God, live lives filled with grace!

With boldness we receive grace! With joy we offer grace!

*HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, sometimes discipleship is so difficult.

We see you standing in front of us and we look for glory.

Then you tell us to expect heartbreak and challenge.

**We get a glimpse of your glory,
and we are confused, frightened, unsure what to do or say.**

God of grace, made known in Jesus the Christ,
in the challenge and in the glory
you call us to look toward you, to listen to you.

Grant us the grace and wisdom

**to watch,
to listen,
to follow,
to learn,
and, in the end,
to possibly understand,
as we join you on The Way, as we explore the glorious Kingdom.**

Silence is kept

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through the grace of God, we are forgiven and transformed into new creations here and now.

Thanks be to God! 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

Romans 12:1-8

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Krauss

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Andante

Mozart

SERMON

Alive In Grace

Pastor Mollie Foster

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**

**Good and gracious God, it is our joy to offer these gifts to your care.
May they multiply your grace - received and shared - until all creation echoes your love.
Amen.**

***HYMN**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

In Thee I Put My Trust

POSTLUDE

Air

Handel

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP JANUARY 30, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Sue Douglass, organist

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Jane Kenas-Heller, piano

Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern

Dave Belden, violin

Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Services

Naomi Hildner, viola

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Services

William Cernota, cello

Karen Nelson, violin

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

Credits:

Call to Worship, Words of Assurance and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2022.

Prayer of Confession posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

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 23RD:

- Birthdays - Miles & Massimo T. and Sharon K. celebrated their birthdays 1/23; Marlowe K., Allen W., Marty S. and Jim M. all celebrated birthdays on 1/24. On 1/25 Katie H., Logan D. and Steve H. celebrate birthdays, Sophia M. on 1/26; Tracy K. and Eugene J. have birthdays on 1/27 and Stuart R. celebrates a birthday on 1/28. That's a lot of celebrating!!
- We wish a happy anniversary to Cheryl and Joe DeYoung on Jan. 26!
- We celebrate the birth of Harper Jacoda Linske, who was born on January 10th to proud parents Sarah Linske and Kasia Pawlina, home with big brother Henry James!
- Please keep Dave S in your prayers as he prepares for eye surgery.
- We are celebrating the healthy birth Piper Sissman, who was born last Sunday 1/16 at around 7 pm to proud parents Josh and Kenna, and doting grandparents Laura and Marty!
- Please keep Bernice Z's nephew Mike in your prayers as he has been hospitalized with pancreatitis. We pray for his healing and return home.
- We celebrate the successful surgeries of both Scott K and Tom B this past week and pray for their continued healing and recovery.
- We celebrate and hold in our prayers our Stephen Ministry program and pray for all the ways Stephen Ministers offer a journey of grace for those they encounter.
- As we approach nominating season, we pray for our congregation that God will prepare our hearts for the roles that God is calling each one to serve in for this next year of ministry.
- We hold in prayer all those seeking warmth and shelter during these winter months especially a client of one our members who is working with the outreach team to provide him assistance as he prepares to leave the hospital this week without a home to return to.
- Please pray all those who are struggling with covid. Those who are home sick, those isolating to stay healthy and our health care workers overwhelmed with this most recent surge of cases.
- Cheryl Roma, daughter of Kindred Spirits participant Shirley, former softball coach of some of our youth, entered life in the Resurrection 1/16.

The All-Church Exodus Ministries Training is being rescheduled for a date when we can all meet in person. Stay tuned for more details!



**Happy Birthday to Pastor Mollie on Friday!
We love you!**

BUILDING UPDATE

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As we are entering February, we will reopen the building for church committee meetings and groups. We will ask groups to not share food at this time, but they will be able to be together, while remaining masked. We will continue to pause 8:30 am service until March and all worship together, in person, at 10 am. The choir will continue to share their beautiful voices from Ellinger Transept. We will continue to hold off on allowing outside groups to gather in the building for two more weeks, until February 13, when we will reassess.

JAZZ AND JANUARY REFUNDS

All refunds have been issued for tickets sold, if you have not received yours, please contact the Church Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POP-IN KINDRED SPIRITS

This Tuesday, 2/1 as well as 2/8 and 2/15 from noon to 1:00 pm. Come to the Park Place Room to chat, catch-up, check out the book cart, borrow a jigsaw puzzle and this Tuesday to celebrate our February birthdays with a to-go cupcake. Be sure to reach out to our birthday friends to wish them well! Please wear a mask and if you have any questions or need more details, just reach out to Liz Swanson.

NEW MEMBER INFO MEETING

The Welcome/Membership Committee will be hosting an informational Zoom session on **Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm** for anyone interested in learning more about our church, our programs offered, and the ability to become a member.

We look forward to our time together! Please let the church office or one of us know if you plan to attend!

Sara Born (sara.born@hotmail.com)

Sue Douglass (suedouglass@hotmail.com)

CAMPFIRE/LETTER WRITING

The ritual of writing a letter to express feelings about grief or loss allows a bereaved participant the chance to strengthen the ongoing bonds they may wish to maintain with the deceased loved one or may help the writer to renew their hopes and aspirations for a different future. The finished letters are then committed to a fire in a gesture of sending them off to those we wish to connect with, or perhaps in a symbolic gesture of a desire for change or of letting go of difficult emotions/feelings. This ritual is done as a group to emphasize our mutual support of one another as we seek comfort and care during times of trial or challenge. Our time together will end with S'mores by the fire!

Who: All are welcome (adults, youth, families)

When: February 13, 11:30am-12:30am

Where: Carriage House Driveway

COOKIES BY THE POUND

Sunday, February 13th in the Park Place Room!

Cookies will be prepackaged and available for purchase before and after service.

VOLUNTEER!

SIMPLE SUPPER

Simple Suppers have been paused through the end of February.

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 3rd, sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln13>

MLK FOOD DRIVE

PRCC's response to the MLK Food Drive has been amazing!

Many thanks to all who dropped food thus far. To date, we've delivered 16 bags and 2 boxes to our local pantries. Truly heartwarming that with limited services and building access, we were able to collect as much as we have. **Keep it coming...** We are still accepting food drive drop offs until Jan 31st. And of course the ongoing pantry drop off will continue on the first Sunday of month in the Park Place room.

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. 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=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aQT09>

ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm - Beginning February 3rd

Forgiveness: Finding Peace in Letting Go

Many people have trouble with the concept of forgiveness and fail to fully realize the freedom that comes from forgiving others, forgiving ourselves, and receiving God's forgiveness. In this study, Rev. Hamilton will guide the group through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and asking for forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness. Join us in person or over Zoom as we journey

together! <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>.

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.

Blood Donors
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Heroes



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The need for blood is at its highest level as the health crisis continues to impact patients. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to help others.

The actual donation time is only about ten minutes but you will need to allow for about an hour from start to finish with screening questions and recovery time after donating.

PRCC DEDICATED LINK

[HTTPS://NORTHEAST.VITALANT.ORG/LP=28?DRIVE_CODE=ORD0060F&DIVISION=NORTHEAST%2C%AEION=CHI](https://northeast.vitalant.org/lp=28?drive_code=ORD0060F&division=northeast%2c%aeion=chi)



Blood Facts & Statistics



- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- One in 7 people entering a hospital will need blood..
- A single blood donation can help more than one patient and could help as many as three.
- Vitalant needs 5,300 donations every day to support patient needs in the 900 hospitals we serve.
- Vitalant needs over 216,000 new donors annually to safeguard blood needs for patients.
- The majority of the population is estimated to be eligible to donate blood but only 3% do.
- First-time donors get an initial screening of their blood type when they make their first blood donation at a Vitalant blood drive or donation center (not applicable in Nevada due to state restrictions).
- All blood types are critically needed, especially Type O.
- Type O is often needed in an emergency as well as for routine lifesaving surgeries, cancer treatment and more.
- Blood donation is an essential activity.
- All Vitalant blood drives and donation centers follow strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, volunteers, patients and staff. Review current COVID safety measures at vitalant.org/COVID-FAQs.
- Blood donations decline as much as 20% during the winter months due to cold and flu and weather impacts.



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