



Connected by Love.

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

COL. 3:14

**Connected by Love
To the Ends of the Earth
October 5, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connected by Love: To the Ends of the Earth

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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

Like a River Glorious

McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God invites us to gather, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's call.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us give thanks to God, who sends us forth to love our neighbors to the ends of the earth!

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together God, who makes us one.

*HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, in our multiplicity, we are one, forgiven, loved, and freed.

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

Galatians 3:25-29

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Love Was When

Ingram

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Abide With Me - v. 2

*PREACHING LESSON

Acts 1:6-8

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Worldwide Web

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

May the Road Rise Up

P. Wright

*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

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world. Bless this cup, we pray. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father, which 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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *Holy Communion will be received by intinction, coming forward, receiving a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. All are welcome to receive Communion, and if you prefer or need to be served in your seat, please raise a hand so our Deacons can come to you.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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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
Lectors:
Keith Reboletti
Kathy Beery

Sasha Gerritson, Music Director
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Piano
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Chancel Choir
Bells on High, Sandy Bowen, Director

local ministers in both South Africa and Zimbabwe, and most recently in Australia at Churches of Christ Theological College near Melbourne. They are returning to local church ministry in the USA. Benediction written by Rev. Dr. Ian Alexander, Church of Scotland.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our September Ushers: Tim Lapp (captain), Adrian Hill, Lonn Naudzius, Bruce Nelson, Anita Rifkind, Fred Siebert, and Laura Sissman.

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.

6th-12th Grades: Youth remain in worship on the first Sunday of each month for Holy Communion.

Nursery (0-5 years old)

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

Youth Group: Middle School Holy Chow

Today is MS Holy Chow! We will gather in the Butler Place Entry at 11:45 am and walk Uptown for a meal together with meaningful discussion with Pastor Mollie! No money needed! We will return at 1:00 pm.

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: 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

Join our weekly Bible Study class as we study 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

LOVING LUNCHES: OCT. 12

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 28th:

- We celebrate Dave K.'s last week of work and his retirement on Friday!
- We continue to hold Winnie E. in our prayers as she seeks treatment and relief from ongoing spinal pain.
- We pray for Kym for her upcoming cataract surgery and her brother who is dealing with leg issues.
- We give thanks for Evan C.'s continued healing after his accident.
- We hold Karen N.'s brother in prayer as he undergoes treatment for kidney cancer.
- We pray for Bill S., a friend of Laurel and Tom B., who will have surgery on Monday.
- We hold Pastor Carol and family in our prayers as they grieve the loss of her grandmother, Mary Elise Thomas, who entered life in the resurrection on September 26.

Faithful
First
Sundays



Is the idea of praying in front of others daunting?
Do you ever feel like you just don't know what to say?

Join the Stephen Ministers for **Faithful First Sundays** as we explore different approaches to prayer the first Sunday of the month. We'll meet in **Ellinger Transept** (off the sanctuary opposite the chapel) from **9:30 AM-9:50 AM** and we'll cover a different perspective each month.

On tap for **Oct. 5:** Pocket Prayers & "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott



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.

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.

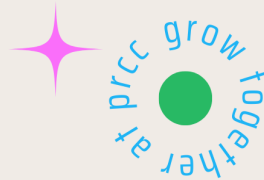
**OCT.
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**FALL INFORMATIONAL
SESSION**

➤ New Member Sunday - October 26

Bloom

A PRCC Moms and Babies fellowship



October 18
9:30-11:00

Jordan Hall
& Nursery

JOIN US FOR A MOMMY & ME PLAYDATE AT PRCC!

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

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!

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 5

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am - Middle School "Holy Chow"

MONDAY, October 6

- 7:00 pm - Action Ridge Book Discussion (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)
- 7:00 pm - City Council Meeting (City Hall)

TUESDAY, October 7

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children
- 6:00 pm - Faith Development Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, October 8 - Eat at Potillo's for Crop Walk!

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - PEO Chapter FP (Jordan Hall)
- 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 9

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 10:00 am - Spotlight Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:00 pm - PEO Membership Workshop (Jordan Hall)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

*Happy
Birthday*

10/05

Sophia Joyce
Trevor Steele
Logan Steele

10/06

Connor Collins
Aidan Collins
Rachel Lapp

10/08

Fred Flener
Oliver Zweifel

10/09

Siri Nelson
Jim Sindt
Ace Steele
Matt Sullivan

10/11

Maeve Hunter



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