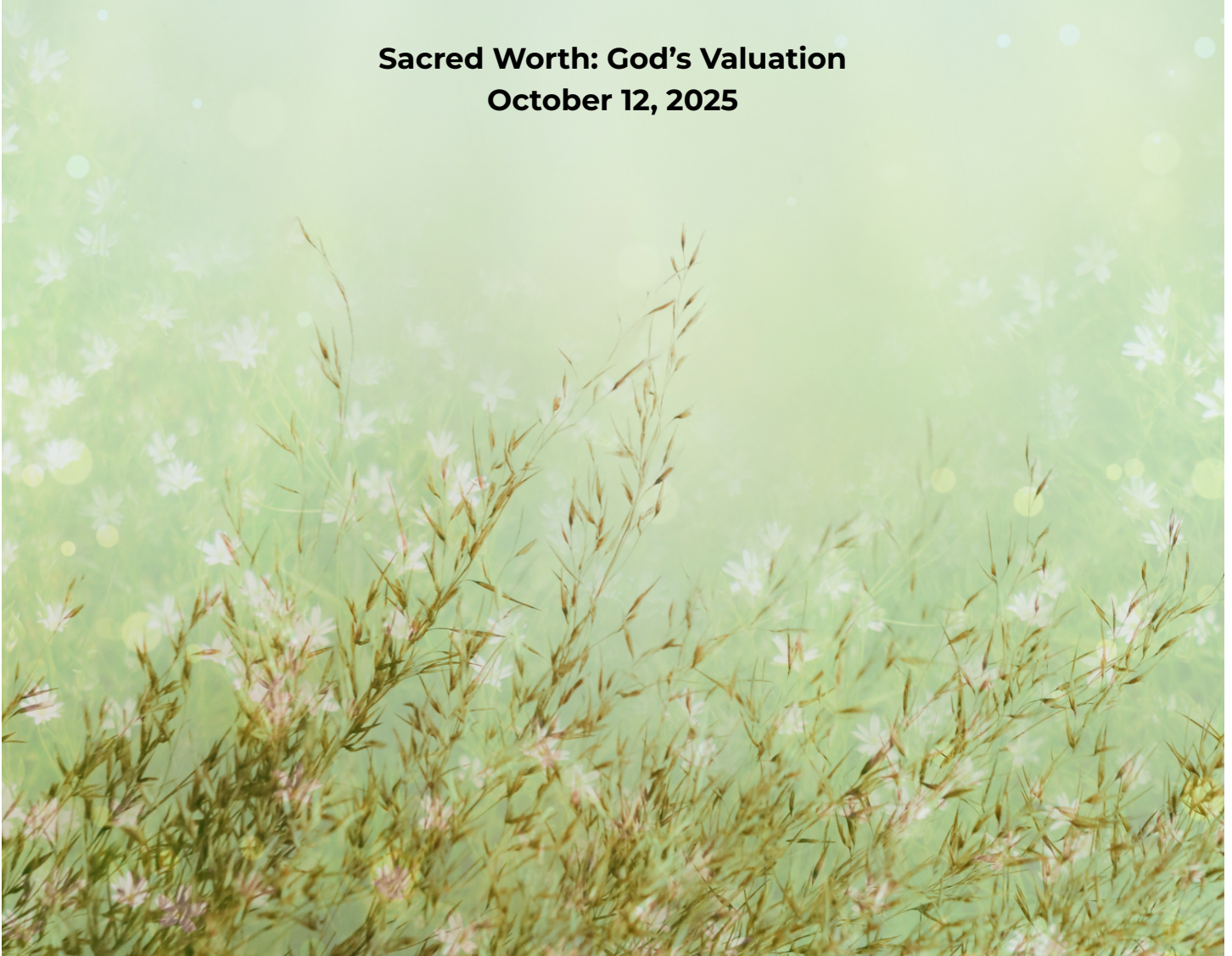


SACRED Worth



Imbued by the Creator

Sacred Worth: God's Valuation
October 12, 2025



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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

Fantasia No. 9

Simon Ives

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in God's house with hearts filled with praise and thanksgiving!

Great is our God and worthy to be praised!

The God who creates galaxies and butterflies, volcanoes and gentle breezes, continues to shape you and me and all humankind.

And in God's mysterious wisdom declares that we are good!

Great is God's mercy!

God's steadfast love endures from generation to generation.

We are fully known and valued by God who confers upon us Sacred Worth, a value beyond compare.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the psalmist declares that you have given human beings dominion over the works of your hands. All too often, though, we confuse this holy charge with having ownership. We then treat your creation as a resource to be used for our needs and our profit. We find ourselves reluctant to count the cost of our failure to be your faithful stewards until disaster strikes. And so we pray, show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Holy God, your cry for wisdom and understanding echoes in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our church committee meetings, our legislatures and our courts. We confess we don't always want to hear that cry, deciding instead to rely on familiar habits, comfortable assumptions, and quick conclusions. We ask you to show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Merciful God, the apostle Paul proclaims peace, hope, and grace are your gifts to us. And yet there are times when grief overwhelms us, anxiety holds us captive, and suffering leaves us numb with despair. We wonder how, even if you are at work in our lives, and we long for you to show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Redeeming God, you have created us in your image, you hold us in your eternal care, and yet we confess that we doubt our sacred worth. We dismiss and devalue the sacred worth of our neighbors, and we refuse to offer compassion to your children. We wonder how to look beyond our assumptions and biases to see the heart of our siblings. Help us and show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this great good news: God continually shows us another way. God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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***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 THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 8

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in my Heart

M. Hogan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Abide with Me

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The God (not Gold) Standard

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Mozart

*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

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE

La Rejouissance

G.F. Handel

** 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
Reese McGuffey, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Chancel Choir
Karen Nelson, Violin
Dave Belden, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Mark Anderson, Cello

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 Hunter Family in honor of their daughter Maeve's 6th Birthday! 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 our annual service project-Pumpkins with a Purpose. We will be making pumpkins for senior contact. You can pick your child up following service in the Sunday School Wing.

6th-12th Grades: Youth will meet in the Library following the Children's Message for Sunday School!

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: Serve Sunday!

We will gather in the Sunday School Wing at 11:45 am to decorate pumpkins for our homebound and senior friends! We will finish 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 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

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 - 7:00 pm - 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 9:00 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 A 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!

FAITHFUL FIRST SUNDAYS: EXPLORING PRAYER TOGETHER- Sunday, November 2 at 9:30 am

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, a monthly gathering to explore different approaches to prayer. We meet on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30–9:50 AM in the Ellinger Transept (off the sanctuary, opposite the chapel). November 2- Topic: "Prayers Over Food."

WELCOME & MEMBERSHIP INFO SESSION – Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Curious about Park Ridge Community Church and what it means to be a member? Join the Welcome & Membership Committee for an Info Session on Monday, October 14 from 7 –8:00 pm in the Church Parlor. Come learn more about our community, values, and how you can get involved. Future sessions will also be held in the same location—stay tuned!.

SQUARE DANCING - Friday, October 18 at 7:00 pm

The PRCC Fellowship Team invites you to a fun-filled Night of Square Dancing on Friday, October 18 at 7:00 pm! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a total beginner, come join the laughter and live music! \$10 per person, BYOB, and wear whatever you like—boots or sneakers, it's all about having a good time. Bring your friends and get ready to swing, twirl, and make great memories!



CHURCH LAWN CARE DAY - Saturday, October 25 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us on Saturday, October 25 at 10:00 am as we come together to care for our church grounds. Bring gloves, tools, and a willing spirit—many hands make light work! Let's keep our space welcoming and beautiful. For more information please contact Sharon Kemerer.

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM INFO TABLE: Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 12

Celebrating National American Heritage Month in Art and Literature

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM: No Kings Rallies, Saturday, October 18, 2025

Park Ridge, noon-1:30 on Touhy Ave. between Summit and Prospect; Downtown Chicago, noon – 2:00 pm, Butler Field at Grant Park; Arlington Heights, 3:00-5:00 pm, North School Park.

THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK - October 19

Crop Hunger Walk steps off from Our Lady of Ransom (8300 N. Greenwood) 1:30 registration; 2:00 send-off and step-off. Thursday, October 16 grab a bite to eat at Harp & Fiddle from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm. Mention Crop Walk. Thanks to everyone who participated to raise \$161 at City BBQ and \$575 at D'Agostino's.



SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM: Gichigamiin Indian Nations Museums: Saturday, October 25, 1:00 pm

Visit the museum in honor of National American Heritage Month. Tours are not available on Saturdays, but we are assured of our welcome, and the opportunity to learn and enjoy the museum's exhibits and collections. We will meet at the Museum at 1:00 pm. To sign up: Stop at the Social Justice Team Info Table at Coffee Hour this Sunday, October 12, or contact: Katie Reboletti katie.reboletti@gmail.com; Rick Graham videograham@sbcglobal.net

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 October 5th:

- We celebrate the forest preserve clean up and our ongoing efforts to care for God's creation.
- We celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries, including Sophia J/ who 's 4 years old!
- We hold Sandra, a neighbor of Elaine Z., in our prayers as she and her family seek physical, emotional, and economic healing.
- And we continue to pray for Elaine as she battles fatigue and respiratory problems.
- We pray for Jim and Scott as they grapple with an emotionally and financially stressful situation.
- We pray for Kym whose cataract surgery has been delayed and her brother Richard as he deals with pain.
- We pray for a few different dads, Sasha's father Steve who's in the hospital, one beginning hospice, one preparing for upcoming tests, and yet another seeking employment.
- Jim and Pete M. ask for prayers for their Aunt Kappy as she deals with cardiac issues following receiving a pacemaker.
- We hold the Clapper family in our prayers after the loss of their son and brother Eddie Peterson.
- Janet J. asks for prayers for her friend Pam who is dealing with developing dementia.
- We continue to hold Julie B.'s nephew AJ in prayer as the bone marrow transplant process continues.
- We hold the CPS students and our neighbors who are afraid of ICE.

2025

\$655,826 2025 TOTAL

Worth it... Snapshot Budget

Worship

\$197,360

From Musicians to Nursery care, to graphics, candles, flowers, liturgy and livestream, plus clergy to lead us, our Worship connects us to God and one another.

Outreach

\$8,249

Outreach ministry supports Loving Lunches, Lincoln Park Shelter Meal, the Food Pantry, CROP Walk, Sunday Night Suppers, and more! The donations of items significantly underwrites the cost of meals served and outreach ministries offered. This doesn't include amounts from the dedicated funds or special appeals.

Children

\$36,000

From My Bible to My Communion, Weekly Sunday School, Worship Buckets, and special Children's events, our children from infants to 5th graders are learning about Jesus and being faithful disciples!

Youth

\$58,292

Our Youth Ministry budget provides Weekly Youth Group, Wacky Wednesday, Confirmation, Junior Youth, Sunday School, Retreats and more!

Adult Ministry

\$113,973

Adult Ministry at PRCC includes our Bible Studies, special presentations, Social Justice and Pride activities, Stephen Ministries, Classes and Retreats, Senior Outreach, Fellowship, and College/Young Adult ministries!

Operations

\$241,952

Operating expenses includes the maintenance, utility, landscaping and snow removal, as well as office supplies, payroll taxes, marketing, property insurance, fundraising, committee support, continuing education for staff, and technology support!

Staff Salaries are allocated among the ministry areas they serve.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 12

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 11:15 am - Social Justice Info Table (Jordan Hall)
- 11:30 am - Youth Group

MONDAY, October 13

- 9:00 am - PEO Sisterhood, Chapter GZ (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, October 14

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Get to Know PRCC Info Session (Parlor)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, October 15

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 12:00 am - Ministerial Association Lunch (Jordan Hall)
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 2:45 pm - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 3:45 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 6:00 pm - SPRC Committee Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)
- 7:00 pm - Action Ridge (Jordan Hall)

THURSDAY, October 16

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

Saturday, October 18

- 9:00 am - Bloom- Moms & Babies (Jordan Hall)
- 12:00 pm -No Kings Rally: Touhy Ave. between Summit and Prospect
- 12:00 pm -No Kings Rally: Downtown Chicago, Butler Field at Grant Park
- 3:00 pm -No Kings Rally: Arlington Heights, North School Park
- 7:00 pm - Square Dancing (Great Hall)

A stylized, cursive graphic that says "Happy Birthday" in a large, flowing font.

10/17

Reece Hanson

10/18

Cheri Carpenter