

SACRED

Worth



Imbued by the Creator

Sacred Worth: Imbued by the Creator
Stewardship 2025: Holy Ground
October 19, 2025



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sacred Worth: Holy Ground
8:30 am & 10:00 am

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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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As Moses stood before the burning bush, God said:

The place on which you are standing is holy ground.

As Joshua stood outside of Jericho before an angel of the Lord, the angel said:

The place where you stand is Holy.

As crowds gathered on hillsides and valleys in Galilee to hear Jesus teach,

Those places became holy ground.

Jesus declares, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

And we find ourselves on holy ground.

Learning in Sunday School rooms, cooking at kitchen counters, playing in the gym,
marching in protests, and worshiping in the sanctuary,

We are on holy ground. God is here!

*HYMN

God is Here!

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we sometimes prefer to keep you contained in expected places like sanctuaries and the pages of scripture. Yet, you surprise us. You are everywhere. You invite us to make our very selves a sanctuary for your presence, and we would prefer you to choose someone else. We cry out: "God, help us!" without expecting you to actually show up. Interrupt our lives, O God. Remind us that the earth is yours and everything that is in it. Remind us that every space becomes holy when you are there. Open our minds and hearts to recognize your holy presence in the sacred spaces that surround us.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Psalmist asks: "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?" From the wings of the morning to the farthest limits of the sea, even there God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. God is indeed here and remains with us always, offering love, mercy, and all that is holy. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Sanctuary

John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

CHORUS

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24:1-6

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

Crop Walk Noisy Offering

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

Adam & Sarah Thompson

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Abide With Me

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 15:32-39

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sacred Ground, Sacred Worth

Rev. Mollie Foster

OFFERTORY

I Shall Not Be Moved

Parker

*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

Creator God, we give you thanks and praise for the wondrous works of your hands. Thank you for your presence within the walls of our church and beyond. Thank you for transforming the ordinary into extraordinary by your Spirit. Bless our ministries. Bless our building. Bless the sacred spaces that you have made. May our giving this day extend your ministry in ways we never even imagined, resulting in more mouths being fed, more souls finding rest, more justice done, and more peace on earth. Amen.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE

Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

BOLD 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
Adrian Hill, Worship Leader
Lois Zitoli, Lector
Jaclyn Weir, Lector

Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Chancel Choir
Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

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 Janet & Gary Johnson in honor of Ruth & Sven Bengtson October Birthday's! 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. This week, kids will learn about Stewardship and Fruits of the Spirit. 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 & Confirmation Class:

We will participate in the Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk! Everyone will gather at Our Lady of Ransom 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.

ADULT MINISTRY

KNITTING KNIGHTS CRAFT SALE - Sunday, October 26 during Coffee Hour at 11 am

Don't miss the Knitting Knights sale after the 10:00 service on Sunday 10/26 during coffee hour. Many beautiful autumnal items as well as some warm, winter hats and scarves will be available for sale so be sure to check out the Knitting Knights table in Jordan Hall. If you are looking for hand-crafted baby items, just let us know. Questions, reach out to Liz Swanson.

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 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!

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."

FALL ABC BUNCO NIGHT: Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Women's Circle 10 invites you to [Fall ABC Bunco Night](#). There will be appetizers, bunco, and cocktails. All are welcome - bring a friend! suggested donation \$5 at the door. RSVP with QR Code!



OUTREACH

TODAY! THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK - October 19

We'll step off from Our Lady of Ransom (8300 N. Greenwood), 1:30 pm registration; 2:00 pm send-off and step-off. You can still make a donation at: crophungerwalk.org/nilesil. Remember - our goal is 70 walkers raising \$12,000.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM: Gichigamiin Indian Nations Museum: 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 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, Kym Giera, 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 12th:

- We celebrate the baptism of Jordan R. today!
- The Smith family celebrates the 50th anniversary of Will's parents on Oct. 12! Congratulations!
- We celebrate with Rick & Jill W. on the arrival of their new grandchild, Callum River Adams.
- We hold in prayer several friends of Tim and Sally M: SueBee, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; Lisa, who is experiencing an early onset of dementia; and Andrea, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer. We ask that God's loving presence be felt by each one and that they be surrounded by support and knowledgeable medical teams throughout their treatments.
- We pray for our 8th grade students who are experiencing Washington, DC this weekend that they will learn a lot and return safely on Monday.
- An anonymous member of our community asks for prayers for a loved one who has been asked to leave her church because she is a transgender woman: for her to be secure in God's love for her despite the hurt inflicted by this church.

- We hold Dan S.'s mom, Marianne, in prayer as she prepares for knee replacement surgery on Monday and recovery following
- We hold Jeff C. in our prayers as he recovers from pneumonia and prepares for jaw surgery to remove a rare tumor.
- We pray for Mark, brother-in-law of Paula & Bob M., as he undergoes surgery and treatment for colon cancer on Oct. 13.
- Mary B. asks for continued prayers for neighbors and all those being illegally abducted and held by ICE.
- We hold in prayer Rick B.'s longtime friend, Robin, who is undergoing a mastectomy on Oct. 20.
- Ryan M. asks for prayers for his brother, Kevin, who has been experiencing unexplained pain and will have his gallbladder removed this week.
- We hold in prayer a son who is in search of work and a career.
- We pray for Anthony S. and his family as they mourn the passing of his Uncle David, who entered Life in the Resurrection on Oct. 11.
- On Fri., October 10, at 100 years old, Char Kenzel entered Life in the Resurrection. Her family is grateful for her long and full life and sends their thanks for the love and friendship she experienced at PRCC.

Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

Sunday, October 19 at 10:00 am Service



Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

Joe Mullins is a celebrated banjo player and radio broadcaster who has seamlessly combined his two passions for over 40 years. Leading his band, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, since 2006, they have graced stages worldwide, produced 12 acclaimed albums, and earned the title of entertainers of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) in 2019.

Joe and The Radio Ramblers are chart-toppers in bluegrass and gospel music and have been regular performers on the Grand Ole Opry since 2013. As an award-winning broadcaster, Joe's voice reaches a global audience through Real Roots Radio, and he hosts the syndicated radio program Front Porch Fellowship, which airs on over 170 stations. In addition to his broadcasting accolades, Joe produced the IBMA's 2021 Album of the Year, Industrial Strength Bluegrass, and The Radio Ramblers host the award-winning Ohio bluegrass festivals of the same name. Renowned for their dynamic performances, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers continue to tour extensively, captivating audiences across the US, Canada, and Europe.



CROP WALK TODAY! October 19

The Niles-Park Ridge Crop Hunger Walk is here!
 October 19 – Crop Hunger Walk steps off from
 Our Lady of Ransom (8300 N. Greenwood)
 1:30 pm registration; 2:00 pm send-off and step-off



Park Ridge Community Church Sacred Spaces

The task of caring for our buildings and grounds is capably tended to by our 9 Trustees, each serving for a renewable 3 year term in this role. In order to anticipate upcoming needs, they procured a 15 year Capital Reserve Study and have created a timeline of needs on the immediate and long-term horizons. They meet monthly to track and update projects, and one or more Trustees are present in the building doing repairs, meeting with contractors, and pulling weeds almost daily! Thank you, Trustees for ensuring our Sacred Spaces will endure for years to come! We celebrate some of the progress made over this year.

Interior Projects

- Cleaning the Bass Reliefs by hand
- New Water Heater & Refrigerator installed
- New Building-Wide Fire Alarm designed and installation begun
- Air Conditioning installed throughout the building
- All old windows to be replaced before the end of the year
- Keypad entry system updated with new codes for individuals
- Window Air Conditioners installed and removed FOR THE LAST TIME
- Toilet Flush valves replaced
- New Comfort Height toilet installed in unisex bathroom
- Sanctuary patched and painted, window sills refinished
- Kitchen hood cleaned
- Boiler System examined and prepped for winter

Exterior Projects

- All new eco-friendly weed abatement trial around sanctuary
- Metal Railings Painted at entryways
- Concrete stoops repaired
- Exterior Doors numbered with clear signage inside and outside
- New roof being installed before the end of the year
- Steeple Restoration: columns, windows, panels and exterior painted
- All new copper flashing, steeple, downspouts and gutters
- New screen door installed on Carriage House
- Exterior locks changed with an accurate listing of keys issued
- Broken asphalt repaired
- Weeding and Garden Area "Adoption" by Members
- Butler Place Awning cleaned

.....AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

In addition to Budgeted amounts, Trustees may use the Capital Replacement Fund for projects that arise. This year's bigger projects have been largely supported by an Insurance Claim (roof/steeple); Estate Gifts (A/C); and a Federal Security Grant (fire alarm system); as well as specified donations.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 19

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am - Team Talk (Jordan Hall)
- 1:00 pm - CROP Walk (Our Lady of Ransom)

MONDAY, October 20

- 6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Knitting Knights Meeting (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, October 21

- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children

WEDNESDAY, October 22

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 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 (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY, October 23

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Saturday, October 25

- 9:00 am - SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM: Gichigamiin Indian Nations Museum
(3001 Central St, Evanston)

*Happy
Birthday*

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Cheryll DeYoung
Rich Roecker

10/21

Keith Krizman

10/22

Mike Artrip

10/23

Darcy Le Duc Octaviano

10/24

Dan Smith



Team Talk TODAY at 11:00 am (immediately following worship) In Jordan Hall

Come and hear the latest updates from the Chair, Vice-Chair and Senior and Associate Ministers. We will discuss some potential changes, building updates, and have time for questions and answers! All are welcome!

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