



SACRED Worth

Imbued by the Creator

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Stewardship 2025: Worthwhile Planting
October 26, 2025**



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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

God's word is being sown in our very lives.

Listen, my heart, to God's word this day.

Christ's teachings are being scattered and sown in this very room.

Open my soul, and receive the seeds of Christ's wisdom.

The Spirit is here to nourish and strengthen us.

Grow, my spirit, and be fertile ground for a life bearing the fruit of Christ's love in all that I say and in all that I do. Amen.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Strong and strengthening God, forgive us

when we trust our own strength and follow our own wily ways;

Forgive us

when we are rocky or barren followers, who listen but do not fully receive your word;

Forgive us

when we are too tentative or troubled to allow your word to bloom fully and abundantly in our lives.

Strengthen us to rest in your promise and to live in your Spirit,

that as you plant your word upon our hearts, it may take root and grow.

Nurture us with your grace and mercy,

that we may be fruitful followers, reflecting your sacred image into the world.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: We are forgiven, loved and set free through God's grace.

As forgiven and reconciled children of God, may we be fertile ground for God's word to take root and grow!

*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

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER (8:30 am): Ambrea (Beckham), Avery Kikolski

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER (10 am): Megan and Tom (George & Al) Newman; Amanda, Al, Ella and Charlotte Metts-DiCristofano; Jim Davis and Scott Perlman; Sharon and Bill Peterson; Michelle Sanford and Amy Barnes; Lynn Doherty, Tim Anderson, and Louis Kauffman.

Commitment of Membership Candidate

Commitments of the Congregation

Will you who are members of this faith community, who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these individuals in their journey of faith and their life in Christ? **We will.**

Will you welcome them into this family of PRCC...and assist them in their ministries?

Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to them as members of the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all people, in Jesus' name, we pray.

Words of Welcome and Statement of Purpose

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Come Share this Feast of Love

Larson

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 (8:30 am)

Dave and Liz Swanson

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Abide With Me

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 13:1-9

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sacred, Scattered, Seeds of Grace

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

***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**

God of all creation, create through us your realm upon this earth. With these offerings, help us plant seeds even as we bear fruit. Bless our efforts and nourish our lives, that we may be a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.

***HYMN**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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***BENEDICTION**

Plant in your hearts the words of this day.

May God's word take root in our lives.

Set in your minds the things of the Spirit.

May God's Spirit nourish our very souls.

Claim for your lives Christ's grace and guidance.

May Christ's love bear fruit in our doing and in our being, today and every day. Amen.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

In Thee I Put My Trust

J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE

** 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
Colleen Moriarty, Lector
Jacky Good, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

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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 flowers are sponsored this week by Laura Sissman in loving memory of her mother Judy Hedberg. 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. This week, kids will learn about The Parable of The Sower. 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! Today's lesson is "Luke".

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.

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.

Today 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!.

ADULT MINISTRY

KNITTING KNIGHTS CRAFT SALE - TODAY during Coffee Hour at 11 am

Don't miss the Knitting Knights sale after the 10:00 am 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."

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE- Sunday, November 2 at 7:30 pm

On All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember those in our church family who have entered Life in the Resurrection over the past year. This somber service provides a time for reflection and healing as we honor the saints who have gone before us.

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!



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 19th:

- We are celebrating Karen and Bruce's 45th wedding anniversary!
- We give thanks for the "Getting to Know You" Session, at which those interested in membership got to know one another and this church and Fellowship's Squaredance and the Moms and Babies Bloom group...and all the ways we are connecting across his congregation!
- We celebrate the peaceful protests with faith leaders and community leaders uniting to hold our elected leaders accountable to caring for all people in this country!
- We celebrate that Charlie had a good doctor's visit with vaccinations this week.
- We pray for the CROP Walk today that even in the rain, our commitment to eliminate hunger around the world wouldn't be dampened.
- We pray for a loved one waiting for results from a biopsy this week.
- We pray for Diane as she heals from surgery on her hand.
- We pray for those who are traveling near and far, as well as those who have been sick, that God would be present with each just as they need.
- We hold the Shah family in our prayers, as Yvonne Shah, PRCC member, mother of Devan, Monalee, and Tara, entered life in the resurrection on Friday after battling Alzheimer's and kidney failure. We pray for her loved ones, as they gather for visitation on Tuesday and join in a funeral service at PRCC on Wednesday morning.
- We pray for a family member in search for a job.
- We pray for a son who is seeking his way in life.
- We pray for the loved ones of Richard Guzor, a customer of Dan S. who entered life in the resurrection.

Sacred Seeds Planted... ...Producing a Harvest



Medical Lending Closet

682 Individuals served
1,217 pieces of equipment loaned
520 hours of volunteers
\$88,681 WORTH of items shared
with the community for **FREE!**



Social Justice Team

170 volunteers & participants
Marched in Pride Parade, host
Pride in Park Ridge, protest locally
34 Events including field trips!
377 Volunteer Hours
Impact on World: Priceless!

Senior Contact

90 Deliveries made
72 cards mailed
35 at Ice Cream Social
150 hours shopping & caring
19 Homebound Members
loved on!



Children's Ministry

39 children in Sunday School
10 children in Nursery
25 kids at VBS
18 volunteers
39 at Church Camp
10 special events teaching kids
about God's love: Feed My
Starving Children, My Bible...



Outreach

2,000 Loving Lunches Assembled
12 Meals Served at Lincoln Park Shelter
3 Sunday Night Suppers Served
120 meals at Ronald McDonald House
70 meals at PADS



20 tents donated to Journeys
23 pairs of boots to Night Ministry
100 yards of Food to Maine Township in February
\$500 donation to Kids Above All for supplies
\$2,333 to Hurricane Relief
\$6,000 to support Loving Lunches
700+ hours of volunteer energy



Youth Ministry

64 Youth Participants
27 average at Wacky Wednesday
19 Confirmation Students
12 Youth Choir Members
38 Mission Trip Participants
36 Fall Retreat Participants
16 Adult Volunteers

Worship

11 Baptisms in last year
2 Weddings; **8** Funerals
48 Chancel Choir; **10** Bell Choir
14 New Members
8,112 In person Worship total
7,956 Online Worship total

Guest Musicians including Wehman Band,
String Quartet, Wall of Sound, Folk Sunday

Fellowship

70 at Chicago Dogs Game
30 at Newish Member Party
25 at Popcorn/Movie Nite
120 x 3 at Meals for Pastor
Mollie's Ordination,
Consecration & Annual Mtg.



new!

Composting Began!
Mardi Gras Fundraiser!
Faithful First Sundays!



On Sunday, November 2 at 7:30, we will hold our annual Service of Remembrance, where we will honor and remember those who have entered Life in the Resurrection over the past year. Please review the list below and if your loved one is not listed or if their name should be adjusted in any way, please let Sarah know: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



Torre Anderson
Rosemary Argus
LaCena Bailey
Thomas Raymond
Biedke
Louise Bruyn
Vivian Bussard
Sandy Caley
Heather Cannon
Robert Cucinotta
David Douglass
Maria Down
Mia Downs
Vicki Fox

Macie Grey
Stephen
Scott Hazen
Rhoda Holland
Lou Ella Houston
Joan Jacoby
William Jarvis
Judith Johnson
Sue Laughlin
Sawyer
Richard Lenke
Dwayne McClanahan
Bill Melton
Joan O'Brien

Celia O'Malley
Sam Orth
Trudy Overmeyer
Peggy Roche
Jorge Romanach
Julia Saladino
Don Schram
Joseph M. Sell
Dwight "Bud" Smith
Rick Stefan
Cliff Stettler
Pat Thompson
Bernadine Williams
Helen Wilson



WALL OF SOUND

supporting
PRCC ministries

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@ Harp & Fiddle
110 Main St, Park Ridge, IL 60068
Nov 23 | 6:00 PM

Make sure to mention PRCC when you place your order!

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 26

- 8:30 am** - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** - Knitting Knights Hand-Crafted Sale (Jordan Hall)
- 11:30 am** - Fundraising Team Meeting (Library)
- 3:00 pm** - Trunk or Treat! (PRCC Parking Lot)

MONDAY, October 27

- 1:00 pm** - PEO Chapter DA (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm** - Creation Care Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm** - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, October 28

- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm** - Rainbows for All Children
- 7:30 pm** - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, October 29

- 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 30

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

FRIDAY, October 31 HALLOWEEN!

SATURDAY, November 1

- 8:30 am** - Youth Retreat (Camp Timber-lee)

*Happy
Birthday*

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Charlyn Rauch

10/28

Cole Fisher

Gretchen Kapolnek

10/29

Eileen Schrimpf

Hannah Siebert

10/31

Liz Ewald

11/01

Dave Kapolnek

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