

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season.*



*Psalm 1: 3a*



*Rooted in*

*Love*

October 30, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am  
Park Ridge Community Church



# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rooted in Love...and Producing a Harvest of Love

OCTOBER 30, 2022

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

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

**They shall be like a tree planted by the water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.**

In worship, we joyfully offer all that we are!

**How could we hold back when God gives so freely?**

Our lives thrive when rooted in God's love.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

#### \*HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

430

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, you invite us to remain rooted in your love. You generously provide us with every good thing in abundance. You invite us to bear the fruit of kindness, hospitality, and care for our neighbors. But we are held back by our fears. We neglect to reach out with compassion. We are distracted by the love of money, the worries of today, and the riches of the world. Forgive us, we pray.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

#### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Our God is merciful, abounding in steadfast love, granting forgiveness and rootedness that we might hold fast to God with honest and good hearts, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

**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.*

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#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF LEONA ATTEO

Parents: Mario and Nina Atteo

Godparents: Danielle and Kevin Wiersema

...So, come to the water --water poured over and immersing us, water flowing freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

**Here we come to the waters, to baptize Leona, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.**

## QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY

### CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Leona being baptized as she grows in faith?

**We promise our love, support and care.**

How will you do this?

**We desire to associate ourselves in a Fellowship of the Christ Spirit and covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith, supporting each other in love and respect. The fellowship that is our Church grows from and builds upon the traditions of the various Christian churches of the centuries. We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the Way of Life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is our Goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship. As members of this Church, we shall go forward together in freedom seeking continually to learn more of the true nature of God and God's Purpose.**

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

## BAPTISM

## LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Leona will bask in your love as she makes her journey through this life. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

*God Claims You*

*Refrain* *Fine*

Leo-na, Leo-na, God claims you, God helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you too.

*D.C.*

1. We this day do all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.  
2. We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.  
3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.  
4. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-6, 15-16	
<b>MINISTRY OF MUSIC</b>	<i>Poor Wayfaring Stranger</i>	arr. Althouse
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>		
<b>STEWARDSHIP MOMENT</b>		Liz Swanson
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	<p>After each petition, ending with "Hear our Prayer" the congregation responds:  <b>"May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong."</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
<b>*PREACHING LESSON</b>	Luke 8:11-15 This is the word of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	"Sowing Seeds"	Pastor Mollie Foster
<b>INVITATION TO OFFERING</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Praise Him!</i>	J.S. Bach
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>	<i>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.</i>	591
<b>*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<p><b>God of the Harvest, it is our joy to bring forth offerings filled with our praise! We pray that these gifts might nurture love, justice, hope and peace in the world near and far. May these gifts strengthen our rootedness in you and connections of our hearts in Christian love. Amen.</b></p>	
<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	438
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>CHORAL BENEDICTION</b>	<i>Hear My Prayer</i>	M. Hogan
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		

\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

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

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
 Shelley O'Brien, Assistant to Children's Ministry  
 Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry  
 Bill Scharringhausen, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Jane Kenas-Heller, piano  
 Jason Hinton, vocalist  
 Jon Hultgren, vocalist  
 Justin McCarty, vocalist  
 Rick Kaminski, vocalist  
 Mike Sanderson, vocalist  
 Dan Smith, vocalist  
 Chancel Choir

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# CHURCH EVENTS

## SUNDAY OCT. 30

- 8:30 am** - Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm** - PRCC Chancel Choir & Niles Metropolitan Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm** - Youth Group Party in the Patch (Lawn)

## MONDAY OCT. 31

## TUESDAY NOV. 01

- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits (Jordan Hall)
- 4:00 pm** - Junior Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm** - Middle School Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm** - Rainbow Connection Meeting (Sunday School Wing)
- 7:00 pm** - Youth Committee Meeting (Library)

## WEDNESDAY NOV. 02

- 10:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm** - Bible Study (Transept)
- 7:00 pm** - Children's Ministry Meeting (Library)

## THURSDAY NOV. 03

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 9:30 am** - Cluster 1 UCC Clergy Gathering (Jordan Hall)
- 11:30 am** - Lincoln Park Meal Prep (Kitchen)
- 6:00 pm** - Structure Taskforce (Library)
- 6:15 pm** - Bells on High Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## FRIDAY NOV. 04

## SATURDAY NOV. 05

### Happy Birthday!

TODAY! - Louis Kaufman & JoEllen Flener  
10/31 - Liz Ewald  
11/1 - Dave Kapolnek & Sam Taglia  
11/2 - Eric Nelson  
11/3 - Eleanor Anderson  
11/4 - Kevin Plauch Sr.

## 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!

**COFFEE HOUR** is held in Jordan Hall immediately following the 10 am service. Thank you to the Deacons and Faith Development Team for hosting coffee hour this month.

**PLEASE SEE AN USHER...**for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

*Thank you to our October ushers:* Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are in loving memory of Alayne Richards and Judy Hedberg. The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Fiona Klimmeck, daughter of Patrick and Colleen; granddaughter of Tom & Cindy.

**RESTROOMS** are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is offered for children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade during the 10:00 am service! Pre-K-4th grade gather in the Sunday School Wing, 5th grade in the Library, and 6-12th grade in the Great Hall! On the 1st Sunday of each month, 6-12th graders will remain in worship for Holy Communion. The Nursery is available for all those under 3 years of age located on the lower level.

**ONLINE DONATIONS** can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is [giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org). Thank you!

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## Circle 10's Spirit of Christmas

**Wednesday, December 7th**

Circle 10 invites all PRCC women to enjoy a relaxing and fun evening on Wednesday, December 7th as we celebrate the Spirit of Christmas at the Park Ridge Country Club. The evening will include dinner, holiday shopping, raffles, and much more. So grab your friends from PRCC or elsewhere and join us. Tickets are \$50 per person, including all the above and warm fellowship. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for shopping and cash bar, and a sit down dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there! Tickets will be on sale Sundays between services in the Park Place Room, after the 10:00 service during Coffee Hour, and also during the week in the Church Office. Check, cash or Zellepay at [prcccircle10@gmail.com](mailto:prcccircle10@gmail.com) accepted. Please join us!



# 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 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 Beaudoine, Heather Cannon, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Brian Stevens, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner, Bernice Zabawski

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER 23RD:

- We give thanks for Kris Modi, who has volunteered at PRCC for the past 6 months, serving with our Livestream Team!
- We celebrate a successful Crop Walk last Sunday, raising \$10,000 and around 38 walkers from PRCC! The entire CROP Walk for Niles and Park Ridge raised around \$30,000.
- Pastor Carol celebrates the marriage of Andrew and Courtney Dyer, whom she wed yesterday in Lake Geneva. We pray for their marriage and a lifetime of love.
- Ginny asks us to pray for her friend Judy and Judy's mom Marge who is struggling to recover from a hospital stay and settle into a living arrangement.
- Please hold John Sassers mother in law in prayer for improved health as she has been in the hospital. We also hold Leigh and John in our prayers as they care for Leigh's parents.
- Tricia asks us to pray for her friends' 9 month old grandson Connor, who will likely need a liver transplant. We hold Connor and his family in our prayers as they navigate all that is ahead.
- April asks us to pray for her husband Eric, for all the battles he is facing and that he might find joy in faith.
- Julie B asks for prayers for a coworker Meka who was shot this past week.
- We pray for a granddaughter who is struggling with some challenges.
- We pray for a family who is facing a difficult week ahead.
- We pray for those who are struggling with depression, anxiety, addiction, and ailments seen and unseen.
- We pray for the election and the blessing of our leaders.
- We hold our world in our prayers: Ukraine, Somalia, Chicago, and all places where your people are suffering.
- Please hold in your prayers the family and friends of Evie Lovero who entered life in the resurrection 10/19.
- Katie asks for prayers for Gail B, recovering from long covid and is now struggling with another virus.
- Sharon asks for prayers for two friends who are battling cancer.
- Tom and Lorel ask for prayers for Bill, who has had some setbacks following cancer surgery.
- Louis K celebrates his 53rd birthday on 10/30 and that he is going to a Bears game on 11/6.

# VOLUNTEER



## LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER - November 3rd

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on November 3rd for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so by clicking [here](#), scanning the QR code, or by contacting Luan Zoellner at [lzoellner@ameritech.net](mailto:lzoellner@ameritech.net).



## LOVING LUNCHESES - November 20th

Come join in serving PRCC's newest Outreach Partner, Loving Lunches. Each month PRCC will assist Loving Lunches by preparing and assembling 300+ lunches which will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness in the Chicagoland area. Our next date to serve after today is November 20th. If you would like to volunteer, sign up by clicking [here](#), scanning the QR code, or by contacting Paula Mack at [paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).



## SUNDAY SUPPER - November 20th

PRCC works with the Park Ridge Ministerial Association to prepare meals 3-4 times a year for those having difficulty providing enough food for their families. Sunday Suppers are hosted at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church. Meals are prepped at PRCC and served at the host site. The demand has increased for Sunday Suppers so we will prepare and serve food for 100 guests. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer at the next Sunday Supper date, Nov. 20th! Thank you for considering to help provide meals for local families in need.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MUSIC FOR THE QUEEN: CHOIR CONCERT - TODAY @ 3:00 pm!**

Join the PRCC Chancel Choir & The Niles Metropolitan Chorus for a combined choir concert today at 3:00 pm! Featuring music by Vaughan Williams and more, the concert will celebrate the life of the Queen of England

### **PARTY IN THE PATCH - TODAY @ 6:00 pm!**

Join the PRCC youth for a Halloween Party in the patch! For all PR Youth 6th-12th grades, via Park Ridge Parish Youth

### **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Ellinger Transept. We will integrate scriptures and quotes from Rachel Held Evans' book *Wholehearted Faith*.

### **WALL OF SOUND - November 20th @ 6 pm**

Join us for the Wall of Sound Annual Fundraiser! Grab a bite to eat and listen to some amazing music at Harp & Fiddle on November 20th at 6:00 pm to support the ministries of PRCC! Featuring the music of "The Beatles." Admission is free - good will donation appreciated.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **LOVING LUNCHESES DONATIONS NEEDED**

We are searching for donations of many different items to fill the lunches for our family service day on November 20th.

Please click [here](#) to help us fill more lunches!

You can sign up to donate items [here](#).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN UP**

A very special THANK YOU to all of the families who have helped in Sunday School already! We have loved having so many new faces in Sunday School! We are still in need of more volunteers for some upcoming Sundays. You can sign up [here](#).

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-K-5th Grades)**

Children depart the service during the Children's Message and gather in the Sunday School Wing. Children rotate rooms by grade level and engage in scripture lessons, crafts, stories, and music! \*5th graders gather in the Library.

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th-12th Grades)**

Youth will depart service during the Children's Message and meet in the Great Hall!

### **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP! (4th & 5th Grades)**

Junior Youth Group provides monthly gatherings for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! On Sunday, November 13th from 4:30-6pm, kids are invited to bring their favorite food to share for a special "Friendsgiving" Meal.

### **YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)**

Youth are invited to the Halloween Party in the Patch tonight from 6-7:30 for games, s'mores, and more! Costumes encouraged!

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTIAN OUTREACH & MISSION

PRCC Outreach Committee helps us to live out our commitments to loving our neighbors.  
We partner with organizations with whom we can serve those in need, near and far. This year we have:

## FED PEOPLE:

- Provided 480 dinners for the residents of Lincoln Park Shelter
- 42 people volunteered at Feed My Starving Children
- Assembled 160 lunches every month since March = 1,440 lunches, distributed through Loving Lunches; Kindred Spirits Cafe' assembled Loving Lunches = 260 additional lunches
- Sponsored an Eagle Scout Project building a Free food pantry onsite
- Hosted 3 Sunday Night Suppers
- Delivered over 20 carloads of food items to the Maine Township Food Pantry
- Walked in the Crop Walk with 38 participants, raising over \$10K
- Provided grocery gift cards to persons in need

## CLOTHED PEOPLE:

- Collected 60 new pairs of boots for those experiencing homelessness, given through The Night Ministry
- Collected 115 Backpacks for migrant children with Maryville Academy
- Outfitted an entire apartment for a refugee family of nine through Exodus World Service; purchased new winter coats for the family
- Donated MANY handmade hats, scarves, blankets, toiletry bags, and 100 coats through The Bridge Project
- Back-to-School supplies/Backpacks collected & given through Jeanine Schultz School

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Supported a clothing closet for fire victims and donated to a relief fund that awarded \$200 per fire victim
- Provided matching grants for Ukraine; raising over \$20,000
- Funded the "Community Emergency Needs" fund through the Ministerial Association held at police department

## OUR PARTNERS:



### Current Outreach Needs:

- Volunteers to prepare, cook and serve the Sunday Night Supper on Sunday, Nov. 20th
- NEW underwear for men and women size M, L, XL for the Chicago Bridge Project [ongoing through Dec. 1]
- Winter Coats, hats, mittens, and blankets (new or gently used) for men, women, and children, which will be distributed to those living in tent cities and under viaducts. [Dec. 1-Jan. 29]

# Rooted In

# FAITH



2023  
CHILD  
PLEDGE CARD



2023  
YOUTH  
PLEDGE CARD



2023  
ADULT  
PLEDGE CARD

# SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This meaningful service, held at 7:30 pm, will include prayers, music, and reflection time to honor those individuals who have been a part of our community who entered life in the resurrection since November 2021. Any loved one, regardless of membership at PRCC, can be included. The names listed below will be honored at this service, please review the following list and let us know of any edits or additions:

Kay Bradley\*  
John Brennan  
Douglas Briles  
Jacky Bryan  
Paul Burt  
Donald Casey  
Richard Crockett  
Jonell Cummins  
Alice Davitt  
Betty Dennis  
Tamara Engelke  
Bill Figgins  
Patti Foster  
Matthew Fugate  
Adrian (Bob) Garcia  
John Gunning  
Peggy Hardacre\*  
Tim Hardy  
Jeremy Harting  
Tony Hock  
Craig Iorio  
Ginny Jacobson\*  
Brian Kaplan  
CJ Karr  
Herbert Kleinhardt  
Marilyn Kleinhardt  
Allen Knoblauch\*  
Greg Konz-Krzyminski  
Kathy Leier  
Kevin Limper  
Evie Lovero  
Brian Maigler  
Timothy Malbery  
Agnes Mattaliano  
Barbara McHugh  
Thomas McNamara  
Bill Neumann\*  
Bob Normoyle  
Reggie Pantazi\*  
Barb Pfaff\*  
Robin Reeves

Allan Rehwinkle  
James Roberts  
Cheryl Roma  
Susan Ruth\*  
Vincent James Santilli  
Lois Saulier\*  
Pam See  
Barrie Shinn  
Linda Schuman  
Kay Snow\*  
Sharon Kay Stang  
Lois Stewart  
Tim St. John  
Dawn Thrall  
Mary Tilley  
Katherine Vabro  
Laura Warner  
Lois Weihs  
Ron Wietecha  
Dena Wright  
Peggy Zahalan  
John Zoellner

**\*indicates a member of the congregation**



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