

SACRED

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Imbued by the Creator

**Sacred Worth: Imbued by the Creator
Stewardship 2025: A Legacy of Hope
November 2, 2025**



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sacred Worth: A Legacy of Hope
8:30 am & 10:00 am

November 2, 2025
All Saints Day

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

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us. **We give thanks!**

We remember choir members, worship bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises. **We give thanks!**

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith. **We give thanks!**

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor. **We give thanks!**

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

For All the Saints

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our parents, ancestors and to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! 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

2 Timothy 1:2-7

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

I Wanna Be Ready

Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 25:31-45

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Worthy Legacy

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**

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of all saints be with you! **And also with you!**

Lift your hearts to God, all you who seek God's face.

We offer them to the One whose heart weeps with ours.

Lift up your heads, O people, singing glad songs of praise to God. **With joy in our hearts, with words of truth and life on our lips, we give thanks to our God.**

...So, with that community of faith from every place and time—with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels, with those who know how deeply you love us, we forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, strong and gentle. As they await their renewal, heaven and earth glorify you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to call us from death. Hosanna in the highest!

...As we wait to come to this gracious feast, as we remember the spirit in which Jesus lived, served, died, and was raised, we speak of that mystery we call faith.

In Christ, the shroud of death has been destroyed. In Christ, all creation is given new life. In Christ, we will be God's people forever when he returns.

...And when all things become new, as we are gathered in the New Jerusalem with our family of every age, we will join our voices together, singing before your throne of grace, God in Community, Holy in One, **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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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*BENEDICTION

Hear My Prayer

Hogan

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
Nate Jarvis, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist

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PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our November Ushers: Scott Nelson (captain), Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, Linda LuDuc, Bud Shinn, and Kent Ulery.

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 \$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 the Bible story of Jesus Feeds 5,000. You can pick your child up following service in the Sunday School Wing.

6th-12th Grades: Youth will stay in worship today for 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.

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.

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 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!

TODAY! 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."

TODAY! 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!



OUTREACH

THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Let's help our new neighbors stay warm this winter! On November 22, 2025 Exodus World Service will host a Winter Boutique where refugee families can "shop" for cozy winter gear—boots, coats, and accessories—at no cost. The Christian Outreach Committee is donating 10 pairs of boots, and PRCC families are invited to join in by providing warm socks or a hat/glove/scarf set. Donations can be dropped off at Exodus World Service (780 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge) Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or placed in the Butler Place collection bin. Please bring items by Wednesday, November 19, so we can deliver them in time for the boutique. Together, we can share warmth and welcome this winter!

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, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM October 26th:

- We give thanks for the New Members joining our church today and the seeds that have been planted by the variety of ministries of PRCC.
- We rejoice with Pastor Mollie that she was able to go to her hometown in Kansas this weekend for Homecoming celebrations.
- We celebrate with Sarah M. at the joy of her brother's wedding ceremony that was held yesterday and we pray God's blessing upon Andrew and Victoria and their lives together.
- We give thanks that Janet's husband Gary's eye surgery went well as did niece Linnea's back surgery.
- We pray for Liz E. as she relocates to her new home in Peoria near her daughter Dawn.
- We pray for Winnie E. as she struggles with difficulty walking.
- We pray for Dick C.'s niece Amy whose kidney transplant is failing and is experiencing pain.
- We pray for Janet's friend's 1 year old nephew Callum, who is preparing for surgery on his airway, as he is unable to breathe.
- We hold Tom K. and family in our prayers as his mother nears the end of her life.
- We hold the Shah family in our prayers as they continue to grieve the loss of Yvonne, whose services were held at PRCC this week.
- We hold the loved ones of former member Gail Melick. in our prayers as he entered life in the resurrection.
- We pray for the loved ones of Richard Guzior, a customer of Dan S. who entered life in the resurrection.
- We pray for Jim and Pete's Aunt Kappy, as she continues to struggle with multiple health challenges.
- We pray for Connie W. who fell and broke her arm and wrist.
- We pray for new member Amy as she begins a 3 month training in San Antonio.
- We pray for a son seeking his way in life and a job.
- Grace asks for prayers for Tom C. as he recovers from a surgery this past Thursday.

A poster for a 'WALL OF SOUND' event. On the left, a yellow and orange acoustic guitar is shown, with a large, colorful explosion of musical notes and symbols (treble clefs, eighth notes, etc.) emanating from its sound hole. The background is a light, textured grey. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The title 'WALL OF SOUND' is in large, black, all-caps letters. Below it, 'supporting PRCC ministries' is in a smaller, black, all-caps font. Further down, '@ Harp & Fiddle' is in a medium-sized, black, all-caps font. Below that, '110 Main St, Park Ridge, IL 60068' is in a smaller, black, all-caps font. The date and time 'Nov 23 | 6:00 PM' are in a medium-sized, black, all-caps font. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'Make sure to mention PRCC when you place your order!' in white, all-caps font.

WALL OF SOUND

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A Sacred Vision for the Future

We give thanks for ALL the Saints of the Church, whose passion in their lives, continues on after their deaths as they've left a legacy for future generations.

Here is a brief snapshot of just a few of our Saints whose legacies are impacting the future here at Park Ridge Community Church.



David Douglass, member of PRCC for over forty years was always trying to elevate PRCC in the public eye. He thought **everyone** should know the goodness and joy to be found at his church. His humor and joy didn't fade throughout his life, but when he was teaching the middle school youth, his childlike Spirit really shone! As a testimony to his dedication to young people, his memorial funds were placed in a special reserve fund for youth to award scholarships when needed and make sure **youth ministry** would be a priority for years and years to come!



Ed Numrych, beloved member for many years, was always "almost fantastic" with a warm smile and gentle laugh. He was so proud of how welcoming PRCC was, and he would regularly ask for copies of the sermons to share with his family. In order to remember Ed's passion for making others **safe and welcome**, his family dedicated memorial funds from his estate to launching the **Air Conditioning** fund. These funds, combined with a gift from Reggie Pantazi and Stanley Malinowski made it possible for the Board to approve installing air conditioning in 2025.



Cathy Stewart prayed for everyone. Her faith emanated from her smile and her heart in ways that left a profound impact. Memorial gifts in Cathy's honor have gone towards purchasing a stole for Pastor Mollie's ordination and have combined with gifts from other Saints' memorial funds to commission **a new baptismal font**, which will be used in the sacrament of baptism for years to come as we celebrate God's unconditional prevenient **grace for all people** - the young and the not so young! Cathy's effusive love carries on as we live into her vision for God's church that embraces all!

As these stories convey, there are a variety of ways to leave legacy gifts to Park Ridge Community Church. Through estate designations in one's will; contributions to the Endowment Fund; memorial gifts (designated to a particular ministry area or not); donate some or all of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as a Qualified Charitable Donation; donation of Stocks, and more...

we all have the opportunity to pass along
the Sacred Vision God's given us to the generations of the Future.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 2

- 8:30 am** - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 am** - Faithful First Sundays (Ellinger Transept)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** - Service of Remembrance (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, November 3

- 7:00 pm** - Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm** - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, November 4

- 10:15 am** - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm** - Rainbows for All Children
- 6:30 pm** - Ministry Council (Ellinger Transept)

WEDNESDAY, November 5

- 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, November 6

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 9:30 am** - Cluster 1 UCC Gathering (Ellinger Transept)
- 10:30 am** - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)
- 6:00 pm** - Outreach Committee (Parlor)
- 7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm** - Bells on High (Balcony)

A stylized, cursive graphic that reads "Happy Birthday" in a large, flowing script.

11/02 Billie Jean Darling
11/02 Eric Nelson
11/03 Eleanor Anderson
11/03 Tom Brunet
11/04 Rick Graham
11/04 Kevin Plach
11/05 Jennifer Gudmundsson
11/05 Henry Pringle
11/06 Tom Runtz
11/07 Preston Smith