

SACRED

Worth



Imbued by the Creator

**Sacred Worth: Imbued by the Creator
Stewardship 2025: An Impact That's Worth It
November 9, 2025**



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sacred Worth: An Impact That's Worth It
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

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

*HYMN

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We must confess, God of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall keeping company with our old friend, fear. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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

Celebrating the Baptism of Willow Yvonne Cecilia Barnas

Parents: Lara and Tom Barnas

Godparents for Willow: Carissa Remitz and Brian Barnas

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Willow, 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 AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

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

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND 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 Willow will bask in your love as she journeys through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

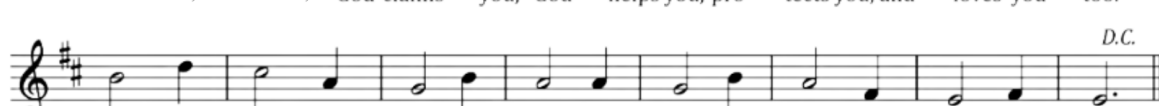
God Claims You

Refrain



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

Fine



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. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la by.

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

I Wanna Be Ready

Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Grace Curtis

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 25:14-29

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

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
 Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
 Rick Graham, Lector

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

CREDITS: Call to Worship written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website. Visit there for other great suggestions for worship on November 13, 2011.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies website

Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

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, 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 meet in the Library following the Children's Message for Sunday School! Today's lesson is "John".

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! (6th-12th Grades)

Youth will help with Loving Lunches today, so come on down to Jordan Hall and help pack lunches for those who are in need!

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.

Christmas Pageant Registration Open



Children from preschool through high school are invited to participate in singing or speaking roles. Each child will wear a beautifully handmade costume by the talented Ann Swindell. This heartwarming, joy-filled pageant is carefully scripted and rehearsed under the direction of Sasha Gerritson, and there's a role for everyone! An important rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 am-11:45 am, and songs will be practiced during regular music time in November and December. We will also need many adults to help make these productions a success!

Save the Date: Advent Festival December 7th

Join us for a family-friendly Advent Festival at PRCC! Come and experience the joy of the season with activities, fellowship, and fun for all ages. We're also looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event—if you'd like to get involved, we'd love your help!

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!

FAITHFUL FIRST SUNDAYS: EXPLORING PRAYER TOGETHER- Sunday, December 7 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). December - Topic: "Meditation- Finding the Quiet Place."

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!

The Night Ministry- The Outreach Team will be collecting boots for the Night Ministry during the months of November and December. The Night Ministry is a Chicago based organization that provides housing support and healthcare to the unhoused and those experiencing poverty. They are in need of men's new and gently used warm, weatherproof outdoor boots. Larger sizes are preferred. Please drop off your donation in the Park place room. Thank you in advance, for all you do to support those who are in need.

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 November 2:

- We pray for Jim and Pete's Aunt Kappy, as she continues to struggle with multiple health challenges.
- We celebrate the Skoog's 69th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20
- We hold Diane M. in our prayers as her wrist heals from surgery and will have stitches removed on Wednesday.
- Jason H. asks for prayers for Jane H after the loss of her partner of 7 years.
- Darcy L. asks for prayers for her friend's 5-month-old son, Rafael, who is in the hospital recovering from botulism.
- Cheryl D. asks for prayers for her nephew who is seeking a new job and brother struggling with medical issues.
- Jennifer G. asks for prayers for her nephew, who is awaiting a heart transplant. We pray for him, his care team and his own mental health.
- Lisa I. had a fall and is currently hospitalized and having tests run.
- Kathy L. asks for prayers for the Mraz family who lost their beloved brother and uncle John Mraz.
- We pray for a son seeking direction in his life.



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!

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"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers."

Psalm 24:1-2



CONSECRATION SUNDAY November 16, 2025

On Sunday, November 16, we will gather at one service at 10 am, and we will bring forward our commitments for the 2026 ministry year. A pledge card will be brought by each family/individual as we celebrate the Sacred Worth we share and commit to Shining God's Light into the world! After worship, we will gather in Jordan Hall to share a meal and celebrate all that God is doing in this place!

Why Pledge?

Our Finance Committee depends on the pledge forms received from members and participants at PRCC to prepare a fiscally responsible budget for the Board of Directors, which covers the building, staffing, and ministry needs for the year ahead.

How Can I Pledge?

Paper Form
Complete and
submit in
person or by
mail

OR



Online Form
Complete
and submit
online



Schedule Automatic Payments (optional)

Automatic Payments can be made through ACH by completing an ACH form OR by filling in your bank account or credit/debit card information through Shelby (using the "Ministry One" Church app or www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/give). While the Shelby system incurs a small fee, this is the easiest way to schedule your giving on your preferred dates/regularity.

Shelby Forms

ACH Form



Other Ways to Give

You can choose to give to PRCC through cash, check, Zelle payments, and/or TEXT TO GIVE.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 9

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Loving Lunches: Youth (Parlor)

MONDAY, November 10

- 9:00 am - PEO Sisterhood, Chapter GZ (Library)
- 6:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Ellinger)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, November 11 OFFICE CLOSED

- 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 - Wall of Sound Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, November 12

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - PEO Chapter FP (Jordan Hall)
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 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 - Action Ridge (Jordan Hall)

THURSDAY, November 13

- 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)
- 6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:00 pm - Peace Vigil (Park Ridge Presbyterian Church)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

SATURDAY, November 15

- 2:30 pm - Confirmation Trip to St. Moses the Black Parish

*Happy
Birthday*

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Ronald Rete

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Emerson Stewart

Harper Tone

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Shelley O'Brien

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Isaac Blocker

Kym Giera