

SACRED Worth



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Stewardship 2025: A Shiny Vision
November 16, 2025**



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Consecration Sunday
10:00 am

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

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

The light of Christ Jesus is shining this day.

You are members of Christ's body tasked with shining God's love.

The light of Christ Jesus is shining in us!

Arise, shine! You are the light of the world.

Christ's light shines through us with justice and peace.

Arise, shine! May our worship be filled with light and love.

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, if we are honest, we are afraid of what your calling might entail. We doubt that we are up for the task of shining your light in the world. We become entranced by the ways of the world and choose to stifle the light you've given us. Instill your spirit within our hearts that we might boldly shine forth your love, your light, your justice. Shine in our lives with your grace and righteousness that we may arise as shining beacons in a world dark with violence and oppression. Rise up within us that we may grow into your likeness and fulfill our calling for this time and place.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Arise, shine, dear friends! Your light has come! As Christ rises within us, we shine in the darkness, for grace is ours to receive and to give.

Thanks be to God! 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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Quiet Sea

Youth Choir

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-5, 19-20

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Just Want to Be a Sheep, This Little Light of Mine

SS Singers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Sasha Gerritson & John Sasser

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Sacred Calling

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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*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

Shine through these gifts, that they may become lights of hope and joy in a world plagued by despair and sorrow. We pray in the love, light and name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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During the singing of this hymn, all are invited to bring forward their pledges for 2026. If you have pledged online, simply bring a pink card.

*BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You & Keep You

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POSTLUDE

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

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
Lorenzo Formosa, Lector

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

CREDITS: Today's liturgy written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2025.

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 for an all ages Kids Club. 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 "Acts".

Nursery (0-5 years old)

Our nursery is open from 9:30 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.

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!

Advent Festival December 7th 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

There is no Bible Study Nov. 19 or 26. We will resume on Dec. 3.

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 9:

- We hold Lisa I. in our prayers as she recovers from heart surgery this week.
- Please pray for the McGuffey family as they navigate a difficult situation as a family.
- Elaine Z. asks for prayers for her mother, Bernice, as she seeks care for ongoing pain in her shoulder and knees. We pray that her medical team is guided in their assessment and treatment plan and that Bernice experiences relief soon.
- Grace C. gives thanks that her husband, Tom, and son. Evan, are both healing well following their surgeries.
- We pray for Kym as she prepares for surgery on Dec. 12.
- We celebrate the baptism of Willow Barnas on Nov. 9!
- We hold the Petersen/Clapper family in our prayers as they gathered to celebrate the life of Eddie on Saturday.
- We continue to hold Pastor Carol's family in our prayers as they honored her grandmother, Mary Elise Thomas, on Saturday.
- Sharon K. asks for prayers for the loved ones of her neighbor, Rich, who entered Life in the Resurrection this past week.
- We hold the Smith family in our prayers as Dan's aunt, Margie, entered Life in the Resurrection this week.
- We pray for a son who is looking for work, that his spirits be lifted as he continues his search.
- We pray for Louis K's friend Tom S., who has entered hospice care at home. We pray for Tom and his family as they care for him.
- We pray for those living in fear during these days riddled with ICE raids and the withholding of SNAP benefits.
- We pray for Jim M.'s close friend Joan S. as she is getting older and is suffering from an illness.

A small brown and white bird, possibly a sparrow, is shown in flight against a light blue sky. The bird's wings are spread, and it is facing left.

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ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TODAY!
Orders must be placed by December 12.



Help us fill the sanctuary with beauty and warmth for our Christmas Eve worship services. Christmas flowers are a cherished tradition, and the names of those who purchase them—as well as anyone you wish to honor or remember—will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

This year's flowers are 6" Christmas Cyclamen from Lurvey's Florist, wrapped in festive green foil. You may request red or white, and we'll do our best to honor your preference. Each plant will be labeled on the bottom so you can easily identify yours. The cost is \$15 per plant, payable by cash, check, Shelby Online Giving, or Zelle.

Please note: We will not have live poinsettias at PRCC this year, as Pastor Carol is highly allergic. Thank you for your understanding!

We invite you to place your order by December 12 and help make our Christmas Eve services extra special.



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 16

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Consecration Luncheon (Jordan Hall)

MONDAY, November 17

1:00 pm - PEO Sisterhood, Chapter DA (Jordan Hall)

5:00 pm - The Harbour Event (Jordan Hall)

6:30 pm - Executive Meeting (Library)

7:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Ellinger)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, November 18

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)

WEDNESDAY, November 19

10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)

2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)

2:45 pm - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)

3:30 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:00 pm - ABC Bunco Night, hosted by Circle 10 (Jordan Hall)

7:00 pm - Wall of Sound Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, November 20

9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)

6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)

7:00 pm - Wall of Sound Practice (Sanctuary)

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

*Happy
Birthday*

11/16 Brendan Joyce

11/18 Ryen Desmedt

11/18 Adam Thompson

11/19 Jason Hinton

11/20 Wendy Hayes

11/20 Sara Virella

11/21 Josh Jarvis

11/21 Karryn Swanson

11/22 Bijoy Chacko



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