

The background is a warm, autumn-themed still life. It features several lit candles in various containers, including a tall white pillar candle and a shorter candle in a white ceramic holder. A small, round, ribbed pumpkin is prominently displayed in the foreground. The lighting is soft and golden, creating a cozy and inviting atmosphere.

*Give
thanks
to the
Lord!*

Psalm 107:1

November 20, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Thanksgiving Sunday

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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

Allegro from *Concerto Grosso* Op. 6, No. 2

A. Corelli

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

with food and clothing, home and family.

God blesses us with daily work:

and all we need from day to day.

God protects us in time of danger:

and guards us from every evil.

God calls us into relationship:

**and forms us into one holy people,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

*HYMN

We Gather Together

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we turn our hearts towards God, we are always greeted with mercy, love, and grace! We are forgiven, loved, and set free to live with gratitude!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Psalm 65

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Let All Things Now Living

Geschke

CELEBRATING THE PUMPKIN PATCH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BELL RESPONSE

Grace and Thanksgiving

A.L. Page

*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

With a Grateful Heart

Pastor Mollie Foster

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Vaughan-Williams

*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

Loving and gracious God, your blessings are countless and your love is never-ending. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we pray that you will open our hearts to you and to one another, that we may share the gifts you have given us in loving service to all people. Lord, our God, you have done wondrous things on earth; guide us as we care for and protect the earth, our home. Grant us joy of heart, and may peace dwell with us. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Eleanor Rigby

Lennon & McCartney

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 20, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Greg Sarlo, lector

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CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY NOV. 20

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 3:30 pm - Sunday Suppers (PR Presbyterian Church)
- 6:00 pm - Wall of Sound Fundraiser (Harp & Fiddle)

Happy Birthday!
TODAY! 11/20 - Wendy Hayes
11/21 - Josh Jarvis

TUESDAY NOV. 22

- 7:30 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service (Redeemer Lutheran)

THURSDAY NOV. 17 AND FRIDAY NOV. 18 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

SATURDAY NOV. 26

- 11:00 am - Memorial Service for Bogdan Korzeniowski (Sanctuary)



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 Staff Parish Relations Committee and Fellowship Committee 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 November ushers: Scott Nelson, Charlie Giera, Kym Dohnke, Linda LeDuc, Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, and Liz Ewald.

ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are in celebration of Josh Jarvis' 12th birthday!

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.

GIVING

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Thank you!

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

As we reflect on the many reasons for which we have to be thankful, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) asks you to consider the ways in which we can show our gratitude towards our many staff members. During these fall and winter months leading us to the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas, our staff dedicates countless hours to the additional services and events to support our church family and the wider community. These past few years have presented many obstacles for ministry; however, our staff has risen to each challenge and found ways to creatively serve and minister to our PRCC family.

Just as the year end provides us with the opportunity to show our appreciation for mail carriers, teachers, day care providers, and hairdressers, we ask that you consider showing your gratitude for our staff through a holiday donation. Donations can be made through PayPal, Zelle, or check indicating the message Staff Holiday Gift. The deadline for a contribution will be December 15th. The SPRC committee will gather contributions and distribute them to staff as the year end approaches. Thank you for thoughtfully considering a gift to show our staff your sincere gratitude for their ministry.

A "THANK YOU" LOVE OFFERING FOR LIZ

Our beloved Director of Pastoral Care, Liz Swanson, will be retiring from her PRCC staff role at the end of the year. We are collecting a love offering for Liz to show our appreciation for all she has done for PRCC. If you would like to make a contribution you can do so through Zelle or by check. Please make sure to write "Thank You Liz" in the memo line.

ADULT EDUCATION

ADVENT STUDY: GOD IS IN THE MANGER - Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

For the four weeks of Advent, our Wednesday evening Bible Study will consider Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *God is in the Manger* as we seek to deepen our understanding and awareness of what the birth of Christ means. **There is no Bible Study this Wednesday.**

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 NOVEMBER 13TH:

- Paula let us know how appreciative her sister Laura is for all the prayers. Her cornea transplant went well and she is feeling encouraged.
- We continue to pray for Kathy E.'s Aunt Addie & Uncle Ed as they navigate care as Addie's Alzheimer's progresses.
- We hold in prayer Katie R. as she faced surgery on 11/14 and is hopeful the pathology report does not reveal any surprises.
- Colleen asks us to continue to pray for her friend Trish as she is at the 4 month mark of recovery from a stroke and contemplates her next steps.
- We hold in prayer all those recovering from surgery and medical procedures this last week including Nancy F. recovering from knee surgery.
- We pray for the friends and family of Ginny's friend, Marge Bovenmeyer, who passed away on 11/4 at the age of 103.
- Sarah H. asks for prayers for Aunt Deb, who is in the last stages of cancer, and her brother, who is awaiting test results.
- Reese M. asks for prayers for her Grandma in rehab, and dog Nellie (who died two years ago), and her family.
- Julie B. prays for hope around the elections; and for a colleague whose brother was killed, leaving a wife and four kids behind.
- We pray for Jason H. and his parents, Doug and Dianna, as Doug's health continues to decline. They've moved away from treatment and are focused on managing his pain.

Wall of Sound Annual Fundraiser

Music of the Beatles

HARP & FIDDLE | 20 NOV | 6:00 PM

Admission: Free

Good Will Donation Appreciated

Funds support the ministries of Park Ridge Community Church

Make sure to mention PRCC when you place your order!

VOLUNTEER



LOVING LUNCHES - TODAY!

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 December 11th. 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.



SUNDAY SUPPER - TODAY!

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 prepared 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 today! Thank you for helping provide meals for local families in need.



LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER - December 1st

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on December 1st 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.



GIVING TREE- Provide Gifts for Kids in Need!

This Advent season, the Outreach Team is excited to be partnering with *Kids Above All* to provide gifts for kids in need! Ornaments with needed gifts will be placed on the Christmas Tree in the Park Place room beginning November 27th. Simply take the ornament with the gifts you would like to provide and bring to the Park Place room by December 10th!



NIGHT MINISTRY - Boots Needed!

The Night Ministry is in need of 50-75 pairs of **new or gently used boots** (preferably made of water resistant materials for better warmth and durability, such as leather/pleather), in these sizes:

Men – 10-12, plus a few 13 or 14, including half sizes and wide widths

Women – 8-11, including half sizes and wide widths

We will make two deliveries, December 11 and January 8th.



THE BRIDGE PROJECT

The Bridge Project has identified a need for new men and women's underwear, size Medium, Large and Extra Large. Please drop your donations in the marked bin in the Park Place room, by December 1st. Your donation is so greatly needed and appreciated.

Circle 10's Spirit of Christmas is almost upon us!

Wednesday, December 7th

Ladies, you may be looking for a fun and relaxing evening with friends. Circle 10's Spirit of Christmas is just the thing! All PRCC women are invited to bring their friends and join us on Wednesday, December 7th at the Park Ridge Country Club for a festive night out beginning at 5:00 pm. We've planned a fun evening with sit down dinner, cash bar, raffles, holiday shopping and more. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be on sale Sundays between services in the Park Place Room, after the 10 am service during Coffee Hour, and also during the week in the Church Office. Check, cash or Zellepay at prcccircle10@gmail.com accepted. Please invite your friends and join us for a fun and relaxing Ladies Night Out, guaranteed to get you in the Spirit of Christmas.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 are invited to stay in worship or assist with Kids Club today!

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

Junior Youth Group provides monthly gatherings for 4th and 5th graders! Our next gathering will be on Dec. 16 for a "Christmas Late Night" from 6 pm-12 am! There will be caroling, games, snacks, and more!

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)

There is no Youth Group today due to Thanksgiving Break. Our next Youth Group will be Nov. 27 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm as we bake cookies with Sarah Y.!

ADVENT FESTIVAL: DECEMBER 4TH

Save the Date for our Advent Festival: Peace on Earth where we will have the chance to explore our roots from various countries and cultures. We will celebrate Advent together with food and fellowship on December 4th from 5:00-7:00 PM.

2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: DECEMBER 11TH

Our beloved Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10 am worship service on December 11th. Children who are infants through high school are invited to participate by singing or speaking, and each will wear an amazing costume handmade by Ann Swindell! There is room for everyone to participate in this wonderful and beloved pageant. You can register your child(ren) to participate in the pageant at this [link](#).



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