



And on
earth
Peace.

Luke 2:14

November 27, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

And on Earth Peace: Leaving the Schedule Behind

NOVEMBER 27, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this uncertain season of Advent, we wait.

Hoping, hoping God is coming to us.

In the vagueness of these days, we try to listen.

Hoping, hoping the Word will be whispered to us.

In the weariness of our times, we wait, we listen, we watch.

Hoping, hoping the Spirit will be found in our midst.

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*OPENING PRAYER

God, You tell us to live with open eyes, for You are coming into this world and we're to watch for Your arrival. So many had given up watching and were unaware when You entered our world the first time as a baby. You're coming back and we don't want to be unaware again. Since we don't know the day or hour, we confess that it's so easy to go about the ordinary business of life and forget You.

Forgive us for when we live with our eyes closed—closed to Your promise of returning, closed to Your Spirit's invitations each day until You come again. We pause this morning, this Advent season, to ask You to awaken us—awaken our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. With eyes wide open, we silently look around and take in the scene of where we are, who is with us in this place, our own presence here...

We close our eyes and remember Your promise to return and put all things right. We allow our longing for You to be stirred within us. Give us grace to prepare a way for You in our hearts, our community and our world. Come Lord Jesus, Amen.

*GLORIA

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

The Message

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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.

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 24:36-44

This is the word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Unscheduled”

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

To the tune of *What Child is This?*

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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.
This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

You gift us, Loving God, not so we will hoard, but would share with others; not that we might accumulate more, but offer gifts to those who have so little. In the waiting, may we realize the wanting; in the listening, may we hear the brokenness, in the watching, may we see the weariness, and pour out our gifts, our lives, and our hearts on others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

On Jordan’s Banks

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 27, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
John Weber, lector

Sue Douglass, organ
Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians

CREDITS:

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CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY NOV. 27

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Youth Group Baking Day (Kitchen)

MONDAY NOV. 28

- 7:00 pm - SPRC Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Knitting Knights (Jordan Hall)

TUESDAY NOV. 29

- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits (Jordan Hall)
- 4:00 pm - Jr. Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm - Middle School Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm - Rainbow Connection (Library)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Happy Birthday!
11/29 - Janet Johnson & Jean Lemke
12/1 - Luan Zoellner
12/2 - Lily Weber
12/3 - Nate Jarvis

WEDNESDAY NOV. 30

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Fly Fishermen Group (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Advent Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY DEC. 01

- 11:30 am - Lincoln Park Community Services (Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm - Bells on High (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 Sasha Gerritson & Eugene Jarvis' 16th wedding anniversary!

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. This Bible Study will meet November 30, December 14, and December 21.

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 Beadoine, 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 20TH:

- We celebrate the abundance and generosity that is shown by this congregation and the energy building around ministry, mission, and care.
- We celebrate a number of birthdays - Joshua Jarvis turned 12 on the 21st!! And we wish Sasha and Eugene a Happy Anniversary!
- We celebrate the Thanksgiving break, for travels, for time with loved ones, traditions old and new, and the chance to breathe deeply and give our thanks to our God, from whom all blessings flow!
- We celebrate Katie R's successful surgery this week and hold her and her team in prayer as the pathology report informs the treatment plan from here.
- We rejoice in the completion of 30 days of rehab and the support of family.
- We ask for prayers for a youth, whose particularly difficult week landed them in the hospital, with suicidal thoughts. We pray for the healing of their mind, the calming of anxiety, helpful medical support, and God's grace to surround them and their family. We hold all our youth and young people in prayer as they juggle the pressures and stress of adolescence.
- Darcy asks for prayers for Geri L. who was hospitalized this week with seizures and needed medical adjustments.
- Mary J. asks us to hold her Aunt Lois in our prayers who, at 96 is grateful for a wonderful life and is now struggling with the challenges of age and a body in decline.
- We hold Evan C. in our prayers as he prepares for his next surgery, as well as the entire Curtis family.

The PRCC Giving Tree



We are collecting the following for our Giving Tree:

- 75 NEW pairs of boots
- Mens and Womens NEW underwear
- New books for children and teens
- Gift cards for \$20 or \$25
- Simple toys, games, fidgets, action figures
- Stuffed animals for all ages
- Shoes and coats for our Refugee Family

VOLUNTEER



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.



LOVING LUNCHES - December 11th

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 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 - January 22nd

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 today! Thank you for considering to help provide meals for local families in need.



GIVING TREE- Provide Gifts for Those in Need!

This Advent season, the Outreach Team is excited to be partnering with *Kids Above All* to provide gifts for kids in need and boots for our refuge family through *Exodus!* Ornaments with needed gifts will be placed on the Christmas Tree in the Park Place room beginning November 27th. Simply take the ornament or paper from the boot 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 Final Week of Sales!

Wednesday, December 7th

Final week of sales for Spirit of Christmas! Circle 10's Spirit of Christmas is almost here! All PRCC women and their friends are invited to join us starting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th at the Park Ridge Country Club for a festive and relaxing night out with friends, including dinner, available cash bar, holiday shopping, raffles and more. Tickets are \$50 per person and 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 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.



