



And on
earth
Peace.

Luke 2:14

December 24, 2022 ♦ 4:00 pm
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24, 2022

4:00 pm

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

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

The candles tell the story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the world has come.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

This light is a light for all, warming us from within, radiating love,
lighting our lives with the presence of God in human flesh,
within us and among us now and always.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace. Goodwill to all.

*CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
o come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.*

*Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.
O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. North

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

*Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Song of the Shepherd Children

Raabe

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 2:8-14

***CAROL**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

SERMON

"And on Earth...Peace"

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

Adam

***RESPONSE**

What Child is This?

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
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 DEDICATION**

Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity inspired in us by Christ's birth. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

***SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE**

***CANDLELIGHT CAROLS**

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in Heavenly peace! Sleep in Heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from Heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

***BENEDICTION**

A Child is born to us! A Son is given! He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace! Christ is born! Merry Christmas!

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***POSTLUDE**

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room and Heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

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

INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP DECEMBER 24, 2022 4:00 PM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Sara Born, lector
Dan Smith & Family, Advent wreath candle lighters

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians
Sue Douglass, organ
Mark Holihan, guitar
Jr. Choir

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Christmas Flowers



Given in honor of:

Beloved aunts Megan & Michele
The Siebert Family
The Smith Family
Sue & Dave Douglass
Pastor Mollie Foster
Sasha Gerritson & Eugene Jarvis
Liz & Dave Swanson
Katie & Keith Reboletti

By:

Adrian & Carol Hill

Given in memory of:

Susan Ruth
Allen Knoblauch
Parents Tio & Maxine DiDomenico
Mildred & Harold Erlandson
Peggy Zahalan
Jane Berg
Grandma & Grandpa Kallen
Grandma & Grandpa Pavone
Richard & Earlene Beile
Brian Rich
Marty & Jim Nolan
Bill Zoellner
Tom Kapolnek

By:

Tom Ruth
Jamie Knoblauch
Anita Rifkind
Marc & Kathy Erlandson
Leigh Sasser
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Terry Kallen
Terry Kallen
The Beile Family



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! Find out more about our ministries on our website:

www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 2.

STAFF WILL BE CHECKING MESSAGES AND WORKING REMOTELY DURING THIS WEEK.

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 am

*Join us for Christmas morning worship in your PJs!
Bring a gift for the baby (formula, diapers, wipes,
etc.) to be donated to those in need.*

COMING IN THE NEW YEAR

- **NEW SERMON SERIES:** Rediscovering a Vocabulary of Faith - Join in as we unpack “religious” language and terms that carry so much significance in our lives and in our understanding of God!
- **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** We will receive new members into our community on January 22. Join the Welcome and Membership Committee for a New Member Orientation/FAQs about PRCC on Tuesday, January 10.
- **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Join our group on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm as we consider Adam Hamilton’s study “Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and other things the Bible Doesn’t Say”. Books available in the Church office for \$15. Begins on January 11th, 2023.

FOR CHILDREN

We have a vibrant ministry with our children! Sunday School for students in Pre-K through 5th meets during the 10 am service and includes weekly lessons with crafts, games, and more!


For more information about ways your child can get involved, contact Morgan Tone, Director of Children’s Ministry at Morgan.Tone@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

JUNIOR YOUTH is a new program for 4th and 5th grade students to meet monthly for fun, fellowship, and service!

2nd Semester

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

January 1: No Sunday School 8: Sunday School 15: Kids Club-MLK 22: Sunday School 29: Sunday School	February 5: Sunday School 12: Sunday School 19: Kids Club-Presidents Day 26: Sunday School	March 5: Sunday School 12: Sunday School 19: Sunday School 26: Kids Club -Spring Break	April 2: Sunday School 9: Easter Egg Hunt- No Sunday School 16: Sunday School 23: Sunday School 30: Sunday School	May 7: Sunday School 14: Kids Club 21: Last Day of Sunday School 28: Schools Out Carnival
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My Bible Dates: (2nd Grade and up): January 22- Feb 26 with Bible Presentation on February 26th
 My Communion Dates: (2nd grade and up): March 5, 12, 19th with Communion received on April 2nd

Special Activity Dates

February 11:
9:00-10:45 Feed My Starving Children

FOR YOUTH

JAN. YOUTH GROUP

SUN. 1: NO YOUTH

SUN. 8: CONNECTIONAL GAMES

- 1:30: GAMES IN GREAT HALL
- 2:30: GO HOME

SUN. 15: GREAT YOUTH DEBATE!

- 11:30: LUNCH
- 12: DEBATE HOT TOPICS
- 1: GO HOME

SUN. 22: YOUTH LEAD

- 11:30: LUNCH
- 12: LEARN TO LEAD
- 1: GO HOME
- 3-7PM CONFIRMATION CLASS

SAT. 28: SNOW TUBING DAY!

- 8:30AM: DEPART
- TUBING AT WILMOT
- 6PM: ARRIVE HOME

We welcome all 6th-12th graders to our Youth activities! Youth Group is a Christian community for youth to belong, building supportive and meaningful relationships through social activities, service projects, and discussing relevant topics.

For more information, contact Pastor Mollie: pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

There are many ways to get plugged in at PRCC!

- **Kindred Spirits Cafe' on Tuesdays at noon!** Bring your lunch and share in a program or games with others.
- **Sign up for Dinner Groups!** Get to know new friends as you dine in at homes or go out for a bite!
- **Attend Fellowship Events** like the Superbowl Party at Church or Pasta Divine Fundraising Dinner (shhh...it's Pastor Mollie's 40th birthday!)
- **Play Coed Intergenerational Basketball** starting in the New Year in the church gym on Wednesday nights!
- **Serve with our Outreach Team,** volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, serving at Lincoln Park Shelter, bringing food for the Food Pantry, and MORE!



VOLUNTEER



LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER - January 5th, 2023

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on January 5th 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 - January 8th, 2023

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 January 8th. 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, 2023

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.

NIGHT MINISTRY - Boots Needed! Next delivery is January 8th!

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



THE BRIDGE PROJECT

Donations of gently used men's, women's and children's coats, hats and mittens as well as blankets are being collected starting 12/1/22 to 1/29/23. All donations will be given to the Bridge Project for distribution to the homeless. A collection box will be in the Park Place room. As always your generosity is so greatly appreciated.





**From the Ministers, Board of Directors, Staff, and Congregation
of Park Ridge Community Church:**

Merry Christmas!

For unto us, a Savior is born.

May this be a time of peace and joy for one and all!

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