

A photograph of a long, straight dirt road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

# **FORGIVENESS**

February 13, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**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**

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Billingham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us celebrate the love of God that works to transform us.

**For we are prone to harbor resentment against those who hurt us.**

God's love calls us to do better --- to be better.

To be models of forgiving love in an unforgiving world.

**May God clothe us with compassion and kindness, humility and patience,  
so that we can bring forth true reconciliation in the world!**

Come, let us celebrate the new possibilities for the community of God!

**\*HYMN**

*Open My Eyes*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We come this morning, Gracious God, aware that we do not live into the higher righteousness to which you call us. We are better at doing the minimum, going through the patterns of faith that are so much a part of our lives.

**Open our eyes to see the life to which you are calling us.**

Teach us to listen to the stories of others, to hear their struggles and also how you are at work in their lives. Help us to reach out in love to form communities of grace.

**Open our ears to hear new truths that may enrich our lives.**

We need your help to live differently. This doesn't come easily to us.

**Open our hearts to our neighbors so that we may act in compassion and kindness.**

Teach us humility. Remind us that we are just one of your beloved children and there are so many that you love.

**Open our minds to new understandings of the vastness and variety of the world,  
and how we may play a part in it for you.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus knows our lives and sees our hearts.

He takes us by the hand and says "You are forgiven. Go forth and sin no more."

We are indeed beneficiaries of endless love, grace, and forgiveness!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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 OF THE PEACE**

**FIRST READING**

Colossians 3:12-15

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Bound for the Promised Land*

arr. Mulholland

**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.*

**PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-33

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Again, Again, And Again.**

Pastor Carol Hill

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of love, you have given so generously to us. We thank you for the blessings of restored relationships and the possibility of reconciliation with others. Bless these offerings that we give that they might bring healing, forgiveness, and hope to the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*In Thee I Put My Trust*

J.S. Bach

**POSTLUDE**

*Concerto in D*

G. Tartini

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

LEADING US IN WORSHIP FEBRUARY 13, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern

Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Services

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Sue Douglass, organist

Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist

Travis Heath, trumpet

PRCC Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonni Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill

**Credits:**

Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession written by Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, 2022.

Words of Assurance and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2022.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that 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 Beaudine, Heather Cannon, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Reggie Pantazi, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>:

- We forgot to mention that Audrey C. had a birthday on Jan. 31 and Ben C. and Lucas Y. celebrated their birthdays on Feb. 2.
- Carl T.'s birthday was on 2/6, 2/7, we celebrate Teri B.'s birthday; Elizabeth B. has a birthday on 2/8; and Jamie K.'s birthday is 2/11.
- Prayers of Celebration that Pastor Mollie was able to celebrate her birthday with her family in Kansas, and we pray for safe travels as she journeys back to Illinois.
- We celebrate that Boy Scout Troop 76 was able to have a temporary home at PRCC for the past couple of months and have now returned to their home base at Roosevelt Elementary School.
- We celebrate Dave's successful eye surgery this week and pray for his continued sight and healing!
- We hold in our prayers all those suffering from mental health issues exacerbated by covid. We pray for new life and release from anxiety, isolation, depression, addiction and all that alienates us from healthy relationships.
- We pray for Dean W. as he is in the hospital unable to see visitors as he fights covid.
- Kay S's family asks us to include her in prayer as she works to recover from a fall she had in December and a bout of covid she contracted in January. Please pray for her ability to regain strength, mobility and to find joy in this long journey.
- Candance M. asks for prayers for her dad Richard as he recovers from heart issues and works toward healthy life style choices.
- We continue to pray for Naomi's brother Brian who is back in the hospital with covid and pneumonia.
- Jackie asks us to hold her friend Sharon in prayer as she recovers from surgery on 2/4 and is facing more cancer treatments in the future.
- We pray for healing for Lilly and Dianne, both relatives of Elaine & Bernice Z. Elaine asks for prayers for guidance to just the right sources of healing for each of them.
- Angie asks us to pray for her friend who recently lost her husband and their family.
- We hold in our prayers the Chacko Family, as Sarah's Aunt Mary entered life in the resurrection this week after suffering a stroke, followed by covid. Sarah asks that we particularly pray for Mary's husband, children and grandchildren.

## Pictures of Alayne

As we prepare to celebrate the life of our dear Alayne Richards, we invite any and all pictures you may have of Alayne for us to use during the service. Thank you!

***We will have a Celebration of Life for Alayne on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.***

## BUILDING UPDATE

### **BUILDING UPDATE**

We will fully re-open the building to all of our church groups and outside groups the week of February 13th. We will continue to ask that groups wear their masks and refrain from sharing food and drinks. We will continue to pause the 8:30 am service through February.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **POP-IN KINDRED SPIRITS**

This Tuesday, 2/15 from noon to 1:00. Pop-in for Popcorn and at the Park Place Room to chat, catch-up, check out the book cart, borrow a jigsaw puzzle and this Tuesday to celebrate that it's only one month before Spring is officially here! Please wear a mask and if you have any questions or need more details, just reach out to Liz Swanson.

### **CAMPFIRE/LETTER WRITING - TODAY**

The ritual of writing a letter to express feelings about grief or loss allows a bereaved participant the chance to strengthen the ongoing bonds they may wish to maintain with the deceased loved one or may help the writer to renew their hopes and aspirations for a different future. The finished letters are then committed to a fire in a gesture of sending them off to those we wish to connect with, or perhaps in a symbolic gesture of a desire for change or of letting go of difficult emotions/feelings. This ritual is done as a group to emphasize our mutual support of one another as we seek comfort and care during times of trial or challenge.

Our time together will end with S'mores by the fire!

**Who:** All are welcome (adults, youth, families)

**When:** TODAY February 13, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

**Where:** Carriage House Driveway

### **COOKIES BY THE POUND - TODAY**

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the Park Place Room!**

Cookies will be prepackaged and available for purchase before and after service.

\* All proceeds will go towards Mission Trip gas expenses.

## VOLUNTEER!

### **SIMPLE SUPPER**

Simple Suppers have been paused through the end of February.

### **LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER**

Our next date to serve is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln14>

## ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

### **ADULT ED: Tuesday Daytime Bible Study: Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World**

All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed. Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie and others lead this study. All are welcome to participate as we read and consider the scriptures together and discuss how these ancient texts apply to our lives today!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQWdPOW1aQT09>

**ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

***Forgiveness: Finding Peace in Letting Go***

Many people have trouble with the concept of forgiveness and fail to fully realize the freedom that comes from forgiving others, forgiving ourselves, and receiving God's forgiveness. In this study, Rev. Hamilton will guide the group through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and asking for forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness. Join us in person or over Zoom as we journey

together! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84079820295?pwd=S0pxK3MzSktNaEhldk9Dck5jaGo3dz09>

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children's Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

If you would like to register for the coming Sunday School year, you may do so through the Church Office, by contacting Shelley O'Brien, or on our website - <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/christian-education>.

**VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY!**

We are currently looking for volunteers to be on call to work the Nursery during Sunday Worship. This would be strictly as needed, if a family came in needing nursery care, the Ushers would let you know. If you are interested in signing up, please do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-nursery>

Thank you in advance for helping us to accommodate all families.

# Park Ridge Community Church HOST'S BLOOD DRIVE

HELP SAVE LIVES - IT'S EASY AND SAFE!



There's a national blood shortage due to the pandemic.  
All healthy donors are urged to donate!

Park Ridge Community Church (PRCC) is partnering with Vitalant to host a **"Virtual" Blood Drive NOW – March 1st**. A virtual blood drive means that you can schedule your blood donation at a time and location that works for your busy schedule.

**Sign up to donate below.** Be sure to copy the full link so we can track the number of donors who participate with PRCC. Once you sign up via the link, you'll receive an emailed invitation to book your appointment at a time and location convenient to you.

**To donate for PRCC's blood drive, sign up by clicking on dedicated link below:**

[https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive\\_code=ORD0060F&division=NORTHEAST<sup>®</sup>ion=CHI](https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=ORD0060F&division=NORTHEAST<sup>®</sup>ion=CHI)

Every day in the U.S., patients in hospitals, surgical centers and emergency treatment facilities need approximately:

- \* 29,000 units of red blood cells
- \* 5,000 units of platelets
- \* 6,500 units of plasma

The need for blood is at its highest level as the health crisis continues to impact patients. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to help others. The actual donation time is about ten minutes but it will take about an hour from start to finish with screening questions and recovery time after donating.

Donors *must be at least 18 years of age or 16/17 year old's are required to have a signed parent consent* (forms in requirements link below). Additional eligibility and general questions about the process – please click on links below:

Check Eligibility: [Vitalant - Blood Donation Requirements | Vitalant](#)

Have Questions about the process? [Vitalant - FAQs](#)

Locations Near You: [Vitalant - Locations](#)

What is the impact of your donation? [Vitalant - Donating Blood Makes an Impact | Vitalant](#)

**Thank you for considering a donation – Together, we can Save Lives!**

**Questions for the PRCC – Outreach Committee: [outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)**



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