

February 15, 2026

THE
VISION
WORTH FOLLOWING



I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your elders shall dream dreams,
and your young people shall see visions.
Even on the most unexpected people,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.
Joel 2:28

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Vision Worth Following:
February 15, 2026

The Vision that Inspires Us
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

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

Harry T. Burleigh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.

We are followers of God's vision, seeking transformation of our hearts that together we might transform the world.

*HYMN

O For a World

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we have been mute when you called for boldness;

we have lost heart when you asked for strength;

we have faltered when you demanded justice;

we have turned away when you showed us your truth;

we have been faithless when you cried for fidelity of purpose.

Strengthen our hearts as we put away secret shames.

Strengthen our will as we practice justice.

Strengthen our mind as we cling to truth revealed in Christ Jesus.

We long to be transformed by your grace.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God is a forgiving God! When we cry to God, God answers. In the name of the Vision-Casting, transforming God, we are forgiven and healed.

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 THE PEACE

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF Dillon Michael Marzullo

Parents: Danny and Erica Marzullo

Godparents: Andy Johnson and Grace Ann Gannon

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Dillon, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care for Dillon being baptized as he grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND BAPTISM

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Dillon will bask in your love as he journeys through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

God Claims You

The musical score is for a hymn titled "God Claims You". It consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff is labeled "Refrain" and the bottom staff is labeled "D.C." (Da Capo). The lyrics for the refrain are: "Dillion, Dillon, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too." The lyrics for the verse are: "1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. 2. We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. 3. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la by." The score concludes with a "Fine" at the end of the first staff.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS 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

Luke 9:28-36

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Transformation is Possible

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

If With All Your Hearts

Mendelssohn

*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. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you have loved us so deeply and given us so much that we cannot help but praise you. Take these humble gifts and use them to infuse your Vision into the world. Transform us and these gifts for your purposes, that together we may bring your radiant love to all your children. Amen.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

In Thee I Put My Trust

J. S. Bach

*POSTLUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

Margaret Bonds

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

BOLD 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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Dan Smith, Lector

Sue Douglass, Organist

Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist

Chancel Choir

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PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our February Ushers: Tim Lapp (captain), Adrian Hill, Lonn Naudzus, Bruce Nelson, Anita Rifkind, Fred Siebert, and Laura Sissman.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K-5th Grade Children are invited to join our special Kids Club following the Children's Message during worship. After music, we will meet in one group. You can pick your child up following worship 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 "What is Transfiguration Sunday?".

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.

ADULT MINISTRY

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, Sunday, March 1 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). March 1: Lectio Divina.

OUTREACH

Creation Care: An Interactive Conversation



Wednesday, March 4 at 7 pm in the Ellinger Transept - Cathy Clarkin, environmental educator and Executive Director of Accelerate Climate Solutions, will discuss the pressing need to advocate and engage for climate change. "Climate Change is part of the current humanitarian crisis," she says. Cathy welcomes questions about climate change and how you can help. Hosted by Creation Care and Social Justice teams.

Creation Care: Educational Tables, Sunday, March 1, during Coffee Hour

Engage with ways you can be part of Creation Care. Suggestions include small and large activities for you and your family. (Hint: you can compost greasy pizza boxes!) Bonus: taste chili simmering on an induction electric countertop burner, part of the movement to electrify kitchens. Hosted by Creation Care and Social Justice teams.

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, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Greg Sarlo, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM February 8th:

- We celebrate the hope felt at Wednesday community vigil.
- We give thanks for the Youth who spent hours baking to support their mission trip going to Portland.
- We celebrate 54 volunteers helping feed my starving children
- We celebrate 100 yards of food collected
- We pray for safety at the Superbowl game - for athletes, for women and girls, for all of those traveling and all participating.
- We pray for Lisa I. as she prepares for multiple medical procedures.
- We pray for survivors of sexual abuse and violence, as trauma is revisited.
- We pray for Mark H. friend Janine, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- We pray for Kym's ankle
- Prayers for Megan L., sister of Katelyn P., who is undergoing a final round of fertility treatments after several previous unsuccessful attempts.

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

A NIGHT OF CASINO GAMES, DINNER, COCKTAILS,
LIVE MUSIC, AND AMAZING AUCTION ITEMS--
CARNIVAL STYLE!

\$100 PER TICKET
\$750 A TABLE OF EIGHT
\$50 AFTER DINNER TICKET

5:00 PM: COCKTAILS
6:00 PM: DINNER & LIVE AUCTION
7:30 PM: DESSERT, CASINO GAMES,
& LIVE MUSIC



This event is for ages 21+.



Carnival fun!



← View and **Place your Bid for Silent Auction** Items using this QR Code. You do not need to be present to win. The Silent Auction will close at 10 pm on Feb. 28. Winners will be notified via email and payment will be processed when the auction closes. PLEASE NOTE: In order to avoid paying an additional fee, on the check out page (Help keep Zeffy free...) please click the default 15%; select "Other"; and then input \$0. *The amount of your purchase BEYOND actual value is tax deductible.*



← Sign up to Play in the **ALL NEW Poker Tournament!** We will host a 10 person Poker Tournament. For a buy-in of \$100, players will receive \$10K chips. When/if you run out, for \$50, you get \$5K more! Winner will receive a trophy and special prize. Poker Tournament will run from 8:30-10 pm in the Great Hall.

LIVE AUCTION:

Week-long Vacation in Mexico
Garden Concert for 10
One Year PRCC Parking Spot
AND MORE!

RAFFLE PRIZES

MENU

Special "Carnival Margarita"
Mango & Plantain Empanada*
Cajun Meatballs
Panko Encrusted Pork Loin
Latin Jambalaya*
Shrimp Skewers*
Mixed Salad*
Mixed Vegetable*
Voluptuous Bars
Banana Pudding Shooters
Cheesecake
Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee
* Gluten free

← **Buy Tickets Using this QR Code and find links to MORE**

CARNIVAL

[Click Here for more!](#)

WHAT

Carnival will include a silent auction, a live auction, appetizers and cocktails, Latin-themed dinner, desserts, live music, and casino games! Enter through Butler Place, enjoy pre-dinner fun in the Great Hall, dine in Jordan Hall with the live auction, and resume in the Great Hall for the band, casino, and dessert!

WHO

Our target audience is ADULTS 21+ who want to have fun and support our ministries. Church members, friends, neighbors, family, community leaders...all are welcome to come out and have a good time! Don't forget your credit cards and/or checkbook!

WHY

Carnival 2026 is the follow-up event to Mardi Gras 2025! This annual fundraiser seeks to provide a big evening of fun and festivity to support the annual budget, youth ministry, and other fundraising needs for the church, reducing the need for many small fundraising efforts by hosting this one bigger scale event.

HOW

There are many ways to participate! WE NEED YOU!!

- Buy tickets (individual \$100 or a table of 8 for \$750)! Drink tickets, raffle tickets, and casino cash will be available for purchase!
- Be a sponsor to help cover the costs of the evening - or invite your company or business to sponsor and be featured in our program!
- Donate items, services, property, entertainment, tickets, and more for the silent and live auctions!

AUCTION PREVIEW



- A week's vacation in Mexico at the property of your choice: Cancun, Cabo, Loretto or Puerto Vallarta, Mexico! This stay will be at a Universal Vacation Club property. The value of this week-long stay is \$2,500.
- A year-long reserved parking spot at Park Ridge Community Church!
- An Evening of Live Music, Appetizers, Homemade Pie, and Fellowship for a group of 10 hosted at the Carriage House!
- Jewelry; Cubs, Bears, White Sox and Bulls Tickets; Raffle Prizes to local establishments; AND MORE!!!



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, February 15

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Pancake Breakfast (Jordan Hall)

MONDAY, February 16 OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

7:00 pm - Gathering Warmth Workshop (Parlor)

TUESDAY, February 17

12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)

5:30 pm - Rainbow for Children

7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Training (Parlor)

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

7:00 am - Ash Wednesday Worship (Chapel)

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

2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)

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

3:45 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, February 19

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

6:00 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

