

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 27, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Forgiveness: Forgiven and Freed

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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## 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

*Andante*

Picchianti

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of salvation's joy,  
we gather to celebrate and revere you.

**We come, realizing that we are broken.  
Forgive and re-create us.**

God of unfailing love,  
we gather to worship and honor you.

**We come, and because of your compassion,  
forgive and renew us.**

God of new beginnings,  
we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come, and through your grace and mercy,  
forgive and restore us, so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you.**

### \*HYMN

*Blessed Jesus at Your Word*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is never easy for us to confess  
but deep down inside, we know that graced,  
we have trouble being grace-full to others;  
forgiven, we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us;  
freed, we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear.

**Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; you pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's - sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you.**

*Silence is kept*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us,  
making a way through all that threatens us,  
to touch us with grace and hope.

**We stand before our God,  
singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy,  
our fears into faith. 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**

Genesis 50:15-21

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*You Raise Me Up*

arr. Fettke

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**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**

Luke 23:32-35,39-43

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Let It Go, Let It Go**

Sasha Gerritson

**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**

**Merciful God, we thank you for the gifts you have showered upon us: grace, kindness and mercy. We pray for all who have been trapped in unforgiving attitudes that have depleted their souls. Bless the gifts we have brought and the ministries of this church to offer forgiveness and freedom to all your children. We pray in the extravagant love of Jesus, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*In Thee I Put My Trust*

Bach

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto*

Shostakovich

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

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

LEADING US IN WORSHIP FEBRUARY 27, 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

Antonia Makridakis, flute

Caitlin Bracy, clarinet

Lydia Nance, bassoon

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

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**There will be an Ash Wednesday Service in person on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm**

## Credits:

Call to Worship written by Joan Stott, and posted on **The Timeless Psalms**.

[http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w\\_resources/ash%20wedc\\_2013.htm](http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w_resources/ash%20wedc_2013.htm)

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by © Thom M. Shuman.

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 20<sup>TH</sup>:

- Birthdays include John O. and Charlie's sister in law Joanie on the 22nd; Alex P. 2/23;
- This week it's a joy to celebrate with Bill & Barbara Scharringhausen their 65th wedding anniversary on 2/23 and Paul & Charlyn Rauch their 61st anniversary on 2/25.
- We celebrate the success of last week's Youth Cookie sale, helping to fill the tanks to the mission trip, and we celebrate that additional spaces have been added as we continue to have more youth wanting to attend the trip.
- We celebrate that Dean W is home from the hospital, receiving personalized care 24/7, and is able to welcome visitors.
- The Douglass's celebrate their niece Amber, for whom we have been praying, has been given a clean bill of health following extensive surgeries and medical support.
- Please hold Pastor Carol's aunt Michele, husband Adrian, and grandfather Don in your prayers as they each heal from their respective surgical procedures this week, and she takes a week of sabbath away, please hold my family in your prayers.
- Judy J. is grateful for our prayers as she continues with chemo treatments in her fight against cancer.
- We continue to pray for Naomi's brother Brian who is in the ICU in Washington state. Prayers for all those caring for him and Naomi's upcoming travel to be with him.
- Please continue to hold in your prayers Bernice Z's family members Diane and Lilly.
- We pray for all the family and friends of Barrie Shinn, who entered life in the resurrection on Tuesday, Feb. 15.
- Please hold in your prayers the friends and family of John Zoellner, who entered life in the resurrection this week, especially his widow and daughter.

**A Celebration of Life will be held for Alayne Richards on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in our Sanctuary.**

**Graveside Committal for Peggy Hardacre on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Town of Maine Cemetery.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ**

**March 1st**

Join us **IN PERSON** for a Fat Tuesday celebration at noon!

### **THURSDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

**Back fully on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Join us on Thursday nights with the family for a simple supper, Bible Study, Youth activities, Kids Club, and Choir!

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

On Saturday, March 5th from 1:45-3:45 pm, all of PRCC is invited to pack meals with Feed My Starving Children at the Schaumburg location! We have reserved 65 spots and we need you to meet this goal of participants! Ages 5 and up can participate in this fun multi-generational service opportunity. We hope to see you there! If you are interested or have questions, contact an Outreach Team Member or email Laura Lapp or Pastor Mollie!

### **GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT EVENT**

Participants are invited to share in a group setting specific circumstances of losses that may include the death of a loved one, the loss of a relationship, or some other unwanted change to their life/circumstances. Emphasis is on the wide array of feelings (physical, emotional, spiritual) that we all experience as we grieve and try to adjust to a new reality. Attendees will be encouraged to share their experiences, speak from their heart, but avoid giving advice or instructing others on how to feel or behave. Facilitators will strive to validate and normalize the experiences of those who share, and to provide general education on the grieving process.

**Who:** Youth and Adults

**When:** March 6, Youth: 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Adults: 12:30-1:30 pm

**Where:** Jordan Hall

## VOLUNTEER!

### **SIMPLE SUPPER**

Simple Suppers are back on March 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you are interested in helping to set up or clean up OR to provide a meal, please sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-simple>

### **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=VWQzc3ROSEVHNzJraXNQWdPOW1aQT09>

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

#### ***Beauty for Ashes: Discovering Hope in the Healing Bible Study***

Join Pastor Carol for a Thursday night Lenten study, focusing on scriptures of holy transformation, spiritual practices, and beauty. Music, Art, and Discussion tied into the sermon series will take on a little different feel from week to week as we journey together this Lent! This study begins Thursday, March 3 and will conclude Thursday, April 7. Bring your Bible and a pen! Due to the participatory elements of this study, it will be held **in person only** without a Zoom component.

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## **YOUTH REFUGEE SIMULATION**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

All Youth are welcome!

## **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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