

A dirt road stretches into the distance under a bright, cloudy sky. 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 half of the image.

FORGIVENESS

February 6, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For we are broken and have failed to be the people God intends.

God's love does not give up on us. God's love does not turn away.

We celebrate God's life-giving love. May it restore us all!

Come, let us celebrate the new life that's possible with God!

AMEN!

***HYMN**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus came to set us free from the barriers of sin that separate us from God, from our neighbors, and from ourselves. We seek God's grace so we might move from alienation to new life.

O God, grant us new life in you.

When we deny your presence in our busy days –

O God, grant us new life in you.

When we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward others –

O God, grant us new life in you.

When we judge others before looking at ourselves –

O God, grant us new life in you.

When we occupy ourselves in worldly matters and reject your peace and assurance –

O God, grant us new life in you.

When we refuse to follow your will because we are fearful and untrusting –

O God, grant us new life in you.

Silence is kept

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

We can leave the past behind and live new lives in him.

Thanks be to God!

***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

Psalm 32:1-5

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

How Firm a Foundation
Chancel Choir & Karen Nelson, violin

arr. Ryan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREACHING LESSON

John 8:2-11
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Worthy

Pastor Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

***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**

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER THANKSGIVING

***HYMN**

I Come With Joy

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

In Thee I Put My Trust

Bach

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

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

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

Credits:

The Call to worship written by Nancy Townley and Katherine Thomas Paisley.

Prayer of Confession is written by Ruth Duck, adapted. *Flames of the Spirit*, 73-4, number 3.

Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, 90, number 5.

Communion Liturgy written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on *Liturgy Outside - adapted*. <http://www.liturgyoutside.net/>

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 JANUARY 30TH:

- Birthday this week – Sami G. on 1/30, Birdie S. on 2/1; Joe D. and Ben C. on 2/2; Chris B. and Bernice Z. on 2/3; Pastor Mollie on 2/4, and Tom C. on 2/5.
- We celebrate a draft ONA Statement has been approved by the Board.
- We give thanks for the congregation of care that surrounded Pete M. after his trouble last week. What a blessing that as Sasha was preaching about building true community to see that community caring for one another live time. Our prayers for Peter continue in the days and months ahead.
- Please hold Dave S. in your prayers as his eye surgery from last week was rescheduled for this week.
- Naomi asks for prayers for her brother Brian in the hospital with pneumonia and covid
- Please hold Kym D. in our prayers as she awaits test results.
- We pray for those who are trying to seek meaningful employment.
- Jim asks for continued prayers for Reggie's healing and recovery as she came home from the hospital this week.
- We hold in prayer all those seeking warmth and shelter during these winter months especially a client of one our members who is working with the outreach team to provide him assistance as he prepares to leave the hospital this week without a home to return to.
- As we prepare to focus on mental health and grief, we pray for all who are struggling, feeling the weight of so much.
- Please hold in your prayers the family and friends of Brian Maigler, Nancy Lynch's nephew who entered life in the resurrection this week.
- We hold the Figgins family in our prayers as Dave's father Bill Figgins entered Life in the Resurrection on 1/29.

BUILDING UPDATE

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As we are entering February, we will reopen the building for church committee meetings and groups. We will ask groups to not share food at this time, but they will be able to be together, while remaining masked. We will continue to pause 8:30 am service until March and all worship together, in person, at 10 am. The choir will continue to share their beautiful voices from Ellinger Transept. We will continue to hold off on allowing outside groups to gather in the building for two more weeks, until February 13, when we will reassess.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POP IN KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

This Tuesday, 2/8 from noon to 1:00. Come to the Park Place Room to chat, catch-up, check out the book cart, borrow a jigsaw puzzle and this Tuesday to celebrate Valentine's Day with a Knitting Knights heart. You may treasure this handcrafted heart for yourself or share with someone else. You are a treasure to PRCC and we want to share the love with you! Please wear a mask and if you have any questions or need more details, just reach out to Liz Swanson.

NEW MEMBER INFO MEETING

The Welcome/Membership Committee will be hosting an informational Zoom session in Jordan Hall on **Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm** for anyone interested in learning more about our church, our programs offered, and the ability to become a member. We look forward to our time together! Please let the church office or one of us know if you plan to attend!

Sara Born (sara.born@hotmail.com) or Sue Douglass (suedouglass@hotmail.com)

If you'd prefer to meet virtually, you can do so: Meeting Link -

<https://zoom.us/j/91934270888?pwd=YW8zSmxFTUdOVzMrTGd4U24vWTRZUT09>

Meeting ID: 919 3427 0888 Passcode: 850913

CAMPFIRE/LETTER WRITING

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: February 13, 11:30am-12:30am

Where: Carriage House Driveway

COOKIES BY THE POUND

Sunday, February 13th in the Park Place Room!

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

VOLUNTEER!

SIMPLE SUPPER

Simple Suppers have been paused through the end of February.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED: IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM

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=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aOT09>

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.

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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 only about ten minutes but you will need to allow for about an hour from start to finish with screening questions and recovery time after donating.

PRCC DEDICATED LINK

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Blood Facts & Statistics



- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- One in 7 people entering a hospital will need blood..
- A single blood donation can help more than one patient and could help as many as three.
- Vitalant needs 5,300 donations every day to support patient needs in the 900 hospitals we serve.
- Vitalant needs over 216,000 new donors annually to safeguard blood needs for patients.
- The majority of the population is estimated to be eligible to donate blood but only 3% do.
- First-time donors get an initial screening of their blood type when they make their first blood donation at a Vitalant blood drive or donation center (not applicable in Nevada due to state restrictions).
- All blood types are critically needed, especially T type O.
- Type O is often needed in an emergency as well as for routine lifesaving surgeries, cancer treatment and more.
- Blood donation is an essential activity.
- All Vitalant blood drives and donation centers follow strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, volunteers, patients and staff. Review current COVID safety measures at vitalant.org/COVID-FAQs.
- Blood donations decline as much as 20% during the winter months due to cold and flu and weather impacts.



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