



“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Jesus

April 19, 2026

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Just Love

April 19, 2026

Your Whole Self  
8:30 am & 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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves;  
**the one who is weak and the one who is strong,**  
the one who is happy and the one who is sad,  
**the one who is enjoying mental wellness today**  
and the one who is struggling with mental illness today,  
**the one whom we understand and the one we don't,**  
the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned,  
**the one who is like us and the one who is different.**  
Come, let us worship together!  
**We come, trusting God's abundant love!**

### \*HYMN

*God of the Sparrow*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we all live in communities where there are people whose lives are challenged by substance abuse, mental illness and brain disorders. The families of people living with serious mental health issues often feel overwhelmed and isolated by the many challenges these issues create. Holy One, create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the struggle for justice. We offer this prayer in the name of the Risen Christ who makes all things new. Amen.**

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Though I May Speak, v. 1*

***Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.***

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (10 am): Beck Herrick; Sarah Hibbard; Rob and Courtney Huddleston (Sadie); Heather Mehrabian (Sophia and Charlie); Ann Merrell and Scott Turransky (Logan and Adeline); Meg Thomas-Cary (Marisol); REAFFIRMING MEMBERSHIP: Deb Fogarty**  
...Will you welcome these individuals into this family of PRCC, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize their presence and participation will change the shape of this body of faith and help us to grow in new ways? Will you support these individuals in their journey and assist them in their ministries?

**Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to these individuals as members of the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other.**

That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all people, in Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF ELLA MCCARTY (10 am)

Parents: Justin and Sarah McCarty

Godparents: Sara Born, Candace McGuffey, Ryan McGuffey

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

Here we come to the water, to baptize Ella, 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 to Ella as they grow 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 young person. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all people may learn, grow, serve and play. We pray that Ella would feel our love and support this day and always. May these parents and this community continue to be blessed by the questions, the faith, and the love so present here today. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

*God Claims You*

Refrain Fine

Ella Ella God claims you, God helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you too.

D.C.

1. We this day do all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.  
2. We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.

## FIRST LESSON

Psalm 88

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

*The Rose*

Wagner

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC (8:30 am)

*Let the Whole Creation Cry, v.1*

## \*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bob Campbell

**\*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**

**O God, we seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you, ourselves, and those living with mental health issues. Grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other, as you love and understand us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Let Us With A Gladsome Mind*

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**\*BENEDICTION****\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (10 am)**

*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*

Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Larson

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

**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  
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Ella McCarty, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians  
Sue Douglass, Organist  
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist  
Chancel Choir  
Youth Choir

CREDITS: Prayers and Liturgy from "Widen the Welcome: UCC Resource Guide fro Mental Health Sunday" <https://www.mhn-ucc.org/mental-health-sunday/>

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our April ushers: Barbra Madro (CAPTAIN), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek, Christopher Browning, Marylynn Collentine, Dick Collentine, and Mike Proue

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



## OUTREACH

### LOVING LUNCHES - May 10



Help pack lunches for those in need with Loving Lunches on May 10th after the 10 am service! The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit. We are always in need of items for the lunches: individual chips, granola bars, juice boxes, and baggies.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Nursery (Ages 0–5)** Our nursery is open from 8:30–11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.

**My Communion** My Communion Class begins this week April 19! Children will meet with Pastor Mollie in Jordan Hall. You can pick your child up following worship in Jordan Hall.

**Sunday School (Pre-K–5th Grade)** Please join us for Sunday School this week! Children will learn the story of the Doubting Thomas through a Bible story, music, and crafts. They will meet in grade-level groups and you can pick them up from Sunday School following worship.

**6th-12th Grades** Following the children's message, youth will meet in the library for Sunday School. Today's topic, "Just Love."

**All Youth (6th-12th grades) HOLY CHOW TODAY, 11:45 am-1:00 pm** We will gather in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown for a meal together with meaningful discussion with Pastor Mollie! No money needed! **This is the last Holy Chow of the school year!**

**Wacky Wednesday and Youth Choir 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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Ellinger Transept**

Wednesday Night Bible Study is discussing "Who Stole My Bible". This text takes a look at cherished biblical texts that have been co-opted. Books are \$10 from the Church Office.

**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!

## CALLING ALL FORMER BRIDGE PLAYERS AND FRIENDS

The Memorial Gifts Team is seeking to refresh and replace several of our well-worn card tables. Before making new purchases, we would like to reach out to our congregation for assistance.

If you have a gently used card table that you are willing to donate, please consider giving it a new home. Tables may be dropped off at Butler Place, or you may contact Kathy Erlandson to arrange for pick-up.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

# 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 April 12th:**

- We continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, the joy of new life and the ways God persists in triumphing over evil and injustice!
- We celebrate our students and all of their accomplishments, and especially this week Maeve H., who won first place in her grade level for the Young Authors Contest at Roosevelt.
- We celebrate with Joey F. as he was one of seven students at Loyola inducted into the Neuroscience Honor Society.
- We give thanks for the successful surgeries this week for Susan, Cindy, and Kym and pray for God's healing grace in the recovery process for each of these.
- We hold Lisa I. in prayer as she prepares for a heart procedure on April 17.
- We pray for Brian F.'s recovery from shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday..
- We pray for a son who is beginning a new job. May he find success and fulfillment.
- We hold the Mauery family in prayer as they continue to face challenges, while also celebrating their daughter, Kathryn's, upcoming graduation from her Master's Program.
- We pray for Greg S. as he prepares for the tests and chemo in the week ahead.
- We pray for strength, clarity, and peace for the McGuffey family.
- Karen N. asks for prayers of peace and hope for her brother, Bron, as he navigates health concerns.
- We hold in prayer Sheila's aunt, who is battling numerous health challenges including sepsis and spinal fractures. May she be surrounded by God's healing and comfort.
- Our prayers are with the family and friends of Bill Madden, brother-in-law to Lois and Joe Z., who unexpectedly entered Life in the Resurrection on April 7.
- We pray for Rich S.'s friend, Bob, whose wife, Debbie, entered Life in the Resurrection unexpectedly last week.
- We hold in prayer dear friends of Liz and Dave S., Franz, who drowned on a biking trip in South Africa. We pray for Franz's wife, Cyndi, as she faces this tragic loss as well as all of their loved ones.



## **SECOND MILE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY!!**

Have you noticed a PRCC member going above and beyond? Has someone made a particular impact on you? Nominate them to receive the 2026 Second Mile Award, which will be given at the 2026 Annual Meeting. All Nominations are due by midnight tonight. The Board of Directors will vote on those nominated, and the award winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 3. Thanks to everyone who serves so generously...now is a moment to recognize an individual or couple. Submit your nominations to the church office or [by using this form.](#)

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/4fe93b21-31ef-46e3-83f4-4ba9bf1677b4>

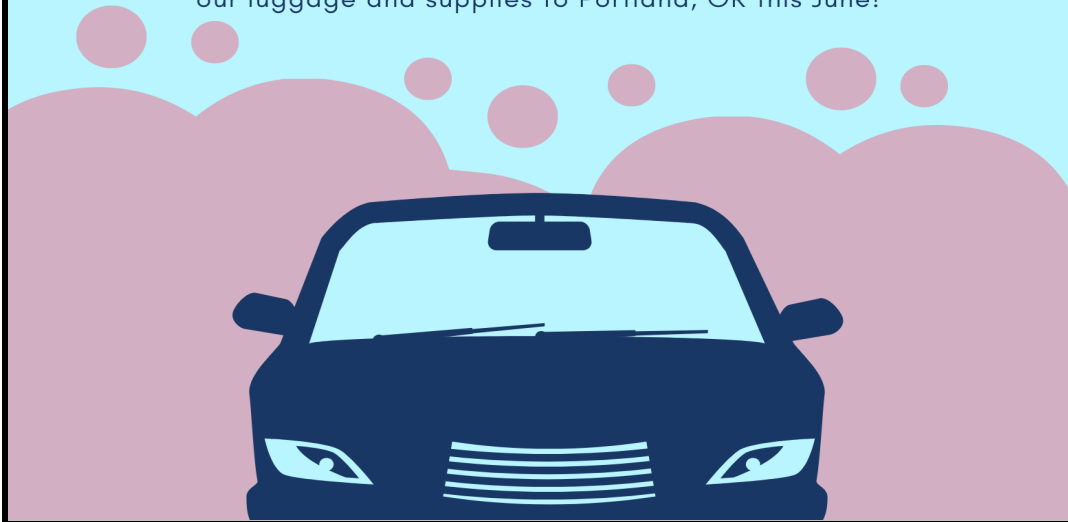
PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH

# CLEAN CARS = CHECKED BAGS!

50 PEOPLE. LOTS OF BAGS. 1 MISSION.

**MAY 9 | 1:00-4:00 PM**  
**PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH LOT**

Support the PRCC Youth Service Team with a donation based car wash. All funds will help cover the expense of transporting our luggage and supplies to Portland, OR this June!



# CHURCH EVENTS

## SUNDAY, April 19 - New Member Sunday!

- 8:30 am - Worship Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am - New Member Sunday! (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am - Holy Chow - Middle School & High School

## MONDAY, April 20

- 5:30 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Action Ridge Book Group (Parlor)

## TUESDAY, April 21

- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 5:30 pm - Rainbows for All Children
- 7:00 pm - Stephen Ministries Training (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Circle 10 Meeting (Parlor)

## WEDNESDAY, April 22

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 3:30 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

## THURSDAY, April 23

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 5:30 pm - Pride in Park Ridge Planning Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

## FRIDAY, April 24

- 1:00 pm - Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

