



*“Continue to live your lives rooted
in Jesus, rooted and built
up in faith.”*

Colossians 2:6

August 21, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rooted in Faith

AUGUST 21, 2022

Rally Day

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

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Isley Brothers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

*HYMN

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks. We confess that our hearts may need tilling and the digging out of the deeply rooted sins that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion.

God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with raindrops of mercy.

Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!

God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy.

Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!

God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy.

Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!

Silent prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Divine Gardener, you tend us in steadfast love, unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness; you cultivate true friendship with you through boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts. Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

God Help the Outcasts

A. Menken

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 2:6-7

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Backpack Blessing

Loving God bless each of these backpacks and those who carry them each day.

.... May they feel your presence as close to them as the pack on their back.

Bless our children. Bless all children. Bless this church. Help us be your arms embracing, your voice advocating, your love in action. We pray for teachers, for administrators, for parents, for guardians, for bus drivers, for lunchroom volunteers, for aides, for all those who will care for our children. Grant them patience, kindness, and above all love. We pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomed the children when others tried to push them away. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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

John 15:1-5

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rooted”

Ashton, Rebecca, Kiera,
w/ Pastor Carol Hill

BLESSING OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Prayer Labyrinth & Free Food Pantry

...This morning, we, as a congregation, will pray God’s blessing upon these two projects. Will you join me?

Loving God, we give thanks for the generations of scouts who have used their time, talent, and energy in blessing our congregation and community. We celebrate the ways our young people teach us how to be faithful, living out their rootedness in love. We pray that you would bless the free food pantry, that it might be a way for those with enough to share with others, and those in need might find food and peace. We pray that you would bless the prayer labyrinth that those who walk its path might find the way to your heart, O God, and that we might all be drawn closer to one another. Bless our youth, bless our church, bless our community. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

L. Cohen

*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.*

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the center, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest— a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us that our lives might bring glory to you. Amen.

*HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Take It To the Streets

Doobie Brothers

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP AUGUST 21, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry
Youth Mission Team

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
PRCC Junior Choir
Aria Geye, dancer
Sue Douglass, Jr. Choir Accompanist
Bryan Doherty, bass
Brandon Hunt, guitar
Devin Velez, vocals
Kent Wehman, keyboard
Neal Wehman, percussion

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Get Involved With Music at PRCC

All Are Welcome!

Chancel Choir

- Begins September 1st, 2022
- Rehearses 7:30-9:00 pm on Thursdays
- Contact Sasha Gerritson if interested in joining: sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Junior Choir

- Begins September 6th, 2022
- Rehearses 4:00-5:00 pm (5:00-5:30 for Middle Schoolers)
- Contact Sasha Gerritson if interested in joining: sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Bells On High

- Begins September 8th, 2022
- Rehearses 6:15 - 7:15 pm on Thursdays
- Contact Sandy Bowen if interested in joining: PRCCSandy@msn.com



Somebody's Knocking at Your Door 382

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN' Irregular

African-American spiritual
Arr. Joy F. Patterson, 1989

African-American spiritual

Some-bod-y's knock-ing at your door; Some-bod-y's knock-ing at your

door; O sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-ing

at your door. 1. Knocks like Je - sus,
2. Can't you hear Him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing
3. An - swer Je - sus.

Knocks like Je - sus,
at your door; Can't you hear Him? Some-bod-y's knock-ing at your door;
An - swer Je - sus.

O sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-ing at your door.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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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 SEE AN USHER...

...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

Thank you to our August ushers: Barb Madro, Marty McHugh, Chris Browning, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Jim Sindt, Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, and Joe Figgins.

ALTAR FLOWERS The rose this morning is in honor of the birth of Eric Nelson & Sarah McClean Nelson's daughter, Parker Anderson Nelson, the granddaughter of Karen & Bruce Nelson.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all Sunday School families! Please join us for a **required** Family Meeting on **August 28th at 11:15**. You will have the opportunity to register for Sunday School, hear about the curriculum and ask questions! We will also be going over Sunday School expectations with the children at this time.

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12 graders begins next Sunday, August 28th! We will kick off the school year at Edison Park Bowling from 3-5 pm! \$10 per person. Friends are always welcome!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP We are excited to reignite the Junior Group to provide monthly gatherings for 4th and 5th graders! Join us on Sunday, August 28th from 11:30-1:00 in the Great Hall! During this time, we will share a lunch, play games, and cast a vision for future events!

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Thank you!



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 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, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki,
Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Brian Stevens, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR August 14th:

- At this time of the year we pray for those returning to the routine of school - students, teachers, parents and all those who support the efforts of bringing out the best at every level of intellectual pursuit.
- Paula offers prayers of thanksgiving for the healing of her sister Laura. Laura is now healthy enough for a cornea transplant to restore her sight.
- We pray for Tracy, Ginny's niece as she recovers from surgery this past week and regains her strength. We also hold Ginny and the family in prayer as they come alongside to support Tracy in her healing.
- Continued prayers for Barb's friend Elaine as she recovers from a successful surgery and learns to manage life with some ongoing care needs.
- We have an anonymous prayer for someone for protection, and for the wisdom to know what is the best action to take with the many complex problems they are facing at the moment.
- Wendy asks us to hold Robin K. in our prayers as she faces surgery for a broken arm that she sustained in a fall in her yard.
- Prayers for the family of Ron Wietecha, former mayor of Park Ridge, who passed away in Florida on August 9th.
- Please pray for the Weller family as they continue to process & grieve the car accident that led to the tragic loss of 3 generations of extended family members. We also pray for Kathleen's ongoing health issues.
- We hold in our prayers The Rauch family and Ginny F as they remember and celebrate the life of a distant relative of theirs, Pam See who entered life in the resurrection earlier this month.
- We continue to pray for our own Pastor Mollie as she and her family celebrated the life of her Aunt Patti.

Happy Birthday!

8/21 - Jim Meunzer; Pete Muenzer; Carla Prado; Taylor Crowley; Kelly Mack

8/22 - Scott Larson; Justin McCarty; Paul Rauch

8/23 - Archer Geye

8/25 - Bill Scharringhausen

8/26 - Max Chandler; Rich Sivertsen

8/27 - Jan Steiner; Angie Papassavas

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOLK CONCERT - September 10th, 7:00 pm

Claudia Schmidt brings her exuberant music to Park Ridge Community Church! With her multi-octave voice, 12 string guitar and mountain dulcimer, she weaves together song, story and spoken word in a one-of-a-kind presentation that will fill your heart and refresh your soul. Doors open at 6 pm, music starts at 7 pm. Contact the church office for tickets. Tickets are \$25 and tables are available to be reserved.

WICKED!

In conjunction with a Worship Series on Good and Evil, we will have a church outing to see the Broadway performance of *Wicked* after service on October 2nd! **We have two tickets available through PRCC**, and you can still purchase tickets online if you would like to attend.

VOLUNTEER

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Our next date to serve is September 1st.. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln20>

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New this year: Due to our shortage of Sunday School teachers, we are asking each family to commit to teaching Sunday School one day of the year. Sign up on the PRCC website for a day that works best for your family.

Sunday School registration is live. Please sign your child(ren) up on the PRCC website!

Important Upcoming Dates:

August 28: Kids Club/Required Family Meeting

September 4: Kids Club

September 11: First Day of Sunday School!

September 18: Sunday School

September 23-25: Family Camp!

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

We are excited to reignite the Junior Group to provide monthly gatherings for 4th and 5th graders! Our Kick-Off is Sunday, August 28th following worship! During this time, we will share a lunch, play games, and cast a vision for future events! All 4th and 5th graders are invited and always welcome to bring friends!

FAMILY CAMP - September 23rd - 25th

<https://www.ymcachicago.org/duncan/>

Family Camp is a weekend of fun and bonding with your entire family! Our goal is that when you leave family camp, you've grown closer to both God and your family. It's a no stress vacation where you can focus on relaxing and having fun! At Family Camp, you'll find it's just as easy to grow your faith as it is to have fun-all while getting to enjoy each other's company. Come experience camp, unplug and play as a family! Questions and RSVP: Ask Pastor Mollie, Morgan or Shelley sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Cost: \$89.50 per person if arriving on Saturday/add \$22 per person if arriving on Friday evening.

What's included? Meals: Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Sunday-Breakfast

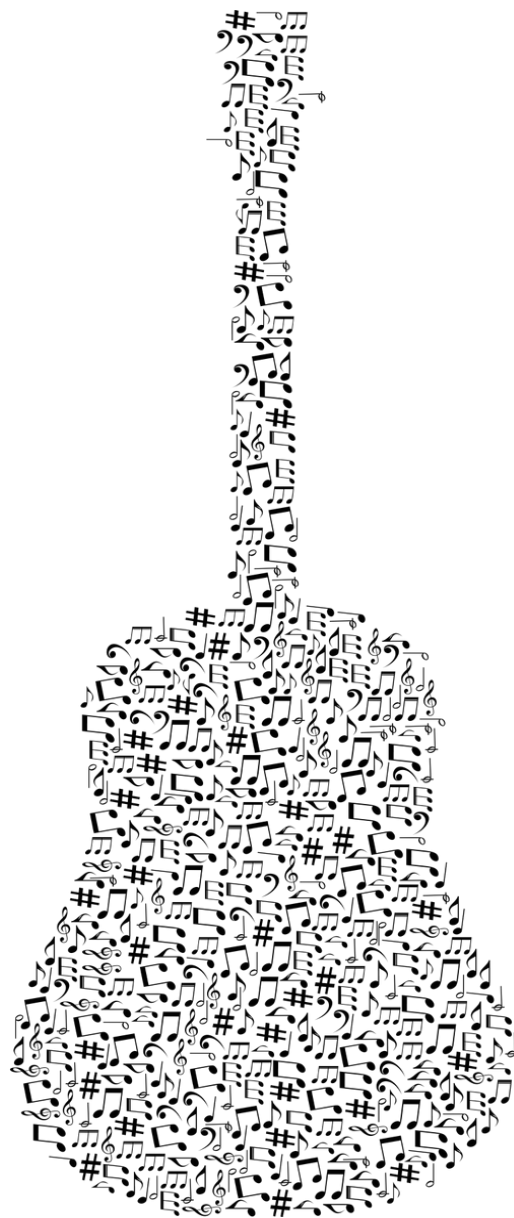
Folk Concert - September 10th @ 7:00 pm

at Park Ridge Community Church

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[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Claudia!

Tickets are available for purchase through the PRCC office. Tickets are \$25.00/person and tables can be reserved in groups of 4 or 8 seats. Please email the office at: office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org or call (847) 823-3164 to reserve your tickets now! Proceeds go to funding the ministries of PRCC.



September 18th, 5-7pm

Mission Trip celebration Dinner



**ALL are invited for a dinner in
Jordan Hall to hear about and
celebrate the 2022 Youth Mission
Trip to Knott County, KY!**

Cost:
\$30
/person

Reserve your spot by:
Sept. 11

Evening Includes:

- Catered Dinner!
- Stories from Work Crews
- Mission Trip Video
- Bluegrass Music
- Reveal of 2023 Mission Trip Cities!

To reserve your spot, email the Church Office:
office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Thank you for your support!
Funds will cover cost of dinner and support
the 2023 Mission Trips!

PRCC Family Camp 2022

Experience life-changing fun with your family!

ALL ARE WELCOME! Families, couples or individuals are all a part of our family at PRCC!

Please register by **Aug 31, 2022 .**

When?

Arrival: 7:00 PM Friday, September 23rd

Departure: 11:00 AM Sunday, September 25th

Where? YMCA Camp Duncan

- Northern IL; 1 hour north of Chicago, 1 hour south of Milwaukee (30 minutes west of Gurnee)
- Located on Fish Lake
- 300 acres of woodlands, open fields, rolling hills, and nature trails
- Modern bathroom facilities

Cost \$89.50 per person if arriving on Saturday+add \$22 per person if arriving on Friday evening

Tentative Camp Schedule

Friday, September 23

- 7:00 pm Check-In Begins (Dinner on your own)
- 8:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
- 8:30 pm Bonfire

Saturday, September 24

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am Group Devotion
- 9:15am Group Activity
- 10:30am Free Time
- 12:00pm Lunch

- 1:00pm Adventure Activities (examples: boating, ropes course)
- 3:00pm Free Time
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Star Lab
- 8:00pm CampFire Sing-along

Activities: (Times TBD, subject to change)

Self-led activities include:

- Ga ga, 4 Square, Volleyball, Frisbee Golf, Soccer, Basketball, Hiking, Playground

Sunday, September 25

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00am Clean up and Pack up

Check out of cabins by 11:00 AM



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