



Making Sense of **Good** &

EVIL

August 28, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am and 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Making Sense of Good & Evil: Who is Wicked?

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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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord, and do good;
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Depart from evil, and do good;
so you shall abide for ever.

**For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his faithful ones.**

Come, let us worship our God who is just!

*HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...Hear our prayers, O God, as, before you, we seek wholeness.

Silence

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much—for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.

Silence

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.
Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

Happy are we, God's own, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*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 (10 am)

No One Mourns the Wicked
from the musical *Wicked*

S. Schwartz

FIRST LESSON

Romans 3:9-20

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Let the Whole Creation Cry, v.1

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 7:1-5
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who is Wicked?

Pastor Mollie Foster

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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*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

You, O God, are God of us all. You know our best intentions and you know our wicked ways. We yearn to be faithful and to fill the world with goodness. Bless our efforts. Bless our offerings. May all that we have and all that we do, bring glory and honor to you. Amen.

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP AUGUST 28, 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
Bruce Nelson, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians
Melanie Budreck, soprano
Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist

CREDITS

Prayer of Confession and words of Assurance written by Rev. Kaji R. Spellman. Posted on the United Church of Christ’s **Worship Ways** website.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.
we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

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 flowers this morning are in celebration of Gary & Janet Johnson's 48th wedding anniversary!

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 **today at 11:15 in Jordan Hall**. 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 **TODAY!** 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 today 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!

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



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 21st:

- Congratulations to Eric and Sarah McClean Nelson on the birth of their daughter Parker Anderson Nelson. Parker was born 8/17 and is perfect. All are doing well.
- Kate & Brendan shared the joyful news of the arrival of their niece Aubrey Elaine Joyce who was born 8/15. Everyone is doing well.
- We hold Kym in our prayers as she sees the doctor this week to determine if she will need surgery for her hand pain.
- One of our Medical Lending Closet clients asked us to pray for a family member Mark who at the age of 50 is facing a terminal illness.
- We continue to Nikki in our prayers as she settles into her new home at the Summit and now faces an upcoming medical procedure. Angie would appreciate our prayers for a successful procedure, wisdom in discerning next steps and peace throughout the process.
- Beth Parsch asks for prayers as she faces breast cancer treatments. Beth is scheduled for surgery later in September and asks for prayers for peace of mind in this waiting time as well as for the best outcome from the surgery.
- Please pray for Wayne E. who was admitted to the hospital with severe dizziness and having tests run.
- Ann S. asks for prayers as she and her family members travel to Montana later this week to honor the memories of a dear family friend who recently entered life in the resurrection. Pray for safety in travel and meaningful family time while together are greatly appreciated.
- Please continue to pray for Tom K. as his multiple myeloma has spread throughout his body. His doctors are working on a new treatment so prayers that this is effective against it are appreciated.
- Dave & Gretchen also ask for prayer for Dave's sister MaryAnn who will be facing a heart valve replacement and for nephew John struggling to heal from pneumonia. Please pray for strength for Tom, MaryAnn and John as well as wisdom and ability for their doctors to treat each of these situations.
- Barb M. asks us to continue to hold her friend Elaine in our prayers as Elaine is back in the hospital with complications from her surgery.
- We hold in our prayers the friends and family of Mary Tilley who entered life in the resurrection this past week. Mary and Jack have attended PRCC for many years and recently moved to LaGrange to be near a daughter.

Happy Birthday!

8/28 - Dean Whitford; Leena Swanson; Owen Froeschle

8/29 - Bob Mack

8/31 - Andrea Goodwin

9/2 - Sue Carroll

9/3 - Neal Wehman



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.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL SESSION - September 13th, 7:00 pm

Do you want to learn more about PRCC? Are you interested in becoming a member? Join the Welcome and Membership Committee for an informational session on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in person or on Zoom. We also invite you to become a new member on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 service. Contact the church office or Sue Douglass (suedouglass@hotmail.com) if you're interested in either date!

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 one more ticket 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!

JUNIOR 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

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!

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT:



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:

Have you noticed the new food pantry along Butler Place? John has worked hard to complete his Eagle Scout Project and to provide this free service to those in need!

And we need your help!

We are collecting non-perishable food items to stock the pantry! Please drop off items to the park place room in the designated box! This will be on-going.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Beginning September 11, Youth, 6th-12th grades, will depart the 10am service after the Children's Message and will meet in the Great Hall! Middle and High School will be together for the first 10 minutes to watch a short video. After the video, Middle and High School will separate for discussion. MS will gather on the Great Hall Balcony and HS will gather on the Great Hall Stage! We will be using the *re:form curriculum* from Spark House.

****Youth will remain in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month to participate in Holy Communion!***



Youth in 7th grade and above are invited to Confirmation!

Our purpose is to elevate familiar Christian concepts into personal understanding and develop an ownership and commitment to grow in faith as a Member of Park Ridge Community Church.

Confirmation will begin on September 7th and will meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm starting in the Great Hall!

Confirmation is a weekly 2-year class.



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



PRCC Fundraiser



Folk Concert

with Claudia Schmidt



Tickets
\$25



Saturday
September 10th



Concert at 7 pm
Doors open at 6 pm



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Call or email the
PRCC office to
reserve your
tickets/tables now!

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