



Making
Sense of
Good
&
EVIL

September 18, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Making Sense of Good & Evil: A Matter of Meaning

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

We gather for worship in the midst of the confusion of life.

**We come longing for some assurance,
something definite to hold on to.**

We are busy with many things,
not sure how meaningful our activities actually are.

We fear what we do doesn't mean much or make a difference.

We gather for worship, full of doubts and questions.

And then we wonder if we lack faith or if there are answers at all.

God welcomes us all, complete with questions.

God is big enough to love us, understand us,
and even enjoy our questioning.

**So we come, Lord. We believe. Help our unbelief.
Be the answers to our deepest questions.**

*HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...We haven't been faithful to you - because it would demand too much of us. Forgive us for being half-hearted disciples.

In your mercy, show us a new way. Help us to see where meaning is found. Take us by the hand as we endeavor to walk along the narrow path of discipleship. Catch us as we stumble, and stay near to us so that we might not be afraid. Help us to listen to your voice to guide us. Help us to hear the voices of those who will journey with us. And lead us toward you.

Help us to live as radical disciples - willing to risk and dare and do - to reach out to persons in need, and receive from them in order to grow. Empower us to be kin-dom people - and work through us to bring your kin-dom on earth.

Silent prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our meaning-making God calls to us from the depths. We are forgiven and led into right living. Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God. 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**

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Kathy & Marc Erlandson, David, Margie, Joseph, & Kylie Figgins, and Tom Ruth

...We are siblings in Christ, given a new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

COMMITMENTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

COMMITMENTS OF THE CONGREGATION

Will you who are members of this faith community, who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their journeys of faith and their life in Christ?

We will.

Will you welcome these persons into this family of PRCC, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of this body of faith and help us to grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journey and assist them in their ministries?

Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to these persons 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

We desire to associate ourselves in a fellowship of the Christ Spirit and covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith, supporting each other in love and respect. The fellowship that is our church grows from and builds upon the traditions of the various Christian Churches of the centuries.

We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the way of life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is the goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship.

As members of this church we shall go forward together in freedom, seeking continually to learn more of the true nature of God and His purpose.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dancing Through Life
from the musical *Wicked*

S. Schwartz

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 2:11, 24-26

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.

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 7:13-20

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Unexamined Life

Pastor Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Apple Tree

arr. K. Lee Scott

*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

Holy One, we celebrate the purpose we find in you. Pour out your love into our hearts and lives this day. Use the gifts that we bring to cultivate your kingdom on earth, where all might experience your abundance and dancing through life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth Into the World in Peace

J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 18, 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
Nate Jarvis, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, piano
Alex Makkawy, tenor
Chancel Choir



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY SEPT. 18

- 8:30 am** - Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm** - Mission Trip Celebration Dinner (Jordan Hall)

MONDAY SEPT. 19

- 10:00 am** - Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 pm** - Finance Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm** - Knitting Knights (Jordan Hall)

TUESDAY SEPT. 20

- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits (Jordan Hall)
- 4:00 pm** - Junior Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm** - Middle School Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm** - Executive Committee Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 pm** - Board of Directors Meeting (Jordan Hall)

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 21

- 10:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm** - Creation Care Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 pm** - Bible Study (Chapel)

THURSDAY SEPT. 22

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 6:15 pm** - Bells on High Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY SEPT. 23

- 7:00 pm** - Family Camp at Camp Duncan!

SATURDAY SEPT. 24

- All Day** - Family Camp at Camp Duncan!

Happy Birthday!

- 9/20 - Joe Zitoli
- 9/21 - Joe Figgins
- 9/23 - Angie Weber
- 9/24 - Bob Tamburrino
& Jeanne Wells

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!

COFFEE HOUR begins TODAY! Thank you to the Creation Care Team for hosting coffee hour this month. If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please let Naomi Siebert or Pastor Carol know!

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

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

Thank you to our September ushers: Sharon Kemerer, Cindy Klimmeck, Paula Mack, Lorel Brunet, Tom Brunet, Bill Barsanti, and Bob Mack,

ALTAR FLOWERS are available for dedication through the Church Office. They are \$40.

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

YOUTH GROUP 2022 Youth Mission Trip participants will meet in Jordan Hall at 3pm today to prepare for this evening's Mission Trip Celebration Dinner!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered for children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade during the 10:00 am service! Pre-K-4th grade gather in the Sunday School Wing, 5th grade in the Library, and 6-12th grade in the Great Hall! On the 1st Sunday of each month, 6-12th graders will remain in worship for Holy Communion. The Nursery is available for all those under 3 years of age located on the lower level.

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

- Rehearses 7:30-9:00 pm on Thursdays
- Contact Sasha Gerritson if interested in joining:
 - sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Junior Choir

- 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

- 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, Bernice Zabawski

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH:

- Beth Parsch asks for prayers as she prepares for surgery in two weeks and shares the joy that she will NOT need chemo or radiation following this surgery.
- Prayers for Evan Curtis, who had shoulder surgery on 9/16.
- Jane S. asks for prayer for her sister and family as her sister Marilyn is in hospice and has stopped eating.
- Pray for the Hill family as they grieve the loss of James Roberts, grandfather of the kids, partner to Sherry Hill.
- We pray for peace on this anniversary of terrorist attacks, knowing that in many parts of the world, terror, fear, and violence reign.
- We celebrate the joy of Naomi and Fred Siebert's 29th wedding anniversary
- Marylynn and Dick Collentine celebrate the birth of their granddaughter Alexis McKenna Bermejo, born on 9/10 to proud parents Kelly McKenna and David Bermejo
- Pray for a member going through an expected job search
- Pray for Sarah C's friend whose cancer came back with a bad prognosis
- We pray for Kym's mom who is in the hospital
- We pray for Pat T's friend's son who is going through spinal surgery
- We pray for immigrants being transported to new places striving to create a new life. We also pray for our broken immigration system and atrocities in other places that make the challenges of leaving the easier path.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSION TRIP CELEBRATION DINNER - TODAY at 5:00 pm!

All are invited for a dinner in Jordan Hall to hear about and celebrate the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Knott County, KY! Tickets price of \$30 covers the cost of dinner and supports the 2023 mission trips!

KNITTING KNIGHTS MEETING - September 19th, 7:00pm

The Knitting Knights are energized and continuing to transform our wall of yarn into useful items! Our time together not only knits yarn into usable items but it also knits our hearts to each other. We will continue with our fall project and will meet on Monday, 9/19 at 7:00 pm in Jordan Hall. Reach out to Liz Swanson for more information and for any supplies or project details you are in need of.

CROP WALK FUNDRAISER AT CITY BBQ - September 20th, 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Support the 2022 Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk by eating at City BBQ on September 20th! Present the City BBQ Flier when ordering in-person or use the code FundA when ordering online to support the cause.

Interested in being a lector and doing a reading for a service? Contact
Sasha Gerritson at sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org
Everyone is welcome to be a lector!

VOLUNTEER

SENIOR OUTREACH

The Senior Outreach Committee makes deliveries and sends mailings to our homebound seniors and other homebound church members during the year. We will have two deliveries this Fall and the remainder will be mailings, deliveries are where we can use your help. Deliveries involve grabbing one or two recipient names, along with the "treat", reaching out via telephone and then stopping by the recipient's home/facility for a short visit to make the delivery. The "treat" and delivery information is usually set up in the smaller church kitchen for volunteers to pick up. We have a September delivery, ready today, that can be made anytime before the end of the month. If you would like to be part of our Senior Outreach delivery team, please email Kimberly at gocubs22@comcast.net to be placed on our list.

Thank you for considering to be part of this valuable ministry to keep all our members connected.

JOIN THE RIDE TEAM

Are you interested in volunteering to give rides to those in need? Reach out to the church office to be added to our ride team list! We will work to pair you with someone who needs rides to church services or events.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on Oct. 6th for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln21>, or contact Luan Zoellner at lzoellner@ameritech.net.

LOVING LUNCHESES

Come join in serving PRCC's newest Outreach Partner, Loving Lunches. Each month PRCC will assist Loving Lunches by preparing and assembling 300+ lunches which will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness in the Chicagoland area. Our next date to serve is October 9th. If you would like to volunteer sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-loving>, or contact Paula Mack at paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Please let the Church Office or Morgan And Shelley if you are interested in volunteering on Sundays during the 10 am service!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-K-5th Grades) 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:

September 18: Sunday School

September 23-25: Family Camp!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th-12th Grades) Youth will depart service after the Children's Message and meet in the Great Hall!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP! (4th & 5th Grades) Junior Youth Group provides monthly gatherings for 4th and 5th graders! The next gathering will be Karaoke in the Patch on Oct. 9 from 7-8:30pm!

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades) 2022 Youth Mission Trip participants will meet in Jordan Hall at 3pm today to prepare for this evening's Mission Trip Celebration Dinner!

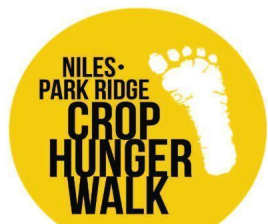
FAMILY CAMP - September 23rd - 25th <https://www.ymcachicago.org/duncan/>

We celebrate that 42 people of all ages will be attending our first annual Family Camp! It will be a time of being in nature, growing closer to God and one another through camp fires, star gazing, ropes courses, and other fun activities! If you are interested, contact Morgan, Shelley, or Pastor Mollie for availability!

2022 CROP WALK



You can register to join the **Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team** at crophungerwalk.org/nilesil. You can also support a walker with a donation or make a donation to the team online. Don't forget to support the City BBQ fund-raiser on Tuesday the 20th!



RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

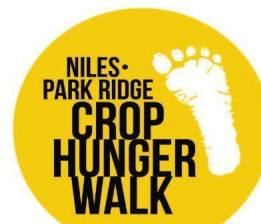
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PUMPKIN PATCH

OCTOBER 8-30

Mon-Tues	Wed-Fri	Sat	Sun
Closed	4pm-7pm	9am-6pm	11am-6pm



PATCH SET-UP:

SAT. OCT. 1: 11:00am

PUMPKIN UNLOAD:

FRI. OCT. 7: 6:00-8:00pm

SAT. OCT. 8: 9:00am

People of all ages are invited to serve in the Patch!
 You can help on the set up and unload days or by signing up
 for shifts when the Patch is open!
 All help is greatly appreciated!

To volunteer, contact Andrea Goodwin or Paula Mack:
adrewganis@gmail.com pcbmack@gmail.com
 For more information, contact Pastor Mollie:
pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org





Dear Friends,

Park Ridge Community Church (PRCC) will be hosting its **19th Annual Pumpkin Patch** from October 8th- 30th. We will be selling more than 2,000 pumpkins and gourds grown in Illinois! Proceeds from the patch will benefit the PRCC Youth Mission Trip, the Eric Nelson Scholarship Fund, and the PRCC Budget. Each year, we donate a portion of the proceeds to a local not-for-profit chosen by our youth.

We are grateful for the partnership and support of our congregation and local business neighbors! The Pumpkin Patch has been a huge success since it started in 2004. Over the years, individuals, families, and businesses have participated as sponsors through their generous donations. Families from Park Ridge and surrounding communities have made the Pumpkin Patch a fun, fall destination.

Won't you join us in sustaining this great event to provide to our greater community?

Sponsorship Opportunities:

❖ **\$200+ Platinum Pumpkin**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your lawn plus one sign with your name will be displayed on the Patch lawn for the duration of the sale*
- *One entry to win a Park Ridge Gift Certificate valued at \$150*

❖ **\$100 Golden Gourd**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your lawn plus one sign with your name will be displayed on the Patch lawn*

❖ **\$50 Silver Scarecrow**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your lawn*

Have a youth in your family? Give in celebration of them and have their name included on the sign!
Deadline for sponsorship donations is September 30th, 2022.

We hope you are looking forward to this event and we look forward to your consideration for sponsorship support. If you would like any additional information on the Patch, please visit our website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org or call the church office at 847-823-3164. See you in the Patch!

Sincerely,

Pastor Mollie Foster
Associate Minister

Andrea Goodwin
Patch Volunteer Coordinator

Paula Mack
Patch Volunteer Coordinator

Name: _____
Name to be displayed on sign: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Amount Sponsored: _____
Give in celebration of a PRCC Youth: _____
<i>*You may give online through Zelle or PayPal at giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org</i>
<i>Checks may be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Please designate "Patch Sponsorship"</i>

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