



December 2025

Park Ridge Community Church

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

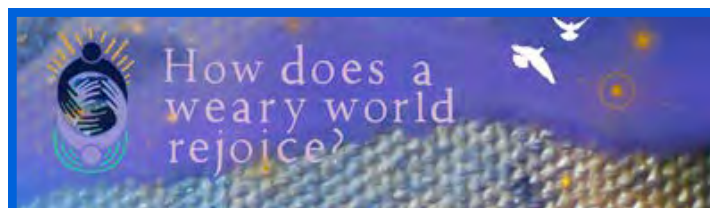
The office is closed from 12-12:30 pm for lunch.

OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 24- Jan. 1
Christmas Holiday.

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*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has looked favorably on
his people and redeemed them.*

Luke 1:68



November 30: Advent 1: We Acknowledge Our Weariness

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Luke 1:1-23

December 7: Advent 2: We Find Joy in Connection

Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:24-45
Pastor Mollie preaching

December 14: Advent 3/ Pageant We Allow Ourselves to be Amazed ONE SERVICE at 10 am

Psalm 126; Luke 1:57-66

December 21: Advent 4/ Cantata at 10 We Sing Stories of Hope

Luke 1:46-55; Luke 1:67-80

7:30 pm Blue Christmas: A Service for the Weary

December 24: Christmas Eve: We Make Room Services at 4 pm and 10 pm

Luke 2:1-20

December 28: ONE SERVICE at 10 am Lessons and Carols w/ Baptism

The Pastor's Note

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
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Lo, in the silent night
 A child to God is born
 and all is brought again
 That ere was lost or lorn.

Could but thy soul, O mortal,
 become a silent night!
 God would be born in thee
 And set all things aright.
 15th century

"Though Advent (literally arrival") has been observed for centuries as a time to contemplate Christ's birth, most people today acknowledge it only with a blank look. For the vast majority of us, December flies by in a flurry of activities, and what is called "the holiday season" turns out to be the most stressful time of the year. It is also a time of contrasting emotions. We are eager, yet frazzled; sentimental, yet indifferent. One minute we glow at the thought of getting together with our family and friends; the next we feel utterly lonely. Our hope is mingled with dread, our anticipation with despair. We sense the deeper meanings of the season but grasp at them in vain; and in the end, all the bustle leaves us frustrated and drained." (the introduction of *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*)

This year, in particular, we begin Advent already exhausted. Over these next few weeks, we will consider the question "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?". It is our hope that together, in spite of our weariness, indeed perhaps *because* of it, we will discover the joy and hope in the truth that God has chosen to take on flesh and dwell among us. **God did not wait for perfect conditions, but enters our reality bringing peace that defies explanation, hope that pulls us into a realm beyond our reality, joy that is rooted in God's promises, and love that strengthens us for the journey.** I pray that this Advent we might give ourselves some grace and space for God-with-us to turn our cares into prayers and our sorrows into rejoicing. It is that transformation that gives us the ability to rejoice even when we are bone weary. We will have events, programs and worship that will invite us to transcend our reality into a faithful space of God's love.

I am longing for these four weeks of preparation with you as we wait for the incarnation to appear! God is born in our hearts and in our lives again! I wish each of you a blessed Advent season and very Merry Christmas!!



Board Update

Happy Holidays!



A huge thank you to Pastor Carol, our Vice Chair Colleen Moriarty and the whole Finance Committee for another amazing Stewardship campaign! Those campaigns take many hours of planning and executing and our team responsible for moving us all to support our church did a fantastic job. Additionally, we really appreciate all that stood up for our church and gave to support the effort. Our team will now begin building next year's budget. With all of your generosity, we will continue to impact thousands of lives inside and outside our church walls!

Both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors met in November and continue to move forward with our annual goals:

1. Engaging Our Church Body

- Growing in Numbers of **Active Members**
- Engaging the **Faith of all ages** - i n Love of God & Love of Neighbor
- Empowering Ministry Involvement/Leadership
- Meaningful **Connections** - Small Groups
- Encouraging "Sweat Equity"

2. Invitation into Faithful Fellowship

- To Build Our **Connections** with one another
- Clarifying Our **identity** & What PRCC is about
- Projecting Our Values Outward to **Invite Others In**
- Broaden Our **Impact** on the World

3. Updating Our Resources to Facilitate Ministry

- Teaching **Faithful Stewardship**
- Building a Foundation for **Generations to Come**
- Investing in Safe and Welcoming **Spaces**
- Updating our **Technology**

God, show us your heart,
how you seek out the broken.
Lift us on your shoulders,
and carry us home -
no matter how strong we think
we are.

God seek us out, and find us,
we your tired people,
and lead us out to where hope
lies,
where your Kingdom will come
and your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Fill us with your courage.
Calm us with your love.
Fortify us with your hope.

May God's peace be with us all this season as we gather with our friends, family, and our church family. As we celebrate, may we also remember and reach out to those around us that are struggling. The Holidays are a great time of year to take some extra steps to share the blessings we continue to receive.



Peace and gratitude,
Dan Smith
Chair of the Congregation

December Birthdays!

12/01 Andrew Dyer
12/01 Luan Zoellner
12/02 Lily Weber
12/03 Nate Jarvis
12/04 Lorel Brunet
12/04 Sue Douglass
12/04 Sue Laurie
12/05 Jim Crowley
12/05 Maddie Siebert
12/05 Nathan Zarach
12/06 Emma Krizman
12/06 Beth Parsch

12/07 Jacky Dustin Good
12/07 Keith Reboletti
12/08 Blaire Sullivan
12/09 Linda Thomas
12/10 Emma Dase
12/10 George Skoog
12/12 Bud Shinn
12/13 Michael Maher
12/15 Meg Ulery
12/15 Elaine Zabawski
12/16 Char Neumann
12/17 Jim Solomon

12/21 Christine Johnston
12/23 Candace McGuffey
12/23 Andrew Weber
12/24 Tricia Williams
12/25 Kathy Erlandson
12/25 Hillary Larson
12/27 Riley Hogle
12/27 Eli Kallen
12/27 Kiera Kallen
12/28 Evan Hunter
12/29 Susie Hollingsworth
12/29 Noah Laginess
12/29 Joan Manson
12/31 Sarah Chacko



December 2025

If you notice an error on the calendar, please share that information with office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Yoga	2 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café	3 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Amy Grant Concert (Rosemont)	4 9 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Lincoln Park Shelter Meal Cooking 6:00 pm Outreach 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 3-8 pm Private Event (Sanctuary)	6 Christmas Stroll 10 am -5 pm
7 8:30 am Chapel Worship 9:30 am Faithful First Prayer 10 am Worship 11:30 am Middle School: Holy Chow 3-5 pm Advent Festival	8 6 pm Finance Mtg. 7 pm Yoga	9 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7 pm Welcome/Mem Mtg. 7:30 pm Stephen Min Supr	10 10 am Staff Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	11 9 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12 7 pm Youth Late Night	
14 10 am ONE SERVICE Pageant Sunday! 11 am Loving Lunches 11:30 am Youth Serve Day	15 6:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg. 7 pm Yoga 7:30 pm Board of Directors	16 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 6:30 pm Stephen Minister Christmas Party	17 10 am Staff Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	18 9 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19	20
21 8:30 am Chapel Service 10 am Worship w/ Cantata 11:30 am High School: Holy Chow 7:30 pm Blue Christmas Service for the Weary	22	23 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Staff Christmas Lunch (offsite)	24 4 pm Christmas Eve Worship 11 pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Merry Christmas! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (call or email staff)	26	27 12-8 pm Private Event (Jordan Hall)
28 10 am ONE SERVICE	29 Merry Christmas! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (call or email staff)	30	31			



The “Indescribable Gift” This phrase refers to Jesus Christ and the salvation he provides. It is a gift that is too wonderful for words.

Christmastime, endings, and new beginnings can be a difficult time. December's shorter days filled with holiday busyness, and missing our loved ones who are far away or no longer with us. Because of Jesus, in dark times we have sunlight! In times of grief we hold on! We walk through life on a path of faith because of Jesus. Jesus is the gift that continuously gives. Our precious gift that did not come gift wrapped or with a shining bow but came to us born to Mary, and laid in a manger.

Isaiah 9:6

Thank God for his gift of salvation! The gift God gave in Jesus.

At this time of year if you are overwhelmed, life is hectic or you are feeling blue give yourself a gift of a Stephen Minister. Our gift for you! If you are in a place where you could use a Stephen Minister or if you feel called to be a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie, Sarah McCarty or any Stephen Leader about how we may help.

Another year ending and a New Year begins with our hearts open to hope and peace.
Jesus birth gives us a reason to live, love, and hope!
From all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas!



Sunday, December 7 at 9:30 am

Is the idea of praying in front of others daunting? Do you ever feel like you just don't know what to say? Join the Stephen Ministers for Faithful First Sundays, a monthly gathering to explore different approaches to prayer. We meet on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30–9:50 am in the Ellinger Transept (off the sanctuary, opposite the chapel).
December - Topic: "Meditation: Finding God in the Quiet Place."

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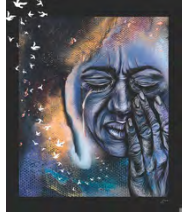
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Advent/Christmas 2025

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Advent Devotional



Giving Tree

Participate in the Season by bringing a gift or an item for someone in need. We are shopping for boots, coats, toys, and more! Be an angel to someone you may never meet by providing exactly what they need!



Bible Study

On Wednesday evenings - December 3 - 17, join Pastor Carol and others in Ellinger transept to read scripture and consider the Prophets. All are welcome to join in from 7-8:30 pm for this meaningful Advent study.

Advent Festival December 7

On **Sunday, December 3 from 3-5 pm**, people of all ages are invited to join in Jordan Hall for a walk through Bethlehem! We will have caroling, crafts and more as we rejoice in the good news of the coming Messiah!



Children's Pageant

Join us on **December 14 at 10 am** for our Children's pageant depicting the Christmas story. The angels, sheep, holy family and more will retell this magnificent story! Pageant practice will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am - 11:45 am with a special performance at 1:00 pm.

A Christmas Stroll Through Park Ridge: December 13

The Park Ridge Community is welcomed to experience the hospitality and joy of Christmas at Park Ridge Community Church from 10 am -5 pm. We will sell baked good to support Kiwanis, run a cake walk; host an Ugly Sweater contest at 1:30 pm; share the Children's Christmas pageant at 1:00 pm, hear our Chancel Choir at 12:00 pm and lots more!



Blue Christmas: Worship for the Weary

On the longest night of the year, we will gather in a reflective service, acknowledging the complex emotions of Christmas. Gather on **Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 pm** in Crego Chapel for this meaningful worship service of scripture, music, silence, and reflection.



Choir Cantata

The Chancel Choir will present a medley of cantata songs of Hope on **Sunday, December 21 at the 10 am service.**



Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve will feature two services at 4 pm and 11 pm, when we will gather with carols and candlelight to celebrate the ultimate good news that CHRIST IS BORN!

Volunteer Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of many extraordinary volunteers whose contributions are making a difference at PRCC!

This month we recognize

Teri Biedke!



Teri became a PRCC member in 1998! She was an active member of Circle 2 for many years, was a Sunday School teacher and staff member with our Children's Ministry program, where she has always enjoyed the kids! Teri helped to take care of our Youth Pumpkin Patch, as well as helped support PRCC members through the pandemic with the Noon Zoom support calls. A dedicated participant in Bible Study and a Deacon, Teri has always served with kindness and a generous spirit. Thank you, Teri, for your contributions toward making PRCC the wonderful place it is!



On Saturday, December 13, PRCC will open its doors for our community to come experience a Bake Sale, Cake Walk, Gingerbread and Tree Decorating Contests, Live Music, a full Pageant Production, AND MORE!! We need volunteers to help run the cake walk, welcome guests, bake cakes and treats for the bake sale, and be a welcoming representative of PRCC. Can you donate an hour or two? WE NEED YOU! [Sign up here!](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Dec. 12th - 13th



Welcome
NEW MEMBERS!



On Sunday, October 26th, PRCC grew!! We welcomed 16 new members plus 3 children! Please help our new members and guests to feel welcome by WEARING YOUR NAMETAG.

Come and get to know PRCC on Tuesday, January 13 from 7-8 pm in the Parlor.

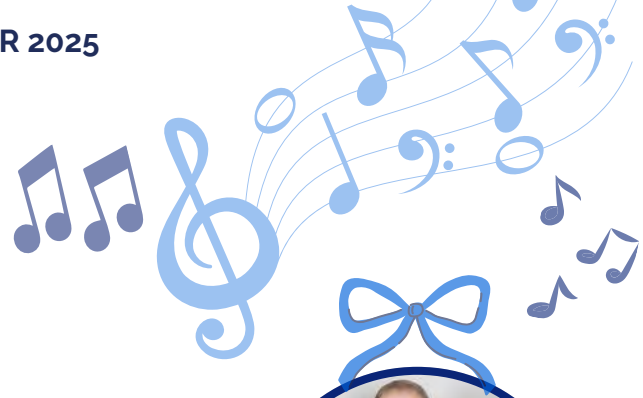
Our next New Member Sunday is January 25th and we look forward to welcoming more individuals and families to our congregation!

Music Notes

Bells On High Practice: Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Practice: Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Youth Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm



MEET THE MUSIC STAFF The Weber Family



Hello, I'm Angie Weber, my husband is Andrew Weber and our children are Lily and John Weber. We have been at PRCC since 2000. I'm one of the soprano soloists/section leaders and Andrew is one of the bass soloists/section leaders. We also do all the Sunday school music which includes the Christmas pageant and Vacation Bible School. Sundays you'll see us at the 8:30 service with our guitar and mandolin singing folk/bluegrass. This summer John started playing with us on bass, and also started doing a lot of reading/filling in as worship leader. Then at the 10 o'clock service we're singing with the choir, and then with the Sunday school.

We both received Bachelors of Music Degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay (yes, that's why we're Packers fans) and Masters of Arts – Music/Vocal Pedagogy Degrees from Northeastern Illinois University. Andrew has been teaching music at the Melrose Park school district for 27 years. I taught at Northeastern Illinois University for 16 years, and was the Music Education Coordinator for the Elmhurst Park District for 6 years. Now I have a private studio at our home in Villa Park where I teach voice and piano to students in the area.

We've both done pretty much every style of music from Opera/Operetta and Oratorio, to folk, pop, jazz, bluegrass. My favorite role would probably be Mabel from "Pirates of Penzance" or Lucy from Menotti's "The Telephone." Andrew would tell you he always hated acting, but he did a pretty mean Sergeant of Police in "Pirates of Penzance." We both loved to sing Faure's requiem, but my favorite oratorio is probably "The Seven Last Words of Christ." This past Good Friday it was especially meaningful for me. After a year of struggling vocally and going through Vocal therapy, rest and patience, I was finally able to sing it again.

My favorite hymn is, without a doubt, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." I love it because of the harmony part that was written by Bach. But I also have an affinity for "In the Garden," and I'm pretty sure that's Andrew's favorite, because it is one of the first hymns that Andrew and I started singing together when we started playing guitar and mandolin. We always do it at the first outside service every spring.

I don't know if I can recall one favorite music memory from my time at PRCC. There have been so many. I feel like this is where Andrew and I grew up, in a way. When we started singing here we were both graduate students at NEIU. Here is where we became serious musicians, and were able to experiment with different styles and types of music. Being here allowed us to grow. There is nothing more terrifying than writing music and putting it out into the world. Here at PRCC I felt safe enough to start writing my own music, and perform it. I love singing the songs I wrote for John and Lily's baptisms, on Mother's Day and some of the other songs I wrote. It is rare to feel safe as a musician to really put yourself out there.

Andrew and I feel very blessed that we have been able to share our music with the Park Ridge Community Church for the last 26 years, and hope to continue for many more.

Staff Christmas Gift



As we enter this season of Christmas, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) invites you to reflect on the many blessings we share — and the many people who make our church such a special place.

During this busy time of year, our dedicated staff give so much of themselves to support our congregation and community. From planning extra worship services and special events to offering care and hospitality in countless ways, they work tirelessly to make our celebration of Christ's birth meaningful for all.

Donations can be made through Shelby/the Ministry One App, Zelle, or by check (please note "Staff Christmas Gift"). Contributions will be accepted through December 22nd, after which the SPRC will distribute the gifts to our staff as a token of our shared gratitude.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your gifts are a heartfelt way to express our collective appreciation for the love and ministry our staff share throughout the year.

With gratitude and joy,

The Staff Parish Relations Committee



Kindred Spirits Café

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each week in Jordan Hall! Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our December plans. Email Sarah to be added to our email list: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Celebrate December Birthdays &

- **Dec. 2:** **Stretching with Lois Orth-Zitoli**
- **Dec. 9:** **wrapped gift (under \$10) to exchange**
- **Dec. 16:** **Bingo!**
- **Dec. 23:** **No KSC - Merry Christmas!**
- **Dec. 30** **No KSC - Happy New Year!**



Knitting Knights

The Knitting Knights will be meeting in December to socialize and craft items for outreach and general PRCC needs. If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, please join us. We would love to have as many people as possible helping us use up the wall of yarn we have!

Join us for our Christmas Tea, Monday 12/8 at 2:00 pm. We will be meeting at Liz Swanson's home. Please connect with her for more details.

Christmas Flowers

\$15 each

Orders must be placed by December 12.



Upcoming in 2026

Save these Dates:

Jazz in January

Saturday, Jan. 17
6-9 PM

Join us for an evening of timeless jazz classics in the Great Hall of Park Ridge Community Church featuring the Wehman Band!

Exodus World Service ART SHOW

Saturday, Jan. 31

We will be hosting an art show featuring photos from refugees while we hear their stories of finding a new home in the United States.



Saturday, Feb. 28

PRCC Annual Fundraiser:
Get ready for a night of casino games, dinner, cocktails, live music, and amazing auction items--Carnival style!

Outreach News

GIVING TREE

AVALON PARK CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

We are partnering with Avalon Park Community Church to provide gifts for **100 children** ages 1-17 this Christmas! Grab a gift tag off the Giving Tree in Butler Place or just go shopping! Gifts must be dropped off by Sunday, December 14. Please bring gifts unwrapped.



Winter Collection

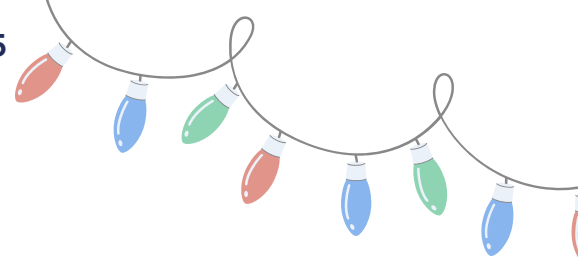
Let's help our new neighbors stay warm this winter! All are invited to join in by providing mens boots, warm socks, hats, gloves, and scarves for the Night Ministry. Donations can be dropped off in the Butler Place collection bin through December!

Maine Township Food Pantry & Little PRCC Food Pantry - Ongoing

We continue to collect food items to support this local pantry. At this time, they especially need flour, spices, condiments, jelly and canned soups/fruit. The cart in our Butler Place serves as a drop off spot for food items as well as empty egg cartons and recyclable or paper grocery bags. *Cans with pop up lids preferred.



Outreach News



JOIN US for a meeting and see what we're all about!

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 PM in the PRCC Parlor.

EMAIL US at outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org with questions or suggestions



Lincoln Park Community Shelter

December 4

We prepare and cook a healthy meal for approximately 35 adults who are experiencing homelessness on the first Thursday of each month. Our prep/cook time is 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. [SIGN UP](#) if you are available to help. We need 3 people to prep/cook and 1 person to deliver the prepared meal to Lincoln Park.



Loving Lunches

December 14

Thank you to our Youth who will assemble lunches on November 9th. The next assembly date is December 14th. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help assemble 160 lunches. The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit using our Committee budget (the bread is generously donated).



Ronald McDonald House @ Advocate Lutheran GH

For over 50 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities has supported families of hospitalized children with lodging, meals, and comfort during their health care journey. Since 2024, PRCC's Christian Outreach Committee has provided quarterly lunches at the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and now invites others to help by contributing food or snacks through the provided [WISHLIST](#).



Sunday Night Suppers

January 4

We know calendars fill up quickly as the holidays approach, so we are enlisting help early for volunteers to prepare and cook a healthy meal for 75 people in the PRCC Kitchen and serve it at Park Ridge United Methodist Church. We need 4 cooks and 12 servers for our next assigned date on January 4, 2026. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) if you are able to help.

Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry



Sunday School News

November was a meaningful month in Sunday School as our children engaged in thoughtful lessons, creative activities, and Bible stories that helped them grow in faith and fellowship.

As we enter the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we are filled with anticipation and joy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful time to reflect on God's love, share in community, and rejoice in the hope that Christ brings to the world.

We invite everyone to join us for our annual Advent Fest on December 7 from 3:00–5:00 PM. This year's theme, *An Afternoon in Bethlehem*, will offer families the opportunity to experience what life may have been like on the night our Savior was born. This will be a fun, immersive event for all ages!

We are also looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Pageant, a beloved PRCC tradition that brings the story of Christ's birth to life through the voices and joy of our children.

May this Advent season be a time of peace, reflection, and joy for you and your family.

Date	Preschool-5th Grade
12/7/2025	Communion & Bible Story: Jesus is Born!
12/7/2025	Advent Festival <i>An Afternoon in Bethlehem</i> 3:00-5:00 PM
12/13/2025	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:00 AM-11:45 AM Park Ridge Stroll Performance 1:00 PM
12/14/2025	Christmas Pageant: One Service No Sunday School
12/21/2025	Kids Club
12/24/2025	Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Worship Service 11:00 PM Worship Service
12/25/2025	Merry Christmas!
Dec 28 & Jan 4	No Sunday School -Christmas Break-

Children's Ministry



ADVENT FESTIVAL: DECEMBER 7TH

Join us for a family-friendly Advent Festival at PRCC! Come and experience the joy of the season with activities, fellowship, and fun for all ages.

We're also looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event—if you'd like to get involved, we'd love your help!

PRCC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We're excited to announce that our beloved Christmas Pageant will be offered twice this year! Join us for a special performance during the Park Ridge Christmas Stroll on December 13th and at our traditional pageant during the 10:00 am worship service on December 14th.

Children from preschool through high school are invited to participate in singing or speaking roles. Each child will wear a beautifully handmade costume by the talented Ann Swindell. This heartwarming, joy-filled pageant is carefully scripted and rehearsed under the direction of Sasha Gerritson, and there's a role for everyone!

An important rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 10 am–11:45 am, and songs will be practiced during regular music time in December. We will also need many adults to help make these productions a success!

[Register your child\(ren\) to participate here.](#)





PRCC Youth

6TH-12TH GRADES

The annual Youth Christmas Late Night is Dec. 12 in Jordan Hall! Bring your friends, a holiday snack to share, and all your holiday cheer!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS

LATE NIGHT

DEC. 12

7 - 10 PM

SILENT DISCO, CHRISTMAS KARAOKE,
REINDEER GAMES IN JORDAN HALL.
BRING A HOLIDAY SNACK TO SHARE!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 6-13, 2026

All youth who will have completed 6-12 grades are invited to attend a transformational service week this June! In partnership with Praying Pelican, we will serve and learn in various ways in the city of Portland, Oregon!

Stay tuned for cost and registration!



PRCC Youth:

6TH-12TH GRADES



Middle School: Dec 7

High School: Dec 21

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!



DEC 14:

Field Trip

Avalon Park Community Church

11:30 AM-3:00 pm

PRCC will be collecting gifts for children in the Avalon Park neighborhood in collaboration with Avalon Park Community Church. Youth will help deliver the gifts to APCC!



Wednesdays

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Open gym and homework time!
All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

WW will conclude on 12/17/25 for the semester and resume on 1/7/26

colaborate



SUNDAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER:

7- STAY IN WORSHIP / COMMUNION DAY

14- STAY IN WORSHIP/PAGEANT SUNDAY

21- WHAT IS ADVENT

28- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Story



Christian Outreach



Sunday School Kids



Confirmation Trip to St. Moses the Black



Youth Retreat



Bunco Night



Our Prayer Ministry

As we enter this holy season of Advent and Christmas, we are reminded each day of God's wondrous love made visible in the gift of Christ. Hope and anticipation fill our hearts as we remember how God draws us together as one family of faith —rejoicing with those who celebrate and offering comfort, peace, and light to those who walk through difficult days. With hearts open to the miracle of God-with-us, let us lift up the joys, concerns, and blessings of our community, trusting that every prayer is held with tenderness and grace. We especially remember those on our long-term prayer list:

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski

Joys



- We celebrate the Skoog's 69th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20
- We celebrate the baptism of Willow Barnas on Nov. 9!
- We celebrate an exciting Confirmation trip to St. Moses the Black Catholic Church and for the faith formation taking place in our children and youth.
- We celebrate the birth of Margot "Maggie" Mack Clark born on Nov. 9 to new parents Kelly and Alex, and new grandparents, Bob & Paula
- We give thanks for the joy of Consecration Sunday and for all the energy throughout our Stewardship journey!
- We celebrate the baptism of Kellen Joyce on November 23.
- Marylynn and Dick C announce the birth of Nico Andres B on November 17th, son of Kelly Mckenna and David B.

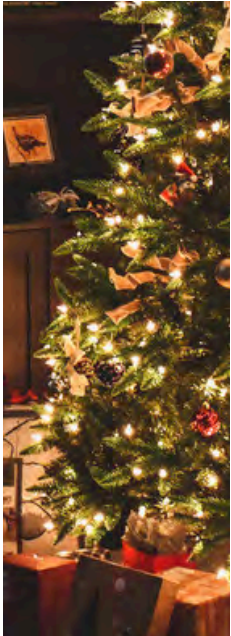
General Prayers



- Cheryl D. asks for prayers for her nephew who is seeking a new job and brother struggling with medical issues.
- Praying for a son seeking direction in his life.
- We pray for Louis K's friend Tom S., who has entered hospice care at home. We pray for Tom and his family as they care for him.
- We pray for those living in fear during these days riddled with ICE raids and the withholding of SNAP benefits.
- We pray for Jim M.'s close friend Joan S. as she is getting older and is suffering from an illness.
- Please pray for the McGuffey family as they navigate a difficult situation as a family.
- We pray for Lisa I. and her son Joe as he also experiences heart trouble.
- We pray for the mother of one of our members, whose disease is progressing, resulting in weakness, loss of speech, and a trip to the hospital after a fall.
- We pray for Siri's sister Samantha as she copes with job loss and other stressors.
- We give thanks for all of the blessings we have received. Thank you for full tables surrounded by loved ones.
- We lift up all those who are care-takers and care receivers, especially Marc, Kathy, and Kathy's mother.

Our Prayer Ministry

Healing & Recovery



- We pray for Jim and Pete's Aunt Kappy, as she continues to struggle with multiple health challenges.
- We hold Diane M. in our prayers as her wrist heals from surgery and will have stitches removed.
- Jennifer G. asks for prayers for her nephew, who is awaiting a heart transplant. We pray for him, his care team and his own mental health.
- Darcy L. asks for prayers for her friend's 5-month-old son, Rafael, who is in the hospital recovering from botulism.
- We hold Lisa I. in our prayers as she recovers from heart surgery this week.
- Elaine Z. asks for prayers for her mother, Bernice, as she seeks care for ongoing pain in her shoulder and knees. We pray that her medical team is guided in their assessment and treatment plan and that Bernice experiences relief soon.
- We pray for Kym as she prepares for surgery on Dec. 12.
- Mary H. requests prayers for her son's girlfriend, Jen, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Life in the Resurrection



- Kathy L. asks for prayers for Mraz family who lost their beloved brother and uncle John Mraz.
- We hold the Smith family in our prayers as Dan's aunt, Margie, entered Life in the Resurrection this week.
- Sharon K. asks for prayers for the loved ones of her neighbor, Rich, who entered Life in the Resurrection this past week.
- We hold the Petersen/Clapper family in our prayers as they gathered to celebrate the life of Eddie on Saturday.
- We hold the Klimmeck family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of Tom's mother Kathy Klimmeck, who entered Life in the Resurrection on Nov. 5.
- Jason H. asks for prayers for Jane H after the loss of her partner of 7 years.
- We hold Louis in prayer as he grieves the loss of his friend Thomas, who entered life in the resurrection on November 20.



O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
 it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
 for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!





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