

Shall Be Revealed



An Advent with Handel's

Messiah

December 1, 2019

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION

HOPE

DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:30 & 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Savior, anticipating and realizing that HOPE is among us through the birth of the Messiah.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Season of Advent, announcements will be shortened, in order to leave time for the Messiah. Please read your bulletins carefully to stay updated on opportunities. The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn.

PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

We are a people of hope. Our hearts are full of anticipation for the coming of our beloved Christ Child.

For God is to be among us and we will see a great light in the midst of our night.

As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope.

Hope for your presence,

Hope for your peace,

Hope for your promise.

As people clinging to God's promise through the wilderness, let us light the Candle of Hope.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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*PRAYER OF ANTICIPATION

God of life and breath, we witness your coming in the humility of service, in the poor and marginalized, through a newborn child, in the heart of each person we meet, and in the beauty of all creation. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your creation in us, while awaiting his birth. Let us throw off our distractions and allow the chaos to settle. Let us watch for the signs and listen to the messengers. Let us stand on tiptoe and shout aloud and sing. Something new is emerging. Something new is being birthed. Oh, come now, Emmanuel!

(sung)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

Children are invited to attend Sunday School, Youth remain in Worship

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*PREACHING LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Selections from *MESSIAH, part one*

G.F. Handel

Comfort Ye, my People - Every Valley Shall Be Exalted - And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed

*DOXOLOGY

tune: What Child is This?

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise, above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of hope and wonder, even surrounded by confusion and trouble we look for you. Take these gifts and use them for acts of justice, peace, mercy, and hope. Receive also the gifts of our time and our actions that are just as precious to you as silver and gold. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

sung to the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Lord be with you as we gather here,
Lift up your hearts all you from far and near.
For it is right to give God our praise.
Let us prepare our hearts for coming days:
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

You made all things and called them good,
Although like you, we don't love as we should.
Claimed us as yours, you set us free.
Your words through sage and prophets be.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Holy God, beloved Trinity,
The one who comes will surely blessed be.
Hosanna in the highest, we sing!
Hosanna in excelsis, bells will ring.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son,
Jesus, the Christ, your presence with us one.
Oh Holy God of power and might,
He came to preach good news and bring us light.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

And on the night he was betrayed,
Christ took the bread, to You all thanks he gave.
To share with friends, He broke bread in two,
"Take, eat, my body given for you."
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

After the meal he lifted up the wine,
"My blood, my life, I pour it out for thine.
This covenant I make unto thee.
Set free from sin! Remember me!"
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Spirit of God descend on us this day,
And make these gifts your body we pray.
The body and the blood of Christ
A holy, living sacrifice.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

SHARING THE CUP AND BREAD

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (sung)

**We thank you God of Mystery
For sacred meal and for community.
Send us forth now to share your Peace!
Our hope and trust in you will never cease.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION (10 am)** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

POSTLUDE (10 am)

**INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – DECEMBER 1, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Sandy Bowen, Lector
Advent Candle Lighters:
Bruce & Karen Webster 8:30 am
Ed & Robin Kopecky 10:00 am

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
David Belden, violin
Nina Saito, violin
Naomi Hildner, viola
Melissa Bach, cello

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, often called the Lord's Supper, this morning. All who profess Christ are invited to partake. The practice this morning is by intinction, one of the oldest known forms of sharing Holy Communion. When invited, please come forward, a piece of the loaf will be handed to you, dip the bread into the cup, partake of the sacrament, and then return to your seat. All bread is gluten free to accommodate those with allergies.*

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are joining us in worship today. If you are interested in more information about our worship, programs, service, and fellowship please visit our website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, call the Church Office (847) 823-3164, or speak with an Usher or Pastor.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER for seat cushions, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our December ushers: Barbara Madro, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Marty McHugh, and Chris Browning.*

FIRST AID KITS are located in the Church Office, Sunday School Wing, and Kitchen. The AED device is located outside of the Church Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Nate Jarvis' 12th Birthday!

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

NURSERY CARE is provided from 8:30-11:15 am each Sunday in the lower level. Infants to age 5.

COFFEE HOUR After 10:00 am Service, please join us downstairs in Jordan Hall for Coffee Hour. (Jordan Hall is accessible by elevator) **Thank you to Anita Rifkind for hosting this week!**

NEXT SUNDAY we will join together in worship for ONE service at 10:00 am to enjoy our annual Christmas Pageant!

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 24th:

Charlie Giera wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

We pray for those gathered around tables noticing a newly vacant seat, for those not welcomed at their family gatherings and for those yearning for a place of belonging.

Prayer for safe travel for all those making their way to Thanksgiving festivities.

Please pray for discernment and direction for those considering the call to be trained as a Stephen Minister.

Janet Johnson is grateful for prayers for her 2 year old nephew Axl who's tumor has shrunk 80%! Please keep Axl in prayer as treatments continue.

Please pray for Reggie Pantazi as she faces serious medical complications.

Patrice Conaway asked for us to pray for the family and friends of Denny Gawlik who entered life in the resurrection this past week.

Jim Muenzer asks for prayers for his aunt, Louise Bruyn, who suffered a concussion after a severe fall.

Continue to hold Eric Nelson, son of Melissa and Phil Nelson, in prayer as he recovers from surgery.

STEWARDSHIP 2019

PLEDGES STILL WELCOME

There is still time to turn in your commitment cards for 2020. There are additional Children, Youth, and Adult Commitment Cards in the office or with the Ushers. If you are one of our electronic givers - THANK YOU! If you would like to adjust your contribution or simply confirm that you still want to continue enrollment, please speak with Mark Holihan, Receipts Treasurer. If you would like to enroll in automatic electronic giving, there is a form in the church office or from Mark Holihan. Automatic giving is helpful in keeping our offerings consistent regardless of weather or travel, AND it is one less thing to remember on Sunday. Sign up today! We will hear a report on our Stewardship Commitments in worship on December 15 - so please turn in your pledges soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school takes place during 10 am worship. Begin in the Sanctuary.

10-10:15 am - All gather in the Sanctuary as worship begins

10:15 am - Pastors dismiss preschool through 5th grade students and teachers to class after the Children's Message

10:15 am - *preK-5th gr practice pageant songs (Sun. school wing)* then go to class;

preK-2nd gr. Sun. school wing; 3rd gr. Jordan Hall; 4th-5th gr Library

6th-12th graders remain in worship

11:15 am classes finish; parents pick up preK-2nd graders in the Sunday school wing

Please complete a registration form, available from the Sunday school wing or our website, www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, with contact and allergy info. Return forms to Teri or Shelley, or to the church office.

Sunday School Offerings

Sunday school offerings for Nov. 3 - Dec. 1 go to Maryville Academy Christmas programs.

Pageant registration wraps up today!

Our beloved Christmas Pageant takes place during 10 am worship next week, on Sun. Dec. 8, with a mandatory rehearsal the morning of Sat. Dec. 7. Please fill out a registration form or email us **today** to let us know which role your child would like. All children, nursery through middle school, are welcome to sign up!

Questions? Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

All youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to the PRCC Youth Christmas Celebration TODAY from 4-6 pm in the Great Hall. Come share in the spirit of Christmas with games, gift exchange, food, and friends! For more info or questions, contact Jolly Mollie: pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

What to bring: *Your favorite holiday treat to share

*White Elephant Gift (\$5 limit)

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 pm; led by Pastor Carol

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 pm in Ellinger Transept as we study some of the most important scriptures that inspired Handel's *Messiah*. We will read texts from a couple different sources, as well as hear pieces from *Messiah* and consider our preparations as people of faith for the birth of Christ.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible Study: 10 am Gathering; 10:30 am Study led by Winnie Ericksen and Pastor Mollie

We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Through a dvd and book *Faithful* by Rev. Adam Hamilton, we will examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph and learn to accept and glorify God's will even when our situation makes it difficult to do so.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Daily Devotionals are available now! Pick yours up in the Church Office!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH AND TEACHER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Jeanine Schultz Memorial School Youth and Teacher School Supply Drive

The Jeanine Schultz Memorial School founded in 1965 by parents and members of the community to address the needs youth not included in public or private schools. Their needs are great and their resources are limited. Please drop supplies in schoolhouse in Park Place Room.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Adult winter coats are being collected between November and January. We are collecting gently used, clean **coats for Men and Women**. We are also collecting gently used **Adult L and XL sweatshirts**. These coats and sweatshirts are being collected for those being impacted by the Bridge Project. The Bridge Project is a grass roots effort which began with members of the Urban Village Church in Chicago. Please contact Marylynn Collentine with any questions. The donation box will be located in the Park Place Room.

CENTER OF CONCERN

Bring holiday wrapping paper for donation to the Center of Concern. Further their efforts by volunteering time to help wrap gifts at Golf Mill. See website for details, hours of need and sign up. <https://centerofconcern.org/volunteer/>.

EPWORTH CHRISTMAS DINNER – Grocery Gift Cards Needed!

An annual Christmas meal will be served at the shelter at Epworth United Methodist Church on Saturday 12/7. PRCC will be providing drinks and desserts for this dinner. **To assist in these purchases, grocery store gift cards are welcome and appreciated. All donated cards must be in an envelope, clearly marked for Epworth Donation, by December 3rd.**

GIVING TREE

This year we are again partnering with Maryville to provide Christmas gifts for children and young adults in several of their outreach ministries. A **Giving Tree** is set up in the Sanctuary. You may select an ornament from the tree that contains the wish list of one of their residents. If you have not gotten an ornament yet, "Sending Poinsettia's to Seniors" has been added to the tree. **Please return all gifts and gift cards by Sunday, December 8th.**

TOY DRIVE – Fraternite of Notre Dame, Chicago

The Fraternite Notre Dame operates a religious and humanitarian mission in Chicago's Austin neighborhood where they serve the poor by operating a daily soup kitchen, a food pantry, an afterschool program and many other outreach programs. In December they serve a Christmas meal to 1000 people and give a gift to every child. Every gift for a child is welcome, however they struggle with gifts for teenagers! Here are a few ideas: craft kit, board game, deck of cards, cool socks, necklace or bracelet, hair barrettes, Chapstick, brush, purse, backpack, drawing or painting supplies. Please, no guns, make-up or monsters! Place unwrapped gifts in the Christmas box in the Sanctuary by Saturday, December 14 for a 2 pm delivery. Let the office know if you would like to be part of the delivery and wrapping team or email: outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

COSMETIC BAGS

Please save your clean empty cosmetic bags, the type that hold the freebies given out by the large cosmetic companies. We will start collecting them in January-March. They will be used as part of our outreach to the Bridge Project. More information to follow. Thanking you in advance for your continued support of our outreach ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Marylynn Collentine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST **tonight at 7:00 pm**

Please join us for this short and simple service to hear the story of Christ's birth, sing the carols of the season, and enjoy a cup of sweetened decaf coffee and a special home baked bun. It's a perfect way to begin centering ourselves this Advent season.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

Calling all bakers! The annual "Cookies by the Pound" fundraiser for the PRCC Youth Ministry is quickly approaching and we need your help! We will be collecting baked cookies the week of December 1st-7th in the small kitchen. Please bring cookies to church in a disposable pan and label "Cookies by the Pound." Start pulling out your recipe books for this opportunity to support the PRCC Youth Ministry! If you are not confident in your baking skills, we are also in need of cookie decorating supplies such as frosting, sprinkles, and small candy canes. The youth will decorate cookies on Saturday, December 7th from 11 am-1 pm. Thank you all so much for your support! Please contact Pastor Mollie with any questions! Knitted items will also be available for purchase.

ALL AGES ADVENT FESTIVAL – NEW DATE!

Everyone is invited to join us **Sunday, December 15, 5-7 pm (note new day & time)** in Jordan Hall to be reminded of the meaning and importance of Advent. Start with a little **caroling!** Meet at church at **3:30 pm** to briefly rehearse, go out to share Christmas music, and return by our 5 pm gathering. We will hear the Christmas story, share a potluck dinner, create crafts, meditate and reflect, and find other ways to learn about and celebrate Advent as a church community.

Be on the lookout for a sign-up to bring a salad, side or dessert, sent out Friday, to complement the ham provided by the Social Committee.

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Church Office will close at noon on December 23rd. We will be closed December 24th – 26th and December 31st – January 1st.

2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 8 10 am ONE Advent Worship w/ Christmas Pageant
December 15 8:30 & 10 am Advent Worship
December 22 8:30 & 10 am Advent Worship
December 24 4:00 & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
December 29 10 am ONE Service

2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Living Water Retreat for Women of All ages - February 7th - 9th

Cenacle Retreat & Conference Center (513 W. Fullerton Chicago) Women of all ages are welcome! You do not need to be a member of PRCC so invite your friends. Come for a weekend of renewal and refreshment to explore how water brings life to us physically & spiritually. Rev. Anna Voinovich will lead the retreat. **Registration Forms are available at the Front Office or on the main bulletin Board.**

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday	
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	8:30a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation	9:00a Christmas Pageant Practice	10:00a Christmas Pageant	
10:00a Worship	7:00p Action Ridge	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	12:00p Staff Meeting	10:00a Women's AA		5:00p Great Hall Reserved	11:00a Cookies by the Pound and Knitting Knights Sale
12:00p Angeli Choir	7:00p Yoga	11:30a Kindred Spirits	6:00p Confirmation Class	8:00p Chancel Choir		12:00p Angeli Choir		
12:00p Youth Committee		4:00p Jr Choir	6:30p Women's eCircle	7:00p Deacon Cookie Decorating Event				
12:00p Structure Team		7:30p Stephen Ministry	7:00p Fly Fishing	8:00p Men's Basketball				4:00p Youth Group
4:00p Youth Christmas Party		7:30p Trustees Meeting	7:00p Rainbow Hospice	8:00p Men's Basketball				8:00p Men's Basketball
7:00p Moravian love Feast			7:30p Bible Study					
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STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our beautiful silk plants will once again be displayed this year for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of these plants in memory, honor, or celebration of someone you may do so below:

HONOREE'S NAME

_____ In Honor _____ In Memory _____ In Celebration

Questions, please contact the Church Office - office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Please place orders in the offering plate or the Church Office by December 20th

