



Park Ridge Community Church

MINISTRY PLAN

A Vision for 2022

In 2022, we are invited to cross the threshold of faith in our:



Prayers



Presence



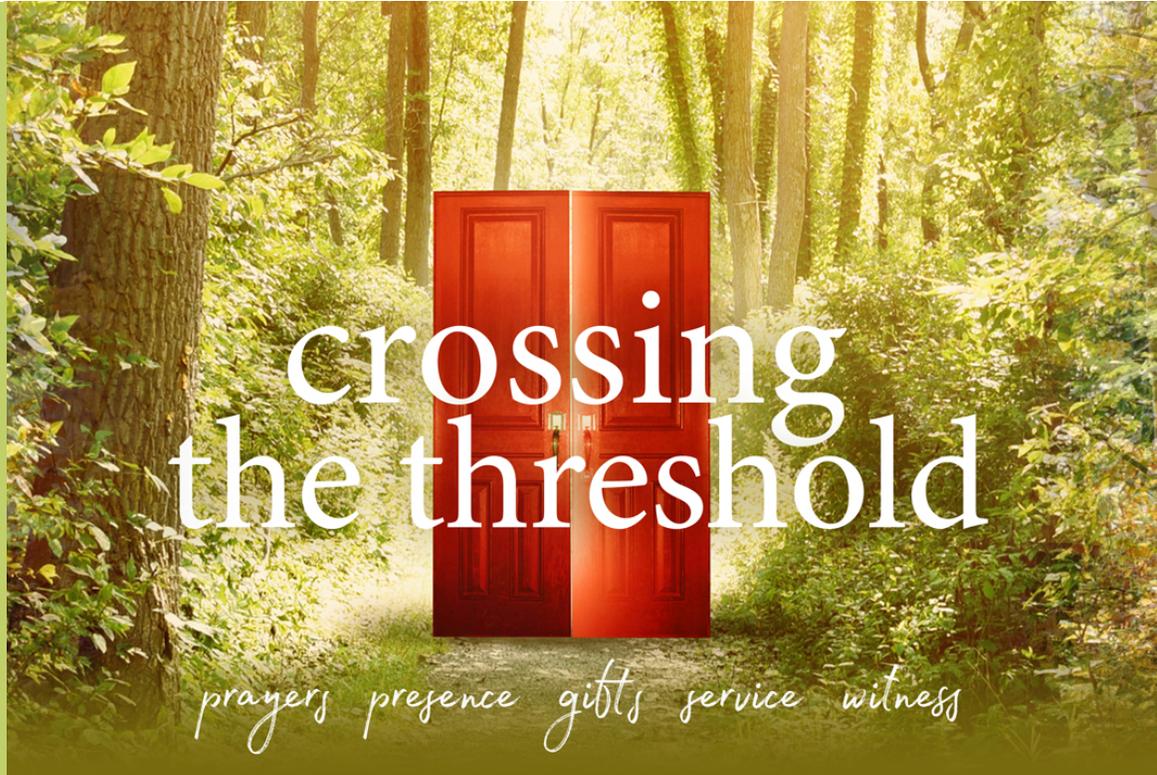
Gifts



Service



Witness



Our Church is Our Home.

We pray. We laugh. We learn. We grieve. We celebrate. We serve. We play. We process what's happening in the world. We reach out for God. We hold one another. We name the ways God is moving among us, and we are challenged to bear Christ's light in the world. We are comforted, and we are encouraged. We have celebrated marriages, and have held one another when marriages have ended. We have grieved death together, and we have celebrated new life. We have baptized infants, and have seen children grow into incredible adults. We have gone on trips, and we have served our community. This is our home, where all the children are OUR children, where all the youth are OUR youth, where every grandparent is OUR grandparent, and above all else...

We love. We belong.

A Note from Finance...

Dear Park Ridge Community Church Members & Friends,

The Board of Directors and Finance Team are so very grateful that you have faithfully entrusted us to oversee your offerings and gifts. This has been a year of continued uncertainty, but we are grateful that our church home is one of strength and resilience. We have been blessed by our staff who have prepared amazing outdoor worship experiences under the big top tent, which was also home to VBS, memorial services, weddings and many meetings. We created hybrid capabilities for all of our meetings which will persist for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for being a part of our PRCC family of faith, where everyone is welcomed and we all belong. As we look back on 2021, we are overcome with gratitude and our hearts are overflowing for each one of you who continue to be present in-person and on Zoom. We are so thankful for your ongoing financial support of our church so that we can continue to pay our church staff and maintain the building, create ministry and outreach opportunities and provide a safe space where all of us can gather and worship God.

In planning for 2022, we realize there are still many unknowns as to what events can happen, but your leadership team is committed to ensuring everyone's safety, while we plan for ministry and fellowship events that will allow us to be in our church building and truly experience a grand HOMECOMING.

We hope you will take time during this stewardship season to prayerfully consider how you might continue to support PRCC by sharing your time, talents and treasure. No gift is too small for God to do amazing things. We thank you in advance for your love and support and we look forward to gathering on Consecration Sunday on November 14, 2021, when we will give our gifts to God. As always, if we can be of further support to you, please feel free to reach out to us at leadership@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.



Tom Goodwin
Chair of the Congregation



Naomi Siebert
Vice-Chair of the Congregation



Anita Rifkind
Treasurer

TITHING CHART

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Contributions				
		2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$20,800	\$400	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40
\$31,200	\$600	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60
\$41,600	\$800	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80
\$52,000	\$1,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120
\$72,800	\$1,600	\$32	\$64	\$96	\$128	\$160
\$93,600	\$1,800	\$36	\$72	\$108	\$144	\$180
\$104,000	\$2,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200
\$130,000	\$2,500	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
\$156,000	\$3,000	\$60	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300
\$182,000	\$3,500	\$70	\$140	\$210	\$280	\$350
\$208,000	\$4,000	\$80	\$160	\$240	\$320	\$400
\$234,000	\$4,500	\$90	\$180	\$270	\$360	\$450

Ways to Give to PRCC:

- Cash or Check in Offering Plate
- Mail cash or check to PRCC
- Automatic Withdrawal from checking account
- Zelle Payment from Bank to giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org
- PayPal payment online to giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

We pray!



“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

My Church Home

My Bible verse for 2021 was Romans 12:12, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” As I reflect on the year and prepare for 2022, I think about how my

PRCC family has embodied this verse for me. You have reminded me to have patience in times of trouble. You have helped me to remain consistent in prayer and have prayed over me this year. You have also celebrated the hope that the upcoming arrival of Baby Joyce brings to me and my family. As a church family, you have also extended this love and support to others within our PRCC family, the broader community, our nation and the world. I am so blessed to have a church family that is committed to coming alongside one another in times of pain and in times of celebration; which is why I am honored to serve as the PRCC Clerk, attend worship services on Sundays and movie nights on the lawn, play in bags tournaments, make a weekly offering (using automatic withdrawal so I never forget), and pray for you all daily. I look forward to the ways we will continue to learn, grow, serve, and play together in 2022.

- Kate Joyce, PRCC Clerk

Sophia Hope Joyce born Oct. 5th



Join in Prayer:

In Worship on Sundays; become a Stephen Minister; pray over the joys/concerns (printed in the bulletin each Sunday); participate in Knitting Knights to pray as you knit; lead prayer in your committee meetings; pray for our church, nation, and world in your home; volunteer with children's Sunday school and teach kids to pray; attend Bible Study and pray and grow through the scripture... You tell us! **When do you find time to pray?**

We pray in worship, in Sunday school, in Bible Study, and even Committee Meetings!

In our Church home we learn to pray and re-learn to pray throughout our lives. There are times when we are not sure what to pray or how to say what we mean. Then a fellow member prays a prayer that says exactly what we feel. Our children and our choirs sing prayers, singing words of scripture, giving space for those singing and those listening to lift up their hearts unto the Lord! Throughout the week, text messages are exchanged, emails sent, phone calls made, and even cards written that include prayer requests, words of prayer, and faith and love filled messages conveying the care of this church family. Our Stephen Leaders gather faithfully to pray for our congregation, our leadership, our membership, our nation, and our world. The children practice praying in Sunday school, special activities, and even in the Sunday Children's Message, as they repeat words, learning how to approach God. Our Confirmation students grapple with the “right” way to pray, learning how God listens whether they are walking the halls of their school or kneeling by the bed at night. In 2022, how is God inviting you to strengthen your prayer life? How might you find your life enriched by learning other prayers, making a special prayer time or even creating a prayer space at home? Let us heed the invitation to cross the threshold to enjoy a more robust spiritual life through prayer!

PRCC Shows Up!

Weeding
& Planting



Movie
Nights



Worship



Youth
Group



Kindred
Spirits



Community
Vigils



Caring for
each other



We're present!

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” Hebrew 10:25

A Look Back...

The danger of spreading Covid-19 might have severely hampered the ministry of PRCC in 2020-2021...but we are a church that shows up! We have met over Zoom, we have worn masks, we have worshiped inside, outside, and online! Our youth and confirmation groups have met in the driveway. We established Kindred Connection groups to check on one another and get together in small groups when possible. Our Fellowship Committee has found ways to provide meals that are ecologically responsible and still prevent cross-contamination. The Chancel Choir met over Zoom and now sing in the sanctuary wearing masks and spreading out! As we move into 2022, we hope to be able to be MORE present with one another...but we never stopped being the church!



Looking Forward to all that is to Come!

At the Board of Directors' Spring Retreat, they identified a theme for 2021-2022 ministry year: HOMECOMING!! All of our worship series are tied to a theme of coming home, some of our service work projects, and even fellowship events are tapping into the concept of our church as our HOME. In 2022, from Jazz in January through the end of the year with Circle 10's Spirit of Christmas, our events, ministries, and activities will focus on finding new ways to make our home here among God's people. Through fellowship gatherings, outreach projects that will help provide for those without a home, and even the youth mission trip that includes home repair in Appalachia, we will be showing up and celebrating the joy of being present...

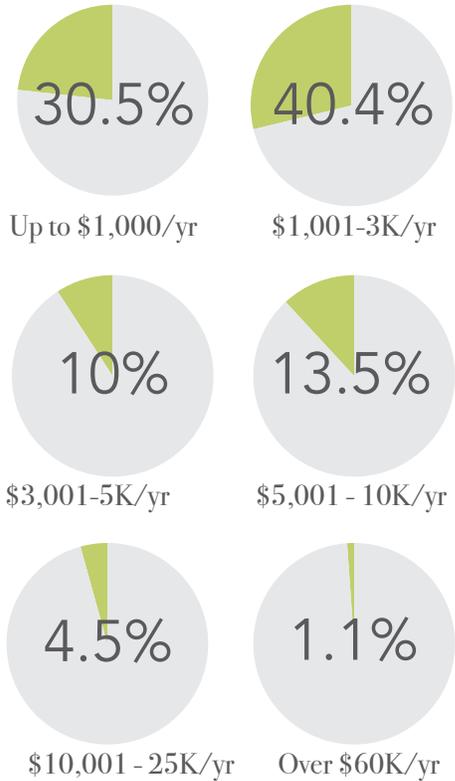
Welcome Home!

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:15



A Snapshot of PRCC Pledging

● Total Pledged 2021
● No. of Households



We give! Time. Talent. Treasure.

Park Ridge Community Church relies on the time, talent and treasure of our generous congregation to keep ministries going! As a congregation led church, our Board of Directors sets the direction of our congregational ministries, in collaboration with our ministers and staff. Together, our offerings keep the bills paid, the supplies stocked, and the staff employed. The expertise of each church member is utilized as we share our passions with our congregation, volunteering our time as we show up to help out with VBS, setting out food for Kindred Spirits, or participating with the Senior Contact. Our budget helps fund Outreach ministries locally and beyond. Our Medical Lending Closet benefits from the donations of our community members, and then relies on volunteer time to loan it out to those in need. We have incorporated electronic methods of giving (Zelle and PayPal) to make it easier to give while you're away! We give thanks for the generosity of our whole church, which makes our ministry possible!



Why Do I Give of Myself?

Kindness. Knowledge. Love. An interesting thing happens when you give certain things like these away. They don't get depleted-- they multiply and grow! I'm hopeful that my time in leadership over the last few years will have added a little more of these to the church and to everyone I speak with and work with. And in doing so, I grow personally as well. Thank you to everyone who has shared kindness, knowledge, and love with me along the way!
- Tom Goodwin,
PRCC Chair of the Congregation

A Look At the Numbers from 2021:

\$357,485 + \$30,025 + \$22,825 + \$22,750 + \$8,500 + \$33,150 + \$121,727 = \$596,462



Staff



Worship



Music



Age Level
Ministries



Outreach



Office



Building/Utilities
& Grounds



TOTAL

Ongoing Outreach Collections

We will collect the items listed below for our outreach partners: Jeanine Schultz Memorial School in Park Ridge, Maryville Academy's Jen School in Des Plaines, and The Bridge Project. All items may be dropped off in the appropriate labeled bins in the Park Place Room.



Cleaning Supplies

Hand Sanitizer – Large
Disinfectant Wipes
Individual Kleenex Boxes
Paper Towels
Multipurpose Cleaning Spray
Protective Gloves

School Supplies

Backpacks
Ball Point Pens – Black, Blue, Red, Purple, Green
Pencils, Erasers and Sharpeners
Mechanical pencils, Colored pencils
Highlighters and Markers
Spiral notebooks and Composition books
Loose leaf paper and computer paper
Ruler - metric measurements
Pocket folders
Index cards, ruled and unruled
Calculators



Cans of Care

Food donations can be dropped off in the Park Place Room. Donations are taken weekly down to Maine Township Food Pantry.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40*



We serve!

Backpacks for Unaccompanied Minors

Maryville Academy provides temporary shelter care and other child welfare services for immigrant children primarily from Central America. It is a federal program of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The majority of children are between the ages of 13 and 17 and have arrived at the border unaccompanied by an adult. Maryville provides shelter for roughly 600 children a year.

The children are in need of backpacks. They arrive with the clothes they are wearing and receive donations of clothing, toiletries, etc... but have nothing to transport the items in. Good quality backpacks with padded backs that will last for a year have been requested by Maryville.

We are so grateful to Cindy Klimmeck and the yogis and others in our church family for donating close to 70 backpacks for Maryville's Unaccompanied Minor Program. **Can you help us reach our goal of 100?** There is still time to donate a good quality backpack. Simply drop it off in the Park Place room.





We witness!

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Open and Affirming: In Process

In 2019, The Board of Directors set a goal for PRCC to become officially registered as an Open and Affirming congregation, explicitly welcoming and celebrating all people as beloved children of God. In 2020 and 2021, the Social Justice Team, in concert with the ministers, staff, and Board organized a number of events, worship series, devotional book, dance presentation, congregational forums and more to help the congregation understand what this explicit welcome could mean. In August 2021, the whole church was invited to help develop verbiage to reflect an expansive welcome. As we look to 2022, we anticipate a congregational vote on adopting a Covenant of Welcome and decision to designate ourselves as an Open and Affirming Congregation.

Intentionally reflecting and celebrating diversity throughout our congregation is one way in which we witness to the world what God's radical love looks like! Caring for Creation, embodying a loving atmosphere, becoming involved in justice work, and living out Christ's ethics of care through Outreach ministries are a few others!

Creation Care Mission

As stewards of God's creation we share the responsibility to care for all people and the environment in which we live. We will lead and inspire Park Ridge Community Church on a path to greater environmental and human sustainability through education and action.

We encourage a love and reverence for God's creation by:

Education

- Creating awareness
- Inspiring action
- Involving youth

Reducing Our Environmental Footprint

- Energy efficiency
- Waste reduction
- Water conservation
- Recycling

Advocacy

- Sustainable shopping and investing
- Sustainable land use
- Social interaction
- Purchasing power
- Policy change

Healthful Living

- Social interaction
- Healthy diet and exercise
- Social justice



Caring for our Church Building

Our Board of Trustees is continuously maintaining our structure, anticipating upcoming needs, and working to ensure our building and grounds are safe, well-kept, welcoming spaces where all are HOME.

In 2020, a church-wide effort was made to replace 33 windows around our church, the most noteworthy of which were those in the Sanctuary and Chapel. While there are still around 33 windows remaining to be replaced, the Trustees have been monitoring an evolving situation involving the Great Hall (gym) walls, mortar, and lintels.

It was discovered that the efflorescence on the walls is due to water entering through aged lintels and mortar. The Great Hall window lintels are over 100 years old and are "rust-jacking" (swelling and shifting) the brick walls around them, damaging mortar and allowing water into the building.

Remediation of this requires extracting the lintels and surrounding bricks, replacing the lintels and remortaring and tuckpointing large sections of the Great Hall walls. The Trustees have received multiple bids and chosen AAA1 Masonry & Tuckpointing to complete the work in Spring 2022. The Trustees are currently seeking Board Approval for the expense to be covered by funds raised by faithful PRCC Saints from throughout the years; however, the hope would be to work on replenishing those reserves in 2022 and beyond.

The Total Cost of the Great Hall Masonry Project is \$125,000 including engineering support and contingency amounts.

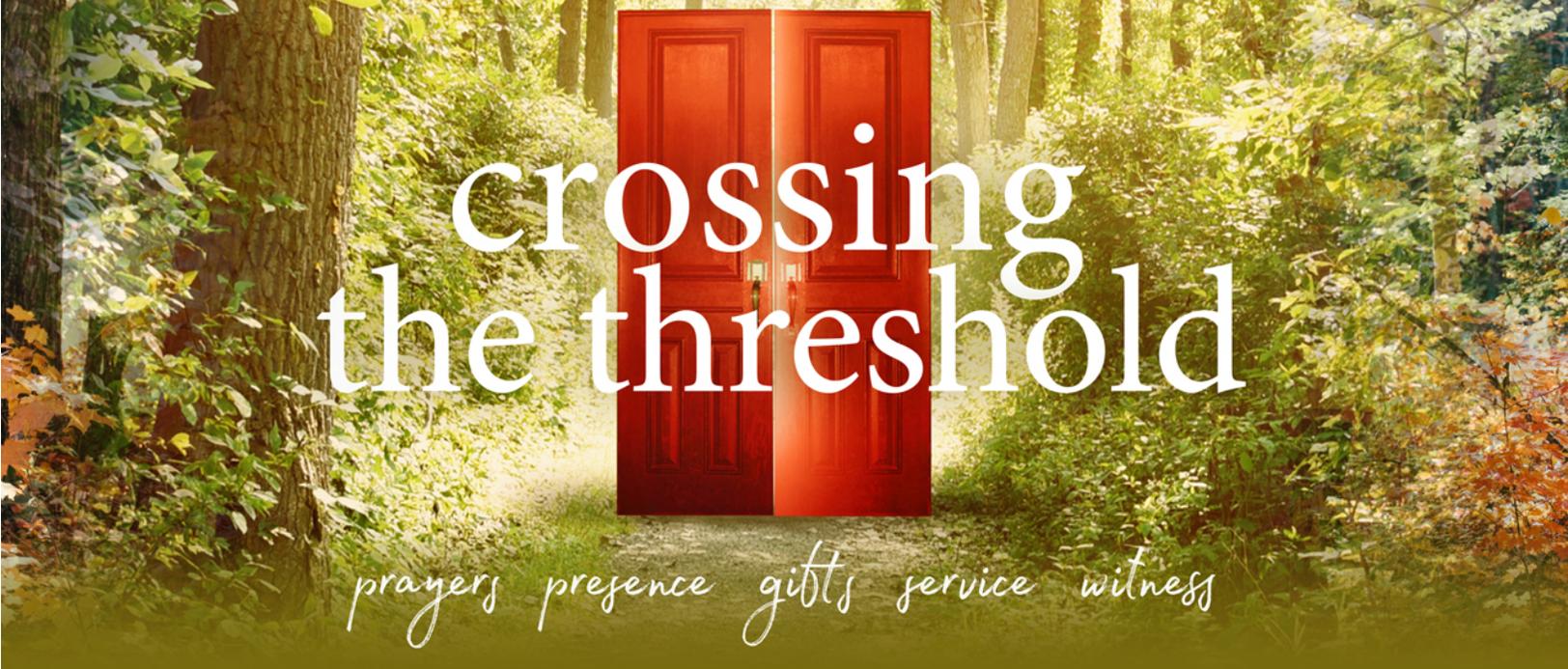


If the heart of a home is the kitchen, perhaps the heart of Park Ridge Community Church is the Great Hall, where we play, fellowship, and build relationships across generations. This part of the building includes where children learn, medical equipment is shared, meals are eaten, laughter and tears are shared

...and LOVE IS FELT.



Jazz in January 2020...Superbowl Party 2020



Crossing the threshold

prayers presence gifts service witness

Youth Commitment Card

Crossing the threshold in 2022...

To complete your 2022 Commitment Form Online: <https://forms.gle/H5432hzPRN4ndzS6A>

Name _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

I am a Confirmed Member of PRCC:

Yes

No

Having reflected on the abundance of God's blessings, I have prayerfully discerned my commitment to Park Ridge Community Church for the year to come.

I am are ready to cross the threshold through

- PRAYERS: faithfully praying for our church & beyond
- PRESENCE: participating in worship, youth group, summer mission trip & ministries
- GIFTS: Sharing my talents & financial gifts
- SERVICE: will serve and donate through our ministries, and in my life at school, home, and in the world
- WITNESS: *sharing God's goodness throughout my life*

My 2022 Financial Pledge is: \$ _____ per _____



Crossing the threshold

prayers presence gifts service witness

Child Commitment Card

Crossing the threshold in 2022...

To complete your 2022 Commitment Form Online: <https://forms.gle/UNubgqFBmrbB2xnT6>

Having reflected on how God has loved me and blessed my life, I want to give back to God and **CROSS THE THRESHOLD** in my faith by:

PRAYING

I will pray for our church, my friends, my family, my school, our country, and the world.

BEING PRESENT

I will participate in church, Sunday school, events, VBS, and other activities that come up!

GIVING

I will bring an offering to Sunday school and church as I can to give back to God and help other people.

SERVING

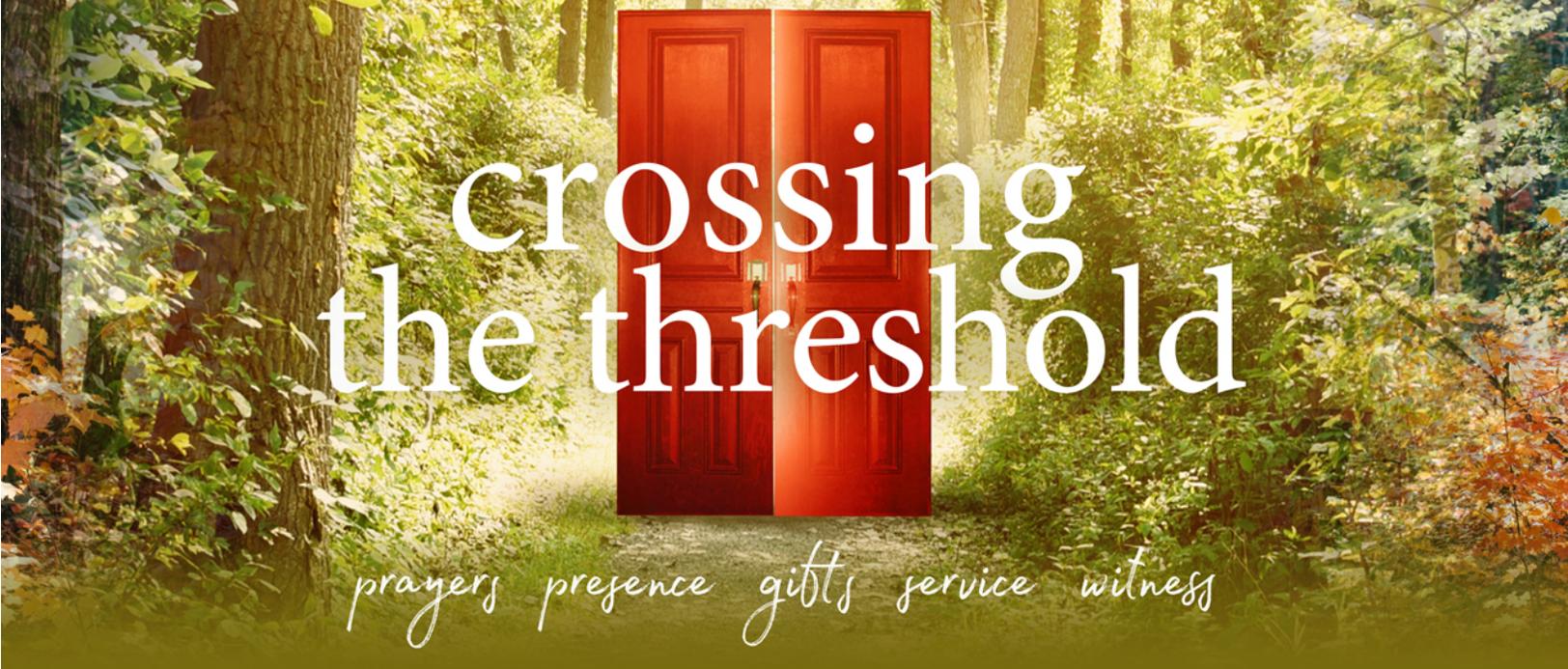
I will serve by being helpful, cooking, and bringing donations to feed others or provide what people need.

WITNESS

I will share God's goodness throughout my life, being kind, loving, and sharing Jesus' love.

MY NAME: _____

MY GRADE: _____ **MY SCHOOL** _____



Crossing the threshold

prayers presence gifts service witness

Adult Commitment Card

Crossing the threshold in 2022...

To complete your 2022 Commitment Form Online: <https://forms.gle/uEUDG8MMANK7xmg16>

Having reflected on the abundance of God's blessings, I/we have prayerfully discerned my/our commitment(s) to Park Ridge Community Church for the year to come.

I am/ We are ready to cross the threshold through

PRAYERS

faithfully praying for our church & beyond

PRESENCE

participating in worship, committees, classes & events

GIFTS

Sharing my talents & financial gifts below

SERVICE

will serve and donate through our ministries

WITNESS

sharing God's goodness throughout my life

My/Our 2022 Financial Pledge is:

\$ _____ per

Year

Month

Week

Other _____

Printed Name(s)

Address _____

Email Address(es)

Best Phone _____

I am/We are Members of PRCC:

Yes

No

I would like info on setting up automatic withdrawal.

Cross the Threshold on Consecration Sunday, **November 14th, 2021!**

From October 17 - November 14, Park Ridge Community Church members will be invited to consider how we can all cross the threshold in our giving in 2022. We hope that our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness will help us to deepen our relationships with God and one another. Adults, Youth, and Children have pledge cards (included here, online, or available at church), and all are invited to bring them forward on Sunday, November 14th and together, **we will cross the threshold of faith!**

Stewardship is about faithfully using the gifts given to us by God to make an impact through our church ministries.



crossing
the threshold

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