

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, drinking water from a public tap. The boy is on the left, wearing a colorful patterned shirt, and the girl is on the right, wearing a blue shirt. They are both holding their hands under the running water. A large blue bucket is positioned below the tap to catch the water. The background shows a simple outdoor structure and some greenery.

The Water of Life

"Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

- Jesus

February 23, 2020
10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Water of Life

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*Welcome to Park Ridge Community Church! We are so thankful that you are present for worship on this day.
We celebrate that we have diversity in faith, and unity in Christ!*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn

PRELUDE

Bright Eyes
Jazz Community Big Band

Holman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A drop of water.
Insignificant in isolation.
When dropped in a pool,
The ripples move out into infinity.
The water is changed...
By one drop of water.

A drop is falling.

Now,

Into the pool of our spirit.

The water begins to ripple...

Holy God,

as we consider the magnitude of a drop of water

to touch and change the pool,

may we hear the power of your touch in our lives,

the potential for our lives to touch others today and every day!

*HYMN

Take My Life (v. 1-4)

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess the excuses we have made
for not living in the reality of the kingdom of God:

**For our blindness to the needs of others
and our preoccupation with our own agenda.**

Water is poured out representing our sins.

God of Life-giving water, we repent

**for harsh words spoken to our friends,
and love withheld from our enemies.**

Water is poured out representing our sins.

God of Life-giving water, we repent

**for seeking success rather than faithfulness,
for praying without acting.**

Water is poured out representing our sins.

God of Life-giving water, we repent

**for our life choices this week
that have not contributed to greater love and justice in the world.**

Water is poured out representing our sins.

God of Life-giving water, we repent

**For those sins we'd rather keep hidden,
and the ways our inaction and silence has perpetuated harm.**

Water is poured out representing our sins.

Time of Silent confession as water is poured out.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Wade in the Water. Wade in the Water, children.
Wade in the Water. God's love flows through the Water.*
Our God is the God of living water. No matter the ways we have poured out
and squandered the living waters we've been given,
God waits with love and forgiveness, restoring, renewing, and replenishing us.
Filled with living water, we are free to experience abundant life!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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*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 OF THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2:12-13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Fly Me to the Moon
Jazz Community Big Band

arr. Nestico

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

***PREACHING LESSON**

John 5:1-9

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Just A Closer Walk
Chancel Choir and Band

arr. R. Adamsons

***DOXOLOGY**

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of Abundance, pour out your transforming grace upon us and upon these gifts. Help us to see new ways of offering your healing waters to those who are suffering. Place us in the healing waters when we are in need. Help us to churn the waters when they've become stagnant. Use us to bring about your kingdom here on earth. With hearts filled with gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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POSTLUDE

Tall Cotton
Jazz Community Big Band

Nestico

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Rick Benedetto, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist

Jazz Community Big Band

Saxophone: David Orlicz *alto*, Dennis Trainor *alto*, Leo Kawczinski *tenor*, Steve Koerner *tenor*, Barry Windograd *baritone*

Trombone: Conner Eisenmenger *lead*, Russ Phillips, John Larson, John McAllister *bass*

Trumpets: Chuck Parrish *lead*, Phil Feo, Matt Laphen, Vicki Beck

Piano: John Paluch

Guitar: Kyle Downs

Bass: Bobby Mack

Drums: Mike O'Brien

Leader: Marianne May

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us downstairs after service for a delicious pancake breakfast!

ITEMS OF NOTE

PLEASE SEE AN USHER for seat cushions, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our February ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, George Brandt, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, and Bruce Nelson.*

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

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in celebration of Barbara and Bill Scharringhausen's 63rd wedding anniversary today!

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.

NEWCOMER POSTCARDS please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

A LITTLE ABOUT THE BAND *Jazz Community* is an 18-piece big band playing the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones and many more. The band was established in 1976 by its late founder and director, trumpet player and music educator, Bill May. *Jazz Community* played weekly at several restaurants and supper clubs, as well as many outdoor festivals and street fairs, private events and weddings, throughout the Chicagoland area for over 12 years. With the untimely passing of founder and director Bill May, in the fall of 1991, *Jazz Community* disbanded.

In the fall of 2011, under the leadership of Bill's sister, Marianne May, and with several charter members in tow, *Jazz Community* reunited for a one-time event to honor Bill on the twentieth anniversary of his passing and to celebrate the musical contributions he made to the many lives he touched. With that successful reunion under its belt, the band decided it was time to get back on the jazz scene. With Marianne as the band's leader, and co-music director Leo Kawczinski, *Jazz Community* is now back on track, swinging hard and delighting Chicagoland big band fans once again with regular monthly performances in Elmhurst, several appearances each year at FitzGerald's in Berwyn, the Jazz Showcase in Chicago, and other venues throughout the city and suburbs.

The members of the *Jazz Community Big Band* would like to express their thanks to the congregation for offering use of the Park Ridge Community Church for our once a month rehearsals. With deepest appreciation for your continued support and generosity, **Thank You!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Heather Cannon, 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, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 16th:

We pray for Pastor Mollie, the youth and adults who are skiing, tubing & building life-long friendships in Wisconsin this weekend.

Jaclyn asks for prayers for her husband Todd's best friend Jake & his mom, Dena as they are going through a difficult time. We continue to pray for Axl, Janet Johnsons 2 year old great nephew so is undergoing radiation and in the hospital with significant pain.

Please pray for Tracy Peters who recently had knee replacement surgery and is suffering from complications.

Bernice & Elaine Zabawski who are both recovering from the flu and pneumonia.

Paula Mack asks for prayers for her sister Laura facing surgery on 2/17.

Please hold Jim Muenzer's Aunt Louise in prayer as she recovers from a fall.

Larry Zimmerman makes slow progress from his stroke and appreciates the prayer and visits.

We pray for Teri Biedke & her students as they mourn the loss of Oakton teacher & friend, Jane.

Paul Keller asks for prayers for the friends and family of Conrad Sindt who died suddenly in an accident.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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-3rd gr - music time (Sun. school wing) then go to class;

preK-2nd gr. in Sun. school wing; **3rd gr. in the Parlor**, next to Jordan Hall

4th-5th gr - go to class, down in the Library

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 for January-February go to PRCC's mission trip project, building a well in Honduras in June!

Questions? Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School for the Youth today or next week, March 1st, so that the Youth can experience Worship.

WATER OLYMPICS TONIGHT!

Join Pastor Carol as the youth (6th-12th grades) are divided into teams to compete at different water games to see who is the Water Olympic Champion. Friends are welcome! Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet in! Youth Group meets from 4-6 pm in the Great Hall.

HEAVEN UPDATE

On Sunday March 1st during Youth Group we will begin painting our mural! Join us from 4-6 pm!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation students will attend the 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service on February 26th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Save the Date: July 20-22!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

In *Called*, author Susan Robb shows us how God interrupts the lives of ordinary people, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never would have imagined on their own. Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life in this six-week study. For more information or questions, contact Winnie or Pastor Mollie.

2020 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Our 2020 Seeing Clearly daily devotional will be available on Ash Wednesday.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

EXODUS WORLD SERVICE DINNER

Rick and Gail Benedetto would like to invite those interested in helping refugees to the Celebration of Hope complimentary dinner banquet held by Exodus World Service, of Park Ridge, on Friday, April 3 at the Drury Lane, Oak Brook Terrace. Learn how Exodus supports life-changing connections between refugees and volunteers. There will be an opportunity to make a donation, if you wish. For more information and to register, please visit exodusworldservice.org Under "hospitality team host" please choose Gail Benedetto to be seated with others from PRCC.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Join other friendly volunteers from our congregation to help prepare and serve dinner for **Thursday, March 5th's** dinner at **Lincoln Park Community Services**. **Cooking** begins at **2:00** in the church kitchen. We plan to leave church at **5:30** and return before **9:00**. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, please contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net).

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.

COSMETIC BAGS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRCC DADS NIGHT OUT

Are you a dad of a student in elementary, middle or high school? Need a little time to connect with other men from PRCC also juggling all the challenges of life? Join us at Beer on the Wall on Monday, February 24 from 7-9 pm. There's no agenda except to connect and build community with other guys in similar spaces in life. Questions? Talk to Dan Smith!

KINDRED SPIRITS

Be sure to join Kindred Spirits Cafe for fun & fellowship each Tuesday. Come with your sack lunch at noon to Jordan Hall for the following:

- Fat Tuesday, 2/25 Pastor Mollie will make pancakes and then we'll play BINGO.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our 40-day Lenten Journey. The symbol of ashes has been used throughout the centuries to remind us of our mortality and the importance of each day. As we begin our journey in Lent towards "Seeing Clearly," we will consider the ways that Jesus' time in the wilderness clarified the road ahead. Our two services on Ash Wednesday will offer participants time to begin clearing our vision. Services will be held at 7 am and 7:30 pm. The morning service will last for 15 minutes so participants can continue to work, school, or wherever life takes you. The evening service will consist of a full worship service, including sermon, music, and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome. Nursery childcare will be provided for the evening service.

MY BIBLE CLASS

My Bible class, where 3rd grade and older children learn to use the Bible, will take place during Sunday school, in the 3rd grade class space, March 1 - April 19 (except March 22 for spring break and April 12 for Easter). **Please register** by Wed. Feb. 26, so we have enough materials, at sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

PRCC LEADERSHIP PLUNGE 2020

To support our fundraising efforts for the Water Well Project, members of our Staff and Board have stepped up to TAKE THE PLUNGE!! On **Sunday, March 1**, one of our lucky leaders will gather after the 10 am worship service on the front steps of PRCC to have a bucket of water dumped on them. Which leader? Will it be Laura Sissman? Sasha Gerritson? Bill Williams? Tom Klimmeck? ...WELL...You decide! (Only leaders who have agreed to participate can be sponsored) We will have collection pails in Ellinger Transept to receive your contributions or in the office during the week! The person whose bucket has the MOST money is the big winner and takes the plunge! All proceeds will go towards our well project, and we are hoping the remaining funds will be raised through this event! Here's who has already signed up:

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| - Pastor Carol | - Laura Sissman | - Thom Goodwin |
| - Pastor Mollie | - Bill Williams | - Tom Klimmeck |
| - Shelley O'Brien | - Laura Lapp | - Gretchen Kapolnek |
| - Liz Swanson | - Judy Artrip | - Dan Smith |
| - Sasha Gerritson | - Andrea Goodwin | - Sara Born |
| - Tricia Williams | | |



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
10:00a Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Ash Wednesday Service	8:30a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation	9:00a Pickle Ball	8:30a Chapel Worship
11:00a Google Training in the Library	7:00p Yoga	11:30a Kindred Spirits	7:20a Men's Breakfast All are Welcome!	9:00a Staff Retreat	9:00a Pickle Ball		10:00a Worship
12:00p Angeli Choir		4:00p Junior Choir	10:00a Women's AA	6:00p Private Basketball	10:00a Women's AA		12:00p Angeli Choir
4:00p Youth Group		6:00p Staff Parish Relations	7:00p Fly Fishing	6:30p Bells on High			5:00p Sunday Night Supper
8:00p Men's Basketball		7:00p Rainbow Hospice	7:30p Ash Wednesday Service	8:00p Chancel Choir			8:00p Men's Basketball
		7:30p Stephen Ministry					

STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation
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