

*Shall Be Revealed*



*An Advent with Handel's  
Messiah*

*December 15, 2019*



# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

LOVE

DECEMBER 15, 2019

8:30 AM & 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 LOVE is among us through the birth of the Messiah.*

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*During the Season of Advent, we will announce a couple pressing things, in order to leave time for the Messiah. Please read your bulletins to stay updated on ministry opportunities. Ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn.*

### PRELUDE

*Christmas Joy  
Bells on High*

Scheffer

### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

We are a people who seek to be brought together by the love of Christ.

**Our faith teaches us that God gives us unconditional love and forgiveness.**

As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love.

**Love for the unexpected challenge,**

**Love for the vulnerable one.**

**Love for the presence of God.**

Acknowledging God's free gift of grace, we light the Candle of Love.

### \*HYMN

*People, Look East*

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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 conception 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!

### \*RESPONSE (sung)

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

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### FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:2-4

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

*Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School*

### BELL RESPONSE

Bell Peal on "How Great Our Joy"

Lamb

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Carol Hill

**OFFERTORY***selections from MESSIAH*

G.F. Handel

*And He Shall Purify the Sons of Levi - Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive and bear a Son -  
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion***\*DOXOLOGY***tune: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel****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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall God come to thee, O Israel.*****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****Creator God, we thank you for everything that you have given us, especially for the hope that Emmanuel brings to us. Help us to use these blessings in a way that brings honor and glory to you and brings hope to a people that so desperately need it. We ask that you take today's gifts-- great or small, money, time or talent - and use them to continue the work that you have called us to. Amen.****\*HYMN***Prepare the Way*

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**\*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 15, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
 Miranda Thomas, Acolyte  
 Advent Wreath Lighting:  
 Lonni Naudzius & Colleen Moriarty, 8:30 am  
 The Young Family, 10:00 am

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Sue Douglass, Organist  
 Sarah Young, Lector  
 David Belden, violin  
 Karen Nelson, violin  
 Naomi Hildner, viola  
 Melissa Bach, cello  
 Bells on High, Sandy Bowen, director

**CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!**

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make last Sunday's Christmas pageant such a beautiful portrayal of the Christmas story! Thank you to:

- Shelley O'Brien and Teri Biedke, our Children's Ministers who helped to organize, coordinate, and communicate with children, families, staff, and beyond;
- Sasha Gerritson, who wrote the script, rehearsed the children, and prepared the cues for staging excellence;
- Andrew and Angie Weber, who have worked with the children's music for months to help build knowledge of the songs and confidence in singing out;
- Sue Douglass for sharing her many gifts and talents to help our children prepare!
- Ann Swindell, the costume designer and seamstress extraordinaire, putting together costumes, halos, and livestock to round out the entire pageant;
- Our Adult and Teen Helpers, who helped to teach, lead, and guide our children throughout the year and especially on Pageant Day;
- Our beautiful children, who practiced, prepared, and conveyed the beauty of offering themselves for God's purposes. Each character is important - Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Shepherds, Narrators, Sheep, Angels, Wise Ones, and more...you all made everything come together so beautifully - THANK YOU!!!



## 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](http://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** First Aid kits are located in the Church Office, Sunday School Wing, and Kitchen. The AED device is located outside of the Church Office.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** please see the back page to sign up for Christmas flowers this year.

**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 Robin Battaglia for hosting this week!**

**NAME TAGS** are available for all people! Thank you for wearing your nametag to help us know one another. If you need a new or replacement tag, please let us know!

**ALL AGES ADVENT FESTIVAL – TODAY!** Join us for Christmas caroling at 3:30 pm and then we will gather at 5:00 pm in Jordan Hall for craft, food, and an Advent celebration!

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>:

Today we celebrate our children as they present the Christmas story.

It is a joy to celebrate Katie Reboletti's retirement and the birthdays of Keith Reboletti and Bill Zoellner

Barb Madro shared the news that Edythe Nelson, who we prayed for last week is now in rehab and progressing well after her car accident.

It is a joy to have Sandy Bowen's sister, Rosella Young in worship with us.

Carrie Plach requests prayers for her friend's mother suffering from spinal stenosis and her niece diagnosed with a rare cancer.

Please pray for Chris, a close friend of the Kleingers who has been diagnosed with stage 3 melanoma.

Elaine Zabawski asks for prayers for Jane Goerss who is recovering from a fractured bones and Tony, who is suffering from caretaker exhaustion.

Laura Sissman asks for prayers for Gretchen Hudson and her family as Gretchen enters hospice care.

Jim Muenzer asks for prayers for Tracy McKenzie, a dear friend who is going through a difficult time.

Please pray for Mariana with a rare type of cancer and for her mother Donna who is caring for Mariana & her 4 year old granddaughter.

Dianne Meltreger asks for prayers for a family whose mother will see her last days on earth shortly as she battles cancer.

Please keep the friends and family of Karen Musa in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Karen. Karen Musa is the mother in law of Siri Nelson's sister, Samantha.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Nursery available weekly for babies through 5-year-olds on the lower level, 8:30-11:15 am.

Kids' Club today during 10 am worship. Preschool – 5th graders are invited to the Sunday school wing for crafts and games.

No Sunday school or Kids' Club Dec. 22 or 29. We resume January 5.

Advent Festival & Potluck this evening, 5-7 pm down in Jordan Hall (with optional caroling beforehand, meeting at 3:30 pm)! Bring a side dish, salad or dessert, and join us to welcome the peace, hope, joy and love of Advent.

Questions? Shelley or Teri, [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

## 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 thru January

**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/>.

### 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

### KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas party this last Tuesday!! Special thanks to Lynn Brant and Edde Young for providing beautiful music. Everyone is invited to our last Kindred Spirits Cafe for 2019, this Tuesday 12/17. We will be socializing and playing Bingo! Please note there will be no Cafe on 12/24 and 12/30. Merry Christmas to All and see you in the new year Tuesday 1/7/2020.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

#### 4:00 and 11:00 pm

All of Advent, we anticipate Christmas, and we finally experience the fulfillment of the Promise on Christmas Eve. Finally, the time to welcome the Messiah is here! At both the 4 and 11 pm services, we will read the scriptures that tell of the birth of Christ. We will sing carols, and experience the light shining in the darkness and on the faces of loved ones as we sing *Silent Night*. The earlier service will feature a children's message and our Junior and Angeli Choirs, while the later service will feature our Chancel Choir with pieces from Handel's *Messiah*. Both services will take the congregation on a journey into Bethlehem to celebrate the arrival of the Christ-child. All are welcome.

### CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

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

### COMING IN JANUARY – THE ROARING 20'S!

Our Sermon Series in January will take us on a journey to consider the ways that this new decade could be used to shine God's light. Launching off of some of what made the 1920s remarkable, we will consider how God might make the 2020s similarly remarkable as we work for justice, kindness, and hope. Innovation, Identity, Equality Movements, and Art were reactions and responses to what had been. How could God lead us into intentionally and deliberately creating a more just society, where we faithfully live into God's kin-dom. That kin-dom should be beautiful and soulful like jazz, full of equality for all people, and be forward-looking with innovations and exploration. Get ready for a fun, challenging, and thoughtful start to the new year and new decade!



### CIRCLE 2's 12<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT BRUNCH

Save the date--Circle 2 Twelfth Night Brunch after worship on January 12! Tickets and more info available soon.

### JAZZ IN JANUARY

Starting January 5, tickets will be available for Jazz in January 2020. Join us for an evening of timeless jazz classics in the Great Hall of Park Ridge Community Church on January 24th and 25th. The evening will feature an outstanding band, led by PRCC's own Kent Wehman, playing tunes by artists ranging from Duke Ellington to Dave Brubeck to Bill Withers. Snacks, desserts, and drinks - including a signature Jazz in January cocktail - will be available for purchase. Jazz in January has a great history of combining a fun evening of incredible live music with raising funds for important church missions. This year, proceeds will help to support our church's overall mission and PRCC's youth mission trip in conjunction with Living Water International. The Water Well project will provide a sustainable clean water source to a community in Honduras. Proceeds from Jazz in January will be used to fund the well itself, as well as to offset travel costs for the volunteers.



\*\*\*Ways to Give\*\*\*

- \*Come out and enjoy the evening.
- \*Take part in the 50/50 raffle offered each night.
- \*Sponsor the Event

We are searching for sponsors of the event to be recognized in event advertisements and inside the event program. Sponsorships range from \$50 to \$400. If you or your business would like to support our event, please contact Dan Smith for further information.

### 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	7:00p Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	8:30a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation	3:00p Jordan Hall Reserved	8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship		10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Staff Christmas Lunch	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
3:30p Caroling							8:00p Men's Basketball
5:00p Advent Potluck		11:30a Kindred Spirits	6:00p Confirmation Class	1:00p Circle 8			
8:00p Men's Basketball		4:00p Jr Choir	7:00p Fly Fishing	7:00p Choir Christmas Party			
	7:00p Board of Directors Meeting at the Goodwins	7:00p Rainbow Hospice	8:00p Men's Basketball				
		7:30p Bible Study					

## STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Teri Biedke, Director of Children Ministries  
 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 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:

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HONOREE'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor      \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory      \_\_\_\_\_ In Celebration

Questions, please contact the Church Office, [office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

Please place orders in the offering plate or the Church Office by December 20<sup>th</sup>

