

O Come, Let us Adore Him:

Singing our Way to Christmas



*The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020*

Park Ridge Community Church Worshiping Online

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WELCOME!

We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

AN ADVENT WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Rick Graham, Kendall Battaglia, Angie & Andrew Weber & family

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come! Let us Adore Him!

But He is not yet here.

Come! Bring hearts and hands and voices!

We come to Behold the Christ-child, Emmanuel, God with us!

But He is not yet here.

In our waiting,

in our worshipping,

in our singing, and

in our praying,

We prepare the way of the Lord!

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City (v. 1 & 4)

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, thank you for this season of waiting.
Thank you for the beauty of the sleeping earth
waiting for spring's new life.
Thank you for the joy of children
waiting for the excitement of gift giving.
Thank you for the gift of familiar carols,
whose joyful music touches waiting hearts.
Thank you for far-flung family and friends
that we can't wait to see this season.
Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ;
we have been waiting for a Savior.
We pray for all who are waiting this morning;
people who are waiting for an end to violence
because they have known too much war;
people who are waiting for healing
because they live with sickness and pain;
people who are waiting for good news
because they are weighed down with sorrow.
We pray for all of the earth that is waiting--
creatures who are waiting for protection
because their environment has been destroyed;
waterways that are waiting for renewal
because they have been contaminated;
lands that are waiting to be redeemed from pollution
because we have forgotten that God called the land good.

A time of silent prayer

Throughout the world, in and on and under it,
waiting happens, waiting grows and gathers,

the earth is pregnant waiting for redemption.
In eager expectation we wait for the revelation of the Son of God.
“How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heaven,
no ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Lord enters in.”
Amen.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

REFLECTION

Not That Far From Bethlehem

Rev. Carol Hill

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

THE STORY BEHIND THE CAROL

Eric and Mary Johnson

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 4)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

You gift us, Loving God, not so we will hoard, but share with others; not that we might accumulate more, but offer gifts to those who have so little. In the waiting, may we realize the wanting; in the listening, may we hear the brokenness, in the watching, may we see the weariness, and pour out our gifts, our lives, and our hearts on others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CAROL

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (v. 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION**

** 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 13, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

*Full Pageant Cast List available in Friday Blast

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Sue Douglass, organist

Karen Nelson, violin

Elizabeth Coffman, violin

Naomi Hildner, viola

Melissa Bach, cello

All services, including a special Children's Christmas Eve service and our traditional Christmas Eve service will be recorded and streamed online. Copies of bulletins are available upon request.

www.youtube.com/c/ParkRidgeCommunityChurchPRCC



PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

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, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM DECEMBER 6TH:

- We celebrate the birthdays of Beth P. on 12/6; Bill Z., Keith R., Quinn Riley and Devon S. on 12/7; Linda T. on 12/9; George S. on 12/10
- We celebrate positive results after Marty S's biopsy.
- We celebrate the completion of our Sanctuary Window project and the work of the Trustees and Tom K. in getting even the stained-glass window in Ellinger completed.
- We celebrate the healing of Tom's friend Ray after surgery at Mayo.
- We celebrate the successful surgery on Sanderson's puppy Frisco, though Frisco has had an additional trip to the vet and will be in the hospital a few more days.
- Please pray for those struggling with addiction, suicidal ideation, despair, and grief.
- Katie asks us to pray for her sister Rosie with ongoing health concerns.
- We continue to pray for Zaryn's Grandpa Gary.
- Please pray for Jan's Uncle Arnie, 91 years old, just overcame Covid, 1st great grandchild on the way!
- Kim asks for prayers as she is struggling isolation and loneliness.
- Bill and Sue's family members Sue and Happy who have been dealing with medical issues.
- Pray for Caroline, whose heart procedure went well on 12/4, and will spend a few days in the hospital recovering before being released to rehab and then home. This is the first of a few important procedures.
- Pray for Al, whose shoulder surgery is moved to this Tuesday.
- Please pray for Adrian's friend going through a challenging time.
- Pray for friends of Pastor Carol, who had to say goodbye to their 5-year-old puppy on 12/4.
- Pray for Keith's brother Artie as he faces a number of health challenges.
- We pray for the friends and family of Ginny's cousin Gary who entered life in the Resurrection on 12/4.
- We pray for Barb Madro's brother, Jack, whose mother-in-law entered life in the resurrection on 12/5.
- We hold the Gretchen and Dave K. in our prayers as they grieve the loss of his sister-in-law Jackie who entered life in the resurrection 12/3.
- Sandy asked for prayers for her friend Marge for whom we have been praying. Marge was just diagnosed with Covid.
- Mary J's aunt Lois (94) is doing well and feeling very positive about her decision to not treat her melanoma at this point.
- Luan is grateful that Bill's tube was taken out after a month and he is feeling much more comfortable.
- Lorenzo expressed deep appreciation for the outpouring of love & support after his mother passed away.
- Sue D. gave an update on Teri's progress & gratitude for her new kidney.
- Candace M. is thankful for the special time she's had with her father sharing stories of his life.
- Julie S. asked for prayers for a family who's two-year-old twins had a pool accident. Laney is recovering but Levi is still struggling so prayers are appreciated.
- Mollie asked for prayers as she is grieving the loss of a close friend who entered life in the resurrection on 12/5.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. There will be a Study Guide available on our website <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy> OR printed out for you (upon request).

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Wednesday night *Disciple I* Bible Study will continue on Dec. 2, 9, and 16. There will be no class on December 23 or 30. The DIY Bible Study will NOT have a video component during Advent in an effort to help simplify this often chaotic season. The Daily Devotion will replace the DIY Study Guide for Advent. A Weekly DIY video and study guide will return in January.

STAYING CONNECTED

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Our staff team has prepared a daily devotional to accompany the PRCC Advent worship series. This devotional may be viewed electronically from our website or you may request a printed copy. Each day has a scripture passage for reflection, a commentary or reflection on the passage, a simple action, prayer, and link to a different Christmas carol to listen to each day! We will print and deliver paper copies upon request.

ADVENT COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday during Advent, the congregation of PRCC is invited to join in a Zoom "coffee hour" from 9:30-10:00 am. During this time Pastor Carol and our staff will highlight a few important announcements, share updates on Joys and Concerns, and allow for time to see one another's smiling faces. Children are encouraged to attend! So, pour yourself some coffee or cider and log-in for a brief touchpoint during Advent.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95163782426?pwd=c2kvM2xGR3pRMWs3MzNWU1lzUGNNUT09>

Meeting ID: 951 6378 2426

Passcode: 919348

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WEDNESDAY ZOOM - CONNECT WITH PRCC

Join together online for a brief prayer, scripture verse, and check-in. Share a joke, fun fact, hardest thing to buy at the grocery store, update on a surgery, you name it! Let's stay CLOSELY CONNECTED while maintaining social DISTANCE! We meet via Zoom at noon on Wednesdays. All are welcome!

<https://zoom.us/j/91239346091?pwd=R3ZWSWdHWG85a1Q5b1AzbXJ6OXpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 912 3934 6091 Passcode: 622858

This week's readings - Matthew 1:18-25

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ ON ZOOM

Join Liz at noon for lunch and conversation -

<https://zoom.us/j/92014175334?pwd=Njd2UXpkN0pMV0dSYTdScWhnankxdz09>

Meeting ID: 920 1417 5334 Passcode: 994443

December Schedule:

12/15 - Special Music Guest sharing some Christmas favorites.

12/22 and 12/29 MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR - No Kindred Spirits Café

STAYING INVOLVED

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Cindy Klimmeck offers 4 types of yoga/meditation throughout the week: Chair Yoga on Tuesday morning at 10:15 am, Yoga Nidra on Thursday evening at 8:30 pm, and Mindfulness Meditation on Friday morning at 9 am.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9671602932>

Meeting ID: 967 160 2932

personal ID is 227332

SOCIAL JUSTICE YARD SIGNS – HALF OFF SALE!

We have a few yard signs left; they are now available for \$7.50! Signs are located in the Park Place Room, please contact the church Office if you would like to pick one up during office hours on Fridays.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

COAT DRIVE

The Bridge Project provides monthly meals, toiletries and cold weather gear to residents of tent cities.

This winter they need:

- **gently used adult coats**
- **gloves**
- **hats**
- **blankets**

Collection Information: Please drop off donations in the designated box in the *Park Place Room* before/after Sunday services or during Church Office hours from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon Friday OR on **January 9th from 10 am until Noon** there will also be **curbside drop off** at the *Park Place Room* entrance.