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# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*Welcome to Park Ridge Community Church! We are so thankful that you are present for worship on this day. We strive to be a place where all may gather and find hope, healing, joy, and peace no matter where you are on life's journey. 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

*What Strangers Are These* (Traditional Scottish Carol)  
OK Corrale

Wagner

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, Earth and sky join the song the angels sing:

**Gloria to God in the highest!**

Jesus Christ, You dwelt among us and we found grace.

**Gloria to God in the highest!**

Holy Spirit, Your gentle voice assures us that in Christ we inherit God's riches.

**Gloria to God in the highest!**

Grace-giving God, in your coming all people find hope, joy, peace, and love!

The Messiah has come! Christ is born unto us!

**Come and Worship!**

### \*CAROL

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are a people who dwell in darkness. We have turned from your ways to walk our own paths. We have not made the cause of the poor our own. We have not made your love known to the world in our words and our lives. We have waited for the right time and have missed our chance to act in your time. All this we bring before you now, and we ask you, in love, to speak the word of forgiveness.

**Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus.**

**Shine in our lives.**

**Shine in the Word now read and proclaimed,**

**and we, children of your light, shining for all people, will follow.**

*Silent Prayers are offered*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. God's mercy is over all God's works. You are forgiven. Walk in the light of Christ.

**Glory to God! Amen**

### RESPONSE (sung)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Glori, in excelsis Deo!**

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-5

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Christmas in the Trenches*

McCutcheon

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children remain in worship*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*PREACHING LESSON**

John 1:1-5

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Shine On Us**

Rev. Carol Hill

**OFFERTORY**

*Who Would Send a Baby*

Beall

OK Coralle

**\*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**

**These gifts we bring to you, O God, King of Kings. Bless them and use them to shine forth your light, your love, your justice for all the earth. May our lives shine with the hope we experience in your presence. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Preface - (tune: Good King Wenceslas)*

May the Lord be with you all.

**And with you God's servant.**

Lift your hearts unto the Lord.

**Lift we hearts most fervent.**

Let us give our thanks to God.

**With thankful hearts we're praising.**

Good and right it is to do,

**And it has God's blessing.**

*Great Thanksgiving - (tune: Good King Wenceslas)*

Blessing, honor, glory, power unto God Almighty.

Praise to you, eternal Lord, giver of all mercy.

Long ago you made us, Lord, made us in your image,

But through sin we broke the form of our Lord within us.

Still your love came shining through; from heaven you did send us.

Christ to take on human flesh, here to live among us.

Christ has suffered for our sin, died a death most cruel.

Now he lives and reigns in heaven, as its brightest jewel.

**We the church on earth do sing with the host of heaven.**

**Glory to the one who died, for he has arisen.**

**Jesus born at Bethlehem is the king of heaven,**

**and we praise your blessed name with the song unending.**

*Sanctus - (tune: Angels, We Have Heard on High)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts, all praise be given!**

**All your glory fills the earth; all your power fills the heavens.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**Blessed is the one who came, bringing love and light divine.**

**Blessed is the king who comes in the bread and in the wine.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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(spoken) Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ  
who was born this night revealing the abundance of your love.  
He was born in an unexpected time and place;  
and so you surprise us again and again  
with the reality of your never-ending grace and love.

**Words of Institution** - (tune: *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus to the Father prayed:  
Bless this bread we are to eat, let it bring forgiveness sweet.  
My body dwells therein; my body dwells therein.

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;**

Then he took the blessed cup, praying as he raised it up:  
In the wine forevermore is the way to heaven's door.  
My blood poured out for you; my blood poured out for you.

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;**

Eat this bread and drink this cup, share the peace that's from above.  
Peace and justice, you reveal, as we share this holy meal.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

(spoken) And so, in remembrance of your awesome gifts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
to be the hands, voice and feet of this new born Savior,  
so that our lives might shine—star-like—in the world.

**Prayer of Consecration** - (Tune: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*)

O send your Spirit now upon these gifts;  
make them to be Christ's body and Christ's blood.  
Make real in us his life and show  
that we are one with him in ministry.

**Now by your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
until he comes in love's great victory.**

Through Jesus, your Emmanuel,  
and with your Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory are yours,  
for now and forevermore.

**Amen! Amen! To God the glory be.  
Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken)

*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**

\*HYMN

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*

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\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*What Child is This?*

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – DECEMBER 29, 2019

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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, Organist  
Mark Holihan, Guitar  
Bob Mack, bass  
Karen Nelson, violin  
Thom Goodwin, harmonica

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**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](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.

**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 Judy Foster and Diane Meltreger 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!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** the 2020 Altar Flower sign up is available and located on the main bulletin board by the Church Office, flowers are \$40.

### NEW SERMON SERIES

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 kingdom. That kingdom 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!



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>:

We celebrate the joy that was shared last week at our Advent Festival and pray for safe travels for all those who are journeying to loved ones this Christmas.

It is a joy to celebrate Hillary Larson's birthday 12/22 and Andrew Weber's birthday on 12/23.

Charlie Giera looks forward to joining PRCC on Christmas Eve and is thankful to be with family on Christmas.

Paula Mack is grateful that her brother in law Peter Rock is recovering from a brain hemorrhage and that her father was not seriously injured in a recent fall.

Luan asked for prayers for their granddaughter Eleanor to recover from a respiratory infection.

Please pray for Janet Johnson's nephew Axl, 2 years old, who is back at John Hopkins hospital with a blockage.

Prayers are with Scott Larson's mother, Marilyn who suffered a massive stroke on Friday and is in ICU in Texas.

We hold Grace Curtis' brother-in-law, Paul and his family in prayer as they consider best ways to care for him and one another.

Jeanne Wells asks for prayers for a friend fighting for his life after emergency surgery.

Please pray for the Jamroz family, neighbors of the Kleingers, who are grieving the loss of their father.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All are invited to remain in worship today. No Sunday School or Kids' Club. Sunday school resumes during 10 am worship on January 5.

Nursery available weekly for babies through 5-year-olds on the lower level.

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

## 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Giving Tree, Epworth, and the Fraternite of Notre Dame. We were able to send almost 100 gifts to Maryville from the Giving Tree ns 36 Target Gift Cards!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Church Office will be closed December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### NEW MEMBER INFO SESSION – January 13<sup>th</sup>!

Our next Newcomer Informational Meeting will take place on **Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 pm in the church parlor**. Come if you are interested in learning more about PRCC! Childcare can be provided upon request. We will be offering a chance for new members to join our church family on Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Carol, the church office or Sara Born([sara.born@hotmail.com](mailto:sara.born@hotmail.com)) for more information.

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

Join us in the Great Hall after worship January 12<sup>th</sup> for a delicious start to the new year! You'll find many breakfast casseroles, breads, ham, fruit, cereal, and fellowship. Look for advance ticket sales Sunday Dec. 29 & Jan. 5, or at the door. \$6 adult & \$4 child. Hope to see you there! Questions? Grace: [gcurtis1968@gmail.com](mailto:gcurtis1968@gmail.com) or Teri [tbiedke@netzero.net](mailto:tbiedke@netzero.net)

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### SAVE THE DATE – SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Looking for a fun way to enjoy this year's Super Bowl on a giant screen? Have a special chili recipe that you're dying to show off? Come join the Fellowship Committee for our Super Bowl and Chili Cook Off Sunday February 2, 5pm in the Great Hall. Please let us know if you plan to attend, plan to enter a submission into the Chili Cook-off competition for a trophy or want to bring an appetizer. Fellowship will bring salad, beer, and games to play during the Super Bowl and commercials. We will also be selling squares for the game with a 50/50 split for PRCC.

### 2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT

#### **Living Water Retreat for Women of All ages - February 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

Kenilworth 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, January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to register.**

## OTHER INFORMATION

### PASTOR CAROL'S STUDY TOUR

Pastor Carol will be on a Study Tour to the holy Land January 3-12. Pastoral Care will be coordinated through the Church Office.

### MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to our Altar Guild Team and additional volunteers for making the Sanctuary beautiful: Siri Nelson, Alayne Richards, Ann Swindell, Robin Kopecky, Bill Scharringhausen, and Mary Johnson. Our brand-new banners were handmade by Ann Swindell!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
10:00a Worship	7:00p Yoga	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	8:00p Men's Basketball	8:00a Meditation		8:30a Chapel Worship
8:00p Men's Basketball					10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
							8:00p Men's Basketball

## STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

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Teri Biedke, Director of Children Ministries

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation

Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children Ministries

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