



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 5:15-16

Equality for All
January 19, 2020
10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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JANUARY 19, 2020

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 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciples and doubters,
faithful and feckless,
we are God's,
who welcomes us all.
Followers and those who lag behind,
open-hearted and close-minded,
we are the Lord's,
who is always patient with us.
Reconcilers and rabble-rousers,
foolish and fearless,
we are the Spirit's, who encourages us in every moment.

*HYMN

Spirit

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In every opportunity, God of this day, we choose not to follow you. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, come thoughts that lead us away from you. We are richly blessed but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things.

We come to you, Helper of the weak, for you are gracious and forgiving. You offer us the fullness of your love, not just a few dollops. You refuse to let us go, but sweep us up with arms of joy. You send Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to lead us into your kingdom.

Silent Prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I ask you, has God rejected us?
No! By God's grace, God's gifts and God's calling are never taken back.
I ask you, again, has God rejected us?
No! That Love we know as God will never let us go.
This is good news, dear friends, believe it.
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. 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

Galatians 3:25-29

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heaven's Bright Shore

Angie & Andrew Weber

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School***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**

Matthew 15:21-28

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God.***Thanks be to God.****SERMON****Not Just Crumbs**

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY*Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace*

arr. Steffy

Chancel Choir

***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**

May we not offer you the leftovers of our resources and our lives, Blessing God, but let these gifts be but part of what we give back to you, as we seek to serve your people and your creation. Amen.

HYMNO, for a World*

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BENEDICTION*In Thee I Put My Trust**

Bach

CHORAL BENEDICTIONCongregants are invited to be seated for the Postlude*** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE***BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLELEADING US IN WORSHIP – JANUARY 19, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Sue Douglass, Organist

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist

Miranda Thomas & Lucas Runtz, Acolytes

Angie & Andrew Weber, Muscians

Jamie Knoblauch, Lector

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, 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 January ushers: Paul Rauch, Sharon Kemerer, George Skoog, Cindy Klimmeck, Jan Steiner, and Paula Mack. After many years of serving as an usher captain for PRCC, Paul Rauch has decided to retire after his January shift. Please seek him out this month to offer your thanks and well wishes. A job well done, Paul, go forth with our thanks.*

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS the 2020 Altar Flower sign up is now available on the main bulletin board. Flowers are \$40.

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.

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!

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 the Lapps for hosting this week!**

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 JANUARY 12th:

We celebrate a very Happy Birthday to Barb Zuegel.

Charlie Giera shares the good news of an excellent health report from his doctor.

John Weber is grateful for a return to the regular routine after the Christmas break.

Sasha asks for prayers for her mother, Alicen McGowan, as Alicen faces various health issues.

Please continue to hold Larry Zimmerman in prayers for patience as he works hard in rehab to recover.

We pray for a former member who moved to Arkansas, Jeff Newman Lee, recovering from a heart attack.

Kathy Berry asks for prayers for her mother in Florida recovering from a serious medical situation.

Kathy also asks us to pray for her co-worker Michelle, a young mother & paramedic, newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

We continue to pray for Rick's friend, Jim, who is grateful for our prayers and now faces treatment for the tumor on his heart.

Please pray for the families of those on the Ukrainian airplane, many of whom were students returning to school.

Ginny Jacobson asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Betty who is being treated for a delicate skin condition.

Please hold Karen Nelson's nephew John in prayer for a slowing of disease progression.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ava Zachurus who passed away last weekend.

We hold Diane Todd in pray as she grieves the loss of her daughter.

Please continue to pray for the Stettler family as they prepare for a memorial service for Marian, held yesterday.

PUERTO RICO DISASTER RELIEF

We continue to keep the people of Puerto Rico in our prayers as they try to rebuild from a devastating earthquake on January 7th. The UCC is accepting donations for emergency relief, you can give online at UCC.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

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 high school 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 Jordan Hall; 4th-5th gr - go to class, down in the Library; 6th-12th gr - go to class, up in the Great Hall

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.

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

First Communion class for 2nd grade and older begins TODAY and continues Jan. 26th, 11:30-12:15 in the Sunday school wing. First Communion will be celebrated during 10 am worship on February 2nd.

Acolyte training for 3rd-8th graders will be held after 10 am worship (11:15) in the Sanctuary TODAY. Please have the child and one parent arrive promptly after worship.

Questions? Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 pm; co-led by Pastor Carol and Katie Reboletti

We gather on Wednesdays in Ellinger Transept to study the Gospel of Matthew. Some of the texts will align with the preaching on Sundays, and as we seek a guiding light for the year ahead, we will look to Matthew's insight. Books are available in the Front Office for \$10.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible Study: 10 am Gathering; 10:30 am Study led by Winnie Erickson 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 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. Keep an eye out for an email including the itinerary for the weekend. **The deadline to register is THIS WEDNESDAY!**



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.

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.

FOOD MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Christian Outreach is once again looking for volunteers to help serve dinner at **Lincoln Park Community Services** on **February 6th**. A helpful Brownie Troop will be assisting with cooking, so no other volunteers are needed to cook. Those serving dinner will leave church at 5:30 and will be back no later than 9:00. If you are available, and would like to help, please contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net or 847-525-8353).

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – January 26th!

We will be offering a chance for new members to join our church family on Sunday, Jan. 26th. Contact Pastor Carol, the church office or Sara Born(sara.born@hotmail.com) by Tuesday the 21st for more information on joining!

JAZZ IN JANUARY – LAST SUNDAY TO BUY!

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.

SAVE THE DATE – SUPERBOWL 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, 5 pm in the Great Hall.** Please let us know if you plan to attend, plan to enter a submission into the Chili Cook-off competing for a trophy or want to bring an appetizer. Fellowship will bring salad, beer, and games to play during the Super Bowl and commercials.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that attended the 12th Night Brunch, it was a lovely time of fellowship and food!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Chapel Worship	Church Office Closed	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	8:30a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation	7:00p Jazz in January	8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship	7:00p Yoga	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	12:00p Staff Meeting	10:00a Women's		10:00a Worship
11:30a Acolyte Training	7:00p Knitting Knights	11:30a Kindred Spirits	10:00a Great Hall Closed thru Saturday	8:00p Chancel Choir	7:00p Jazz in January		12:00p Angeli Choir
11:30a 1 st Communion Class		4:00p Junior Choir	6:00p Confirmation Class (<i>meet in Jordan Hall</i>)				11:30a 1 st Communion Class
12:00p Angeli Choir		6:30p Jordan Hall Reserved	7:00p Fly Fishing				4:00p Youth Group
4:00p Youth Group		6:30p Executive Meeting	7:00p Action Ridge				
8:00p Men's Basketball		7:30p Board of Directors (<i>meet in Parlor</i>)	7:30p Bible Study				8:00p Men's Basketball

STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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