



*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

November 22nd, 2020
Online Worship Service

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

LASTING COVENANT
NOVEMBER 22ND, 2020

THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Divertimento No. 3

W.A. Mozart

Karen Nelson, Elizabeth Coffman, Naomi Hildner, Melissa Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What shall separate us from the love of God?

Nothing! Nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God.

Not our wandering, not our faithlessness, not our deeds, not our lack of faith?

Nothing, for our covenant with God is written on our hearts.

Can we remember, through good times and bad, whose we are?

We are the people of the Most High God.

We remember God's promise and sing the song of gladness:

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Praise be to our faithful God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heart of the Covenant: we have known your hopes for us, and disappointed every one of them; we have heard your words of faithfulness, and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes.

Forgive us, Hope's Heart. Silence every blustering word, so we may hear your mercy; still every feeble attempt to justify ourselves, so we may be made right with you; melt every frozen heart, so we might be drenched in your river of joy. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this promise of God towards his people:

"If you seek me with all your hearts, you will find me.

Call to me and I will restore you and heal your wounds."

God hears us, forgives us, and makes us whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*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 THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 42:1-12

MUSICAL OFFERING

Thanksgiving Eve

Franke

Dave Swanson, Thom Goodwin, Mark Holihan, Bob Mack

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Blessed Assurance, verse 3

PREACHING LESSON

Luke 11:1-13
This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness: Our Song of Thanks Giving

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

TIME OF REFLECTION

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Chancel Choir

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***DOXOLOGY**

*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 our hearts, bless these gifts as a sign of our covenant to be your people. Use our time, talent, and treasure to bring about love, justice, and mercy on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***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 – NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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

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
Dave Swanson, vocals and guitar
Thom Goodwin, harmonica
Mark Holihan, vocals and guitar
Bob Mack, bass

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 NOVEMBER 15TH:

- We are celebrating Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to Kim on 11/18 we celebrate Bev and Ryen on 11/20; we celebrate Wendy's birthday on 11/20; and on Saturday, we celebrate the birthdays of Josh, Marie and Karryn.
- Our friends Ronald and Arlyn celebrated their wedding anniversary this past week. They were married right here in our sanctuary 31 years ago by former senior minister Doug Runnels.
- We hold the world in our prayers, especially places that are experiencing hurricanes and tropical storms resulting in flooding such as in Honduras, and mudslides in Guatemala.
- Prayers continue for all those affected by coronavirus; those in the medical field caring for the sick, those in the scientific community advancing treatments and potential vaccines, those grieving the loss of loved ones as well as those home sick with covid virus.
- Please pray for the Hill family, including Pastor Carol, Adrian, their 3 children and her aunts who are staying with them. We pray for rest, healing and patience as they slowly make their way back to health. Pastor Carol is grateful for the outpouring of love and support from our church family over this past week.
- We continue to hold Bill Z. in our prayers as he is now home from the hospital and he, Luan and his medical team figure out ways to care for his latest struggles with his lungs.
- Please continue to pray for Mike A. as he heals from last week's hip replacement surgery.
- Cathy S request's prayers for her granddaughter Anna who went to the Mayo Clinic for an intensive work up to seek a clear diagnosis. Please pray for hope, encouragement and relief from pain.
- Please pray for Lorenzo F's mom Constance, who is back in the hospital, had surgery on Monday and remains in critical condition.
- Dianne M. asks for prayers for her friend Joe, had emergency surgery this week and was diagnosed with colon cancer. Please pray for his recovery from surgery and all that is ahead for him and his family.
- Please pray for Jaclyn W's mother in law Linda, who was hospitalized with a number of health complications, some of which have been resolved and others that remain. She is out of Intensive Care.

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

We meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Study manuals Study Manuals are available from the Church office, or you may order your own online. This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class anyway!

STAYING CONNECTED

KINDRED SPIRITS AND BEYOND

Join us on Zoom on Tuesdays at noon or come to Park Place Room on Thursdays from 11:00 until 12:00. You can browse the book cart, pick out a jigsaw puzzle, drop off food for the pantry or just social distant visit with Liz Swanson. We are also connected with weekly emails or mailings to your home. They include updates on church news, scripture reading & reflection as well as a puzzle page. If you haven't received these, please let Liz Swanson know.

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=R3ZWSWdHWG85a1Q5b1AzbxJl6OXpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 912 3934 6091 Passcode: 622858

Readings – Isaiah 40:1-11

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

November Schedule:

11/24 – Happy Thanksgiving!

PARK PLACE VISITS WITH LIZ

Join Liz for a socially distant check in Thursdays from 11 am to noon. She will meet one at time with a mask, to catch up and offer out new activities such as reading materials or puzzles.

STAYING INVOLVED

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Cindy Klimmeck offers 4 types of yoga/meditation throughout the week: Monday night Yoga at 7 pm, 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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

The ***Fraternite Notre Dame*** operates a religious and humanitarian mission in Chicago's Austin neighborhood where they serve the poor through a daily soup kitchen, food pantry, an afterschool program and other ways. In December, they serve a Christmas meal to 1000 people and give a gift to every child. Every gift is welcome; however, they struggle with gifts for teenagers. Starting in November through Saturday, December 12th, place unwrapped gifts in the Christmas box located in the Sanctuary. We will deliver all gifts on the afternoon of December 12th. Let the office know if you would like to be part of the **delivery team or wrapping team**. Please see the November CC News for gift ideas.