



Park Ridge Community Church
The First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Gift of Accompaniment

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Un Limnosa Por el Amor de Dios

Tarriega

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who is "I am" calls out to us this day.

**God says: "I have observed the misery of my people.
I have heard their cry. I am here to deliver them.**

We find ourselves on this journey called Lent, searching,
weary, hungry, longing for an encounter with the Divine.

God meets us where we are, and calls out I am here.

I am yours. You are mine.

Today, we remember when Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

Meet us here, Jesus our Shepherd.

Guide us. Care for us. For we are yours.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we would follow you
wherever you might lead.**

Lord, we would follow you.

**Forgive us when we stumble
and when we stray.**

**Forgive us when, distracted
we lose our way.**

**Be the one to whom we turn,
whose hand we hold,
the Shepherd who leads us
safely to the fold.**

**Lord, we would follow you
wherever you might lead.**

Lord, we would follow you.

Time of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love never ends! With this good news, we know we are forgiven; with this blessing, we know that we are healed.

Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*THE GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST, SHARED AMONG FRIENDS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Will Follow Him

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 RESPONSE

The Glory of These Forty Days, v. 1

PREACHING LESSON

John 10:1-16
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Little Sheep Who Couldn't

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. Lowry

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.**

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, v. 1-2

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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

POSTLUDE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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
Brian Torosian, guitar
Karen Nelson, violin
Elizabeth Coffman, violin
Naomi Hildner, viola
Melissa Bach, cello

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 FEBRUARY 14TH:

- Happy Valentine's Day!
- Jan S. has completed training as a Stephen Leader and is all ready to lead and serve our congregation in this way!
- Happy Birthday to Tim L., Brian K., Blake W., and Paul H. on 2/14; John S. on 2/15; Jill E. on 2/17
- Tricia W celebrates that her friend Kim, for whom we have prayed, got her 3-month scans, which show she is cancer free!
- Please hold Marylynn C's brother Greg in your prayers as he has surgery on 2/16.
- Please hold Paula M and family in your prayers as her dad's health declines.
- We continue to hold Kathy B. and her family in our prayers as she travels to Florida to care for her mother and establish the next level of medical care for her.
- Please hold the Zoellner family in your prayers as Bill entered life in the resurrection on Friday 2/5.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DIY BIBLE STUDY

This is a year of trying new things! We have tried a new way of Bible Studying together while apart called Do-It-Yourself Bible Study. You can download, print, and view the Study Guide through the PRCC Website and watch short videos on our YouTube channel. Participants can engage in this Bible Study, which ties directly into the sermon series as individuals or with a self-selected group of study companions! Find materials for the Do-It-Yourself Bible Study at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy. A few books are available for pick up in the Church Office.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Wednesday Evening Disciple Bible Study at 7:30 pm

Disciple I is a study through the scriptures covering Genesis through Revelation. We will wrap up our journey through the Old Testament scriptures at the end of January and will begin our course through the New Testament in February. During Bible Study, we watch a brief video, read aloud some of the passages from the week and engage in theological reflection about the implications of the scriptures in our lives. If you have never studied the Bible before, this class is for you! If you have studied the Bible all of your life, this class is for you! All are welcome to participate! Each week builds on other week's, but each week can also stand alone. Attend at much or as little as your schedule permits!

<https://zoom.us/j/92824720898?pwd=ZlpVUzR1Uy9wYkhTT3BvYmRXtFF3dz09>

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YOUTH NEWS

ZOOM PANEL WITH THE HARBOUR

Join us on Zoom on February 28th from 3 -4 pm with The Harbour to discuss youth homelessness issues today.

STAYING CONNECTED

SUNDAY COFFEE ZOOMS

We had such a good turnout during the Coffee Hour Zooms during Advent that we are going to keep them going! After taking a little break for the holidays, Sunday morning Coffee Zooms has re-Zoomed on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 am. Gather with your ministers and fellow congregants as we share joys and concerns, laugh together and quickly touch base. These 30 minutes are precious as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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WEDNESDAY ZOOM - CONNECT WITH PRCC

The weekly Hangouts are now on Wednesdays at noon on ZOOM and we will continue to discuss the upcoming Sunday worship scriptures. Anyone and all are welcome to join in! Pastor Mollie guides our time together. Participants can eat lunch and engage as you like!

<https://zoom.us/j/91239346091?pwd=R3ZWSWdHWG85a1Q5b1AzbXJ6OXpiZz09>

Meeting ID: 912 3934 6091 Passcode: 62285

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

February Schedule:

2/23 - Debbie Fandrie presents a program on "Object that Made History"

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

LINCOLN PARK SHELTER

Lincoln Park Community Services is open for volunteer meal assistance. We will not go in person to serve dinners, but can deliver home cooked meals to the shelter. Because the PRCC kitchen remains closed, we hope that a few members/families will be willing to cook various parts of a meal in their homes.

We need individuals, families, or PRCC groups (for example, a Kindred Connections group that provided the December meal) to prepare the following meal components to **feed 35** people on these Thursday dates: **April 1, 2021**. Please visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/lincoln-park-shelter> to volunteer.

SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

PRCC will be a part of **Sunday Night Suppers**, but with different procedures due to Covid-19. Until health guidelines change, we will provide 85 pre-packaged meals from a restaurant or caterer, 85 individual drinks (juice or milk), and 85 pre-packaged individual desserts from a store (sorry, no homemade items allowed). Please visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-supperts> for more info and to volunteer.

PRCC assigned dates are:

2021 - February 28, April 25, May 16

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES

PRCC DISCUSSION TO HEAR MORE ABOUT UNITED POWER FOR ACTION

The Social Justice Team met with the Board to discuss the possibility of joining the North Cook County United Power group. United Power for Action is a nationwide organization that has been in existence since 1997. United Power has been concerned with a variety of issues related to social justice, including a successful effort locally to change cash bail requirements. Members are primarily religious and charitable institutions, and although the organization is nationwide, there is a local subgroup based in Cook County. An effort is now being made to expand/develop a "North Cook County" offshoot. St. Mary's Episcopal church in Park Ridge is very active in this new organization, and initially reached out to Pastor Carol to see if PRCC would like to join them. If you would like to view a recording of this meeting, please email the Church Office.

CARING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Stephen Ministry is offering a time to learn more about as well as how to care for those affected by domestic abuse. Domestic violence has been on the rise with the added social stresses that the pandemic has brought on. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, 2/23 at 7:30 PM** for this virtual presentation by Alicen McGowan. Dr. Alicen McGowan is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and has written an authentic book which looks at this subject through the eyes, struggles and journeys of her clients. The book is "We Hid Under the Table" & available on Amazon. Please reach out to Liz Swanson if you need more information. We hope you can join us.

BINGO!

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a virtual Bingo Game on Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is required, a \$5 donation is suggested. Please visit <https://forms.gle/wZYv6ua4wJV8h8AFA> to register ahead of time so that play materials can be delivered to you.

ONA PANEL DISCUSSION

Our next ONA panel discussion will be held on **March 8th at 7 pm**. Please join us for a time to listen, learn, and discuss. If you have any questions that you would like to be included in the discussion, please submit them ahead of time here: <https://forms.gle/ZWQAo9eNhJvZhc2S7>

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Cindy Klimmeck offers 4 types of yoga/meditation throughout the week: Chair Yoga on Tuesday morning at 10:15 am, and Mindfulness Meditation on Friday morning at 9 am. **Yoga Nidra is now available via recording 24/7**, the link can be found on the church calendar.

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

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