

Shall Be Revealed



*An Advent with Handel's
Messiah*

December 22, 2019

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

PEACE

DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:30 & 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Savior, anticipating and realizing that PEACE is among us through the birth of the Messiah.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Season of Advent, we will only announce a few pressing things, in order to leave time for the Messiah. Please read bulletins to stay updated on ministry opportunities. Ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn.

PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
We are a people who seek peace.

**We know that God has told us to turn our weapons of war
into instruments that benefit all humanity.**

As we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace.

**Peace in our hearts,
Peace in our homes,
Peace in our communities.**

In the name of that Child who was born long ago to become the Prince of Peace,
we now light the Candle of Peace.

*HYMN

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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*PRAYER OF ANTICIPATION

God of life and breath, we witness your coming in the humility of service, in the poor and marginalized, through a newborn child, in the heart of each person we meet, and in the beauty of all creation. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your creation in us, while awaiting his birth. Let us throw off our distractions and allow the chaos to settle. Let us watch for the signs and listen to the messengers. Let us stand on tiptoe and shout aloud and sing. Something new is emerging. Something new is being birthed. Oh come now, Emmanuel!

*RESPONSE (sung)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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FIRST LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

Children are invited to remain in worship

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

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

Luke 2:15-20

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sore Afraid

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

selections from MESSIAH, part one

G.F. Handel

*There Were Shepherds – And Lo! The Angel of the Lord – And the Angels Said Unto Them –
And Suddenly There was with the Angel – Glory to God – His Yoke is Easy and His burthen is Light*

***DOXOLOGY**

tune: What Child is This?

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. This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of our Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

22

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION (10 am)**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

POSTLUDE (10 am)

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

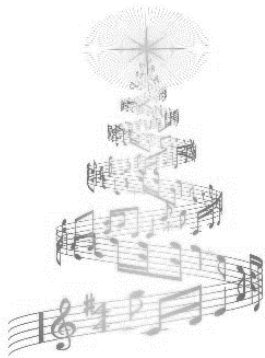
BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – DECEMBER 22, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Miranda Thomas, Acolyte
Judy Foster, Lector
Advent Wreath Lighting:
The Weber Family, 8:30 am
The Sanderson Family, 10:00 am

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Brian Torosian, guitar
Karen Nelson, violin
David Belden, violin
Naomi Hildner, viola
Leah Hagel Kahmann, cello

2019 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



2019 Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Our 4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service will feature the Junior Choir, a Children’s Message, Christmas Carols, and our very moving candle lighting at the conclusion of service.

Our 11:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service will include our Chancel Choir, Christmas Carol, and conclude with a candle lighting.

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 December ushers: Barbara Madro, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Marty McHugh, and Chris Browning.*

FIRST AID KITS are located in the Church Office, Sunday School Wing, and Kitchen. The AED device is located outside of the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR Thank you to our devoted Altar Guild and volunteers that have made the Sanctuary so beautiful!

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar Flowers from last Sunday, December 15th, were in celebration of Elaine Zabawski's birthday.

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 the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Services, please join us downstairs in Jordan Hall for Coffee Hour. (Jordan Hall is accessible by elevator) **Thank you to Eileen Riley 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!

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 29th, we will have ONE service at 10 am featuring Communion.

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 15th:

We celebrate all the opportunities of putting our faith into action including all 60 children participating in the pageant last Sunday, 16 people caroling at the Equine Therapy Center; food & gift bags going to Epworth for their shelter meal they offer, coats & warm items being delivered to the Bridge project and so much more!

It is a joy to ring the newest bass bell which has been purchased in memory of our beloved ringer, Carole Nelson.

Charlie Giera is grateful to visit with his friends Ann Marie and Angus as well as he will be with his family for Christmas. He wishes all of us a very Merry Christmas!

Sue Carroll is grateful to be welcoming her grandson home for a Christmas visit.

The Kopecky's are thankful for the healing of their grandson Will, 9 who continues to recover from a concussion.

We include prayers for an anonymous request for a loved one struggling with alcohol addiction.

Please continue to hold Reggie Pantazi in prayers.

Jim Muenzer asks for prayers for Tracy McKenzie, a dear friend who is going through a difficult time.

Please pray for Abe Lee, friend of a member as he awaits a diagnosis for an unknown illness.

Dorothy Lehman requests prayers for her 17 year old granddaughter Carrie, facing ankle surgery on 12/20.

Please pray for a little boy just diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

Claire Fox, a friend of Dianne Meltreger for whom we have been praying entered life in the Resurrection 12/10. Please pray for her friends and family.

We pray for the family and friends of Tracy Thanos, mother of 3 daughters 2 of which have been involved in our youth group, who entered life in the Resurrection on 12/12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All are invited to remain in worship Dec. 22 & 29. No Sunday School or Kids' Club. Sunday school resumes January 5.

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

Thank you to all who prepared and participated in the caroling, Advent Festival & potluck last Sunday evening!

Questions? Shelley or Teri, 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.

CENTER OF CONCERN

Bring holiday wrapping paper for donation to the Center of Concern. Further their efforts by volunteering time to help wrap gifts at Golf Mill. See website for details, hours of need and sign up. <https://centerofconcern.org/volunteer/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Church Office will close at noon on December 23rd. We will be closed December 24th – 27th and December 31st – January 1st.

COMING IN JANUARY – THE ROARING 20'S!

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 kin-dom. That kin-dom 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!



CIRCLE 2's 12TH NIGHT BRUNCH

Save the date--Circle 2 Twelfth Night Brunch after worship on January 12! Tickets and more info available soon.

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.**



**FRI/SAT
JAN 24/25
7-10 pm
\$40 entry***

plus 50/50 Raffle & Drinks/Beverages

Jazz

in January

*entry includes 2 tickets toward drink/snack purchase

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PROCEEDS SUPPORT WATER WELL PROJECT 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER CHURCH OR @ CHURCH OFFICE

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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Chapel Worship	12:00p Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed		10:00a Worship
10:00a Worship		4:00p Christmas Eve Service			8:00a Meditation		8:00p Men's Basketball
8:00p Men's Basketball		11:00p Christmas Eve Service			10:00a Women's AA		

STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation
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