



Lord,
teach us to
PRAY.



MARCH 31, 2019 10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Welcome, sisters and brothers, to Christian fellowship and to worship this day!
Let us bless the Lord with our praise!*

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We hope worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in compassion to a world in need, recognizing we are works in progress. If you wish to learn more, please fill out the "welcome card" found in the pew. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn)

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we step boldly, humbly into the presence of our God, praying with our Savior the prayer he taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

With voices around the world, we call:

Forgive!

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Put aside from us our wicked ways,

as we put aside the deeds of all who do us wrong.

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, We confess that we struggle with forgiveness. We struggle asking for your forgiveness and the forgiveness of others. We confess that it is painful for us to acknowledge the ways and times when our actions have hurt others. We resist acknowledging the pain that others' actions have hurt us. Teach us to forgive. Forgive us for the walls we put up. Forgive us for our sin and for counting the sins of others. Instill in us your capacity to offer mercy and healing. Forgive us, we pray. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven, not just once, not seventy times, but seventy times seven.

May we experience the freedom found in abundant grace.

*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.*

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir

Stainer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN** *Though I May Speak* 335

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 18:21-35
This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Open Hands of Forgiveness** Pastor Maddie Johnson

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.

OFFERTORY *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Spiritual, arr. Poch
Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** (*Lenten Text*) 592
Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of Mercy and Abundant Grace, bless these gifts and those who have given them that they might be used to create ways out of no ways. Let our offerings be a source of forgiveness and grace to all those in need, through the ministries of this church and through our lives each day. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things, Amen.

***HYMN** *Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive* 347

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* DuBois

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – MARCH 31, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Pastor Maddie Johnson, Guest Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Terry Kallen, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Rick Hagedorn, organist
Miranda Thomas & Aria Geye, Acolytes

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.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

Thank you to our March ushers: Vaughan Hapeman, Wayne Tumminello, Scott Nelson, Charlie Giera, and Heather Simpson.

ALTAR FLOWERS It is time for Easter flowers! Please see the sign up sheet on the back of the bulletin!

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

NURSERY CARE 8:30-11:15 am each Sunday. Infants to age 5.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hope you take comfort knowing that Stephen Ministers are praying for those listed below. Please include your prayer concerns during Sunday services or contact the church office.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Martha Bridges, Sevryn Bruyn, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Irene Ginger, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Gerri Le Duc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Pauline Numrych, Susan Rut Ann Stutts, Ginny Sutton, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 24th

- Prayers for those in Africa suffering from cyclones, flooding, and the continued effects.
- We pray for those without enough to eat.
- Please pray for the family of Kelly O'Donnell who died suddenly at the age of 52.
- It is a joy to celebrate the birth of Ethan Thomas born 3/5 to Brian & Lara Idstein, grandparents are Nadya & Karry Zimmerman.
- We rejoice the Sacrament of Baptism of Calvin Roderick Balow and Declan Patrick Joyce.
- Prayers for Bruce Nelson performing his senior recital at North Eastern at 3/25.
- Please pray for Sean as he finds his way through personal struggles.
- Siri asks for prayers for her brother Torre Anderson as he recovers from surgery.
- Paula Mack asks for prayers for her sister, Laura, who will be having surgery this week.
- Please pray for Adele who is going through treatment for tongue cancer.
- Prayers for Shelley O'Brien and her family, her aunt Diane Gallentine recently entered into Life in the Resurrection.
- Please keep the Merrifield family in your prayers, Carolyn Merrifield entered Life in the Resurrection on March 20th.
- Please keep the Zuegel family in your prayers, Nancy Zuegel entered Life in the Resurrection on March 24th.

LENT 2019

SIMPLE SUPPERS

This Lenten Season, we will once again join together for a simple meal beginning March 6th through April 10th. Join us Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm in Jordan Hall. If you are interested in hosting one of these Simple Suppers, please contact Liz Swanson.

LENTEN PRAYER TIME

During the Lenten season, the Stephen Ministers will be praying for the needs of the church as well as requests from Sunday morning during the Tuesday evening Supervision times. We will be reading the prayers out-loud so all are included. If you would like to have prayers added in this faithful time, please let one of the Stephen Leaders know, Ginny Feurer, Peggy Fergus, Anita Rifkind, Kate Reboletti or Liz Swanson.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Please pick up your Lenten Devotional! Each day, we are invited to pray together as a congregation the prayers that have been meaningful to some of our fellow PRCC members. Some of us are very comfortable praying and opening our hearts to God through words, and others of us don't know where to start. During Lent, we will have the opportunity to learn from one another different ways of connecting to God through prayer.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All Are Welcome!

You're invited to join Pastor Carol on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7:30-9:00 pm in Crego Chapel for a study on the Lord's Prayer. "Becoming Jesus' Prayer".

PRAYER STATIONS

We have prayer stations set up in the Ellinger Transept (the front right side of the sanctuary) so people can stop and pray during the week and on Sundays in between services. Sunday worship services will dive into the Lord's Prayer or the "Our Father." We pray this prayer week after week, and yet it's easy for the words to become rote. Our time during Lent will help us to understand what we are praying, and why Jesus asked his disciples to pray in this way.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather for a worship service in Jordan Hall, in which we will sing and pray, and remember Jesus' prayer, asking God to "take this cup from me."

GOOD FRIDAY

The Church Choir will sing the *Seven Last Words of Christ* by DuBois as the musical offering during worship at 7:30 pm.

SIMPLE SUPPERS

6:30 pm every Wednesday through April 10th!

PALM SUNDAY

April 14th at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18th at 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19th at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21st at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK through high school students are invited to begin in worship with families at 10am and are dismissed to class about 15 minutes later. PreK-2nd graders head to the Sunday school wing for music and class, 3rd graders go directly to My Bible class, 4th-5th graders do down to the Library, and 4th-12th graders go down to the Parlor. All finish and can be picked up around 11:15. Please register new students, with contact and allergy information. sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Sunday school offerings for March go to Open Heart Magic, which provides magicians to hospitalized children, who enjoy learning a few tricks themselves! For more information, visit www.openheartmagic.org.

MY BIBLE CLASS THROUGH APRIL 7

Children 3rd grade and up are learning how to use the Bible during Sunday school time March 31 & April 7 in the 3rd grade classroom. The students will be presented their Bibles on April 14 during 10am worship.

ERIC NELSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Eric Nelson Scholarship was set up to honor Eric Nelson and his generous donation of proceeds from brokering used cars on behalf of the youth group at Park Ridge Community Church. Eric demonstrated a commitment to giving back to Park Ridge Community Church well beyond his years in the youth program. All senior youth (12th grade) who are PRCC members or active non-members are eligible to apply. Please see the church website or contact the office for an application. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2019.

2019 MISSION TRIP

Sign-up for the high school mission trip is still going on. We will be traveling to the Adirondack mountains in New York July 20-27th. This trip is open to youth entering high school through graduating seniors. Please contact Kevin Plach or the office for more information.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed for Thursday, April 4th's dinner at Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We will be cooking on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:00 in the church kitchen and serving on Thursday, April 4th. We plan to leave church at 5:30 and return before 9:00. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, please either sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board or contact Debbie Deitke (d.deitke@gmail.com) or Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net).

OTHER INFORMATION

COFFEE HOUR

Hi all! There are a few more chances to host coffee hour, before the Summer season hits. We are especially in need of a host for April 7. Please contact Lauren Kleingers, at Lauren, Kleingers@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, if you are interested in hosting on the 7th or another date.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee continues to search for willing servants. Will you answer the call when we call you? Or will you call us? We are happy and excited to report that we have a candidate to present for Vice-Chair at our annual meeting but there are still many opportunities for service. Some of them are: Social Committee Chair and social committee members, Membership Committee Chair, Christian Outreach committee members, Deacons, Ushers, Trustees, Faith Development Chair, Memorial Gifts committee members, and Senior Contact members. Won't you prayerfully consider where you might serve? We ask for your prayers as we work faithfully to find people to serve in these important positions prior to the annual meeting on May 5th. Blessings, Pastor Carol, Dave Kapolnek, Sarah McCarty, Karen Nelson, Naomi Siebert, Jan Steiner and Tricia Williams.

2ND MILE AWARD

PRCC is seeking nominees for this award recognizing those who have given extra-special efforts that have contributed significantly to the life of the church. Please submit your nomination to the Church Office by April 8th. Include who you are nominating as well as why you are nominating them. Please see the plaque outside of Crego Chapel to see our past winners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTION RIDGE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

April 4th at 7:00 pm in Jordan Hall, Action Ridge presents: "Racial Equity: A Conversation Raising Awareness & Understanding of White Privilege". The workshop will feature anti-oppression educator and consultant Corrie Wallace. A cash donation of \$15 is suggested.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of our congregation are cordially invited to attend the 54th Annual Park Ridge Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 6th, to be held at the Park Ridge Country Club, with a buffet breakfast beginning at 7:30 am and a program which will end no later than 9:30 am. The speaker will be Mark Soderquist, Administrative Pastor of Westlawn Gospel Church on the west side of Chicago. For tickets and further information, contact John Davis, Owen Hayes, Eric Johnson, Bob Mack, Bill Scharringhausen, or Kent Wehman.

PRCC WOMEN'S CIRCLE RE-BOOT

All women of the church are invited to an afternoon gathering on Sunday, April 7th from 2 pm to 5 pm to learn about the ties that bind us together as God's beloved women. We will be learning about the history of Women's Circles at PRCC and invite new circles to form so all can be included!

LE CHEAP BOUTIQUE

Le Cheap Boutique is a gently used resale event hosted by PRCC Circle 10 Women. It will be held at PRCC on April 27 and 28. Donations of gently used jewelry and accessories, such as hats, scarves, handbags, belts, etc. will be accepted on Sunday March 10, 17, 24, April 7 and 14 between services and in the office during the week. For more information, contact Tricia Williams or Jamie Knoblauch.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sun
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Chair Yoga	7:00a Men's Breakfast	9:00a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation		8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Kindred Spirits	10:00a Women's AA	2:00p LPCS Food Prep	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
8:00p Men's Basketball	7:00p Yoga	7:00p Trustees Meeting	6:00p Confirmation Class	7:00p Action Ridge			2:00p All Women's Event
			6:30p Simple Supper	7:00p Youth Basketball (closed)			3:00p Angeli Choir
	7:30p Nominating Committee		6:30p Women's eCircle	8:00p Chancel Choir			6:00p Youth Group
			7:00p Fly Fishing	8:00p Men's Basketball			8:00p Men's Basketball
			7:30p Bible Study				

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ORDER YOUR EASTER BLOOMS!!

Please fill out the form below and put in the collection plate on Sunday, drop off in the office or call Barbara Scharringhausen at 847.825.4630 or email at splus14@att.net. **Orders due by April 14th.**

Name: _____

___ Hydrangeas (\$15) ___ Azaleas at \$15

My donation is: ___ in memory of, ___ in honor of, ___ in celebration of:

Make check payable to: Park Ridge Community Church, Total: \$_____

Many thanks for making it possible to cover our altar with a profusion of blooms!

