



Lord,
teach us to
PRAY.



MARCH 24, 2019 10:00 AM

THIRD 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 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

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Bells on High*

Mallory

*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.**

With voices around the world, we call:

Give bread!

Give us today our daily bread:

This day, God, people are hungry—

Children lie down at night with empty stomachs.

People everywhere search with broken hearts.

We are hungry for justice and mercy, for peace and compassion.

We call out for daily bread, for daily needs:

for water that flows pure from a mountain,

for air that blows clean across the prairies,

for foods planted, tended, harvested, and shared,

for land and sky filled with life and renewal,

for governments that are just,

for homes that are places of rest and play,

for families, friends, partners, neighbors who walk with us, comfort us, love us . . .

Give people everywhere their living Bread.

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, God, that we have hoarded and misused the bread you so generously send.

We have carelessly paved over places that are better suited for growing food and sustaining life;
we have poisoned waters better used for drinking;

we have polluted the air your creation breathes every day.

Forgive us, nurturing God.

Give us open eyes to see the way of renewal.

Give us open hands to share abundantly. As you give us our daily bread, help us to share it with the world. Amen.

Silence is kept

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Christ, the bread of life, you are forgiven.

In the Name of Christ, the bread of life, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:1-9

BELL RESPONSE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Lamb

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Declan Patrick Joyce & Calvin Roderick Balow

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

So, come to the water --water poured over and immersing us, water flowing freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters, to baptize these children, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Questions of the Family

Do you desire to have your child baptized by this Christian community?

We do.

Will you encourage Declan and Calvin to learn from the wisdom of the prophets: doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with his God?

We will, with God's help.

Will you foster for Declan and Calvin an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for the diversity of faith?

We will, with God's help.

Will you teach Declan and Calvin to honor the faith questions that belong to them throughout their lives?

We will, with God's help.

Will you journey with Declan and Calvin to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day?

We will. By teaching and example, we will guide him to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life.

And to the gathered family, members, and friends, will you do all that is possible to assist these parents in raising Declan and Calvin in the faith of Jesus Christ, praying for Declan and Calvin, and journeying alongside them?

We will, with God's help.

Congregational Assent

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Declan and Calvin being baptized as they grow in faith?

We promise our love support and care.

How will you do this?

We desire to associate ourselves in a Fellowship of the Christ Spirit and covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith, supporting each other in love and respect. The fellowship that is our Church grows from and builds upon the traditions of the various Christian churches of the centuries.

We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the Way of Life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is our Goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship.

As members of this Church, we shall go forward together in freedom seeking continually to learn more of the true nature of God and God's Purpose.

Though they are too young to understand, articulate for Declan and Calvin what you have learned about God's love and purpose on your spiritual journey through the years.

For you, little ones, Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is accomplished;" for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, Declan and Calvin, though you do not understand it yet. And we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God first loved us."

God first loved us. That is what we hold dear. Whether with a believer or a child, baptism enacts this enveloping love of God – the God who comes to us in Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, a love that will not let us go. That is the story of Scripture, and that is the story of baptism – whether an infant in arms, a child taking the first steps of faith, or a saint who is finally at rest.

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Declan Patrick Joyce, I baptize you in the name of the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Calvin Roderick Balow, I baptize you in the name of the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Prayer of Dedication:

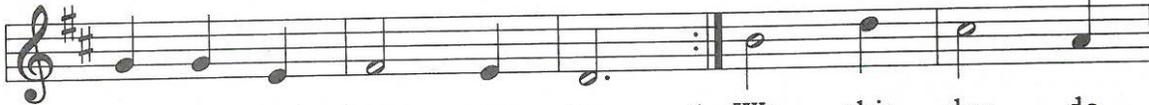
God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and these children. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that these children will bask in your love as they make their journey through this life. Amen.

God Claims You

*Refrain**



**“Dan - iel, Dan - iel,” God claims you, God helps you, pro -
Child of prom - ise, Fine



tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
 ***2. We your fam - ily
 3. We are here to
 4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
 love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
 say this day that we will help you on your way.
 tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:25-35

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Redefining Bread Daily”

Rev. Carol Hill

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

Down to the River to Pray
 Chancel Choir

arr. Mac Huff

*DOXOLOGY *(Lenten Text)*

*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.*

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Use these gifts to fulfill the hunger in our midst. Let these offerings provide your bread of life to all who hunger. May these gifts be blessed by your grace to multiply and bring about blessing and mercy to more lives than we could have ever imagined. Amen.

*HYMN

We Come as Guests Invited

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*BENEDICTION

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 24, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Pastor Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Mary Biardo, Lector
Aria Geye & John Weber, Acolytes

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Rick Hagedorn, organist
Sandy Bowen, Director of Bells on High

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 this week are in celebration of Judy Sindt's birthday!

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.

KID'S CLUB PreK through high school Sunday school students are invited to begin in worship with families at 10 am and are dismissed to Kids' Club by Pastor Carol about 15 minutes later. PreK-3rd graders are invited to play and do crafts in the Sunday school wing, while older kids and youth can help supervise. All finish and can be picked up around 11:15.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM We celebrate with Declan Patrick Joyce, son of Thomas and Brittney Joyce and Calvin Roderick Balow, son of Allison and Mark Balow, as they take this next step in their Christian journey.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 17th

- We pray for the victim's families of the mosque shooting in New Zealand
- Prayers are offered for those experiencing flooding in the Midwest, particularly in Nebraska
- Please keep the Mack family in your prayers as they gathered to celebrate the life of Paula's mother yesterday and for her father John as he grieves Catherine's loss and addresses his health issues.
- Janet Johnson asked for prayers for safety in travel for her adult children, one traveling to India & the other to England.
- Robin Kopecky's Aunt Irma, age 105 entered Life in the Resurrection last week
- Please pray for Diane Gallentine, Shelley O'Briens aunt who had a stroke 3/16 and is in a coma
- Lauren Kleingers close friend Carly whose mother died 3/16 from complications with pancreatic cancer
- Keep Lisa Irwin in your prayers as she recovers from undergoing surgery last week
- Prayers for Scott & Siri Nelson and family as they prepare to celebrate the life of Scott's mother Doris this coming Saturday
- Please continue to pray for Irene Ginger who is in hospice care at the Summit.
- The rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Ethan Thomas who was born on March 5th to parents Brian and Lara Idstein. Congratulations to grandparents Larry and Nadya Zimmerman.

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 the Sanctuary for a study on the Lord's Prayer. "Becoming Jesus' Prayer", the book we will use is available for purchase for \$10.

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."

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

Next week, March 31, we resume the regular Sunday school and My Bible schedule. 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 or email sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wed. March 27: no class due to Spring Break

Wed. April 3: regular class, 6-7:30 pm

MY BIBLE CLASS

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

Coffee hour fellowship continues to be very popular downstairs in Jordan Hall thanks to our wonderful volunteer hosts. If you would like to host a coffee hour on Sunday, please contact Lauren Kleingers at lauren.kleingers@gmail.com.

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

ACCESSING OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY

Visit members.instantchurchdirectory.com and click the link "first time signing in?". Enter the email address that is listed in the directory and create a password. After confirming your password, hit "request login". Check your email to complete the sign-up process. Contact Jaclyn if you have any trouble.

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.

PASTOR CAROL OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Carol will be out of the office March 25th through March 31st. If there is a pastoral concern, please contact the Church Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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 24, April 7 and 14 between services and in the office during the week. Profits from this event will be split between Circle 10 Outreach ministries and the Harbour, a local agency that provides emergency shelter, crisis support and long-term housing options for young women between the ages 12-22 who are experiencing homelessness in North and Northwest Suburban Cook County. 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	6:30p Bells on High	8:00a Meditation		8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Kindred Spirits	10:00a Women's AA	7:00p Youth Basketball	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
8:00p Men's Basketball	7:00p Yoga	7:30p Stephen Ministry	6:30p Simple Supper	8:00p Chancel Choir			8:00p Men's Basketball
			7:00p Fly Fishing	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!

