

A Whole Life

discovering balance & abundance in the New Year

I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly. ~ Jesus

JANUARY 6, 2019 10:00 AM

EPIPHANY

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

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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JANUARY 6, 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

PRELUDE

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

We have seen the star in the east, and we are following.

We have remembered God's wonder and promise, and we are worshipping.

We have come not to get presents, but to give them!

Lift up your eyes and look around; God's people now gather together, to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

The mystery of God's wonder and grace is here: Come, let us adore!

*HYMN

The First Nowell

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We remember the Magi, who set out with singular focus on the promise of the heavens.

And we remember the ways that we have lost sight of you, God, as the bright guide for our lives.

We remember that they stayed determined on their journey, not even swayed by Herod's power and promises.

And we remember that often we have started out well, but strayed from your path, detoured by our fleeting fears and desires.

We remember the wise ones who adored the child: wisdom and wealth falling to their knees before a poor infant.

And we remember that too often we have given our adoration to wealth or wisdom, not seeing the Christ in our midst.

Silence is kept

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To each of us who knows that we have lost sight of the promise, or lost the way of our God, or lost hope, God has a promise: "I am with you." God gives a holy presence, and forgiveness, and new hope, in the Christ.

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 THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Nothing But A Child

Earle

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come

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*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Stargazers, Kings, and True Wisdom

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

See the Grand Procession

Hopson

*DOXOLOGY

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*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 every good gift, here we present our offerings. There is money here, fulfilling our pledges to support the ministries we do in your name. There are gifts that we give in response to your Spirit, which we remember in joyful song and holy story, in prayer and silence. And there are other gifts, not physically in these plates but held in the altar of our hearts. God, we offer them all to you. We ask your blessing on all that we give, so that your loving care reaches into us and out to all the world, ever more deeply and gracefully. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

People of Advent: the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.

People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.

In that first moment, you spoke, Radiant God, and the light of creation dispelled the thick darkness of chaos. You whispered, and your glory filled the skies. You sang, and the dust of the earth was shaped into your image, as you breathed life into us. We could have lived in grace and peace with you for as long as the sun endures, for as long as the moon hangs in the night sky. But we were tempted by the sweet taste of sin and overwhelmed with temptation's wealth of cheap gifts and thrills. The prophets were sent to tell of your gifts of joy and peace, but we listened to the world's news of success, power, achievement. Finally, in that dark time of despair, you sent Jesus, your servant of salvation.

Therefore, we will join our voices with the wise ones, as well as the foolish, of every time and place who forever sing of your grace:

Holy, holy, holy, God of bright dawns! All creation renders tributes of praise to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who saves the lives of the needy. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of redemption, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior. Overwhelmed with compassion, he left the glory of heaven, to become a prisoner of sin, so we could be set free. Overwhelmed with hope, he entered death's house, to break its dark power forever. Overwhelmed with love, he travelled another road, walking to Calvary, so we might run with joy into your waiting arms.

So, as we remember his birth, as we prepare to journey with him this year, we speak of that mystery called faith, which is revealed to us through Christ:

Christ came, the morning star of love;

Christ died, the night star of salvation;

Christ arose, the radiant star of resurrection;

Christ will come again, the constellation of hope.

Holy One of stars and sinners, send down your Spirit of hope upon those gathered around this Table, and on the gifts of the bread and the cup, that they might make us your faithful and loving children. Feed us with the bread of hope, so when we leave, we will travel another road, to defend the weak, to speak for the voiceless, to assist those cast aside. Refresh us with the sweet nectar of grace, so we, overwhelmed with joy, would go forth to enter the houses of the strangers in our midst; to enter the despair of the lonely and forgotten; to enter the hearts of everyone we meet.

And when eternity's time begins, and we are gathered around your Table, with friends and family we loved, with those we ignored and mistreated, with all our sisters and brothers of grace, we will lift our songs of glad joy to you, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN	<i>What Child is This (vs. 3 only)</i>	53
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman/We Three Kings</i>	Contemporary

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – JANUARY 6, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Pastor Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Rick Hagedorn, Organist

Musicians: Thom Goodwin, Mark Holihan, Mary Johnson, Rachel Lapp, Bobby Mack, Bruce Nelson, and Siri Nelson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, often called the Lord's Supper, this morning. All who profess Christ are invited to partake. As the plate is passed, you are invited to take a piece of the bread, and then pass the plate to your neighbor. A gluten-free option is available. Please hold the bread so that we may partake together. We will follow the same practice in passing the cup.

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 or join us at 7:00 pm tomorrow for a New Member Information Session.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

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

Thank you to our January ushers: Paul Rauch, Sharon Kemerer, George Skoog, Cindy Klimmeck, and Jan Steiner!

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

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- Prayers of sympathy and love for Bob and Pat Tamburrino who mourns the recent loss of her brother Robert.
- Prayers of strength for Nancy Zuegel.
- Prayers of joy for Pastor Carol's parents worshipping with us.
- Prayers of celebration for Jean and Ewald who were recently married.
- Prayers for Bernice Zabawski's daughter Liz who is traveling in Ecuador.
- Prayers of celebration for Zach Nelson, he recently received his Eagle Scout honor.
- Prayers for Jim Muenzer's uncle as he faces difficult health issues.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school students are invited to begin in worship with families at 10 am. They will be dismissed to class by Pastor Carol about 15 minutes later. PreK-3rd graders go to the Sunday school wing for music and class; 4th & 5th graders go down to the Library, while 6th-12th graders go down to the Parlor or Jordan Hall. All finish and can be picked up around 11:15. Please fill out a registration form for each child, with contact and allergy information. Sunday school offerings this month go toward Heifer International.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion class for 2nd grade and older runs during Sunday school time Jan. 13, 20 & 27, downstairs (back of Jordan Hall or Parlor). Children will learn about the history and meaning of Holy Communion, and prepare for their First Communion, which takes place Feb. 3 during 10am worship.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte training for interested 3rd-5th graders takes place after worship on Jan. 20. Children will learn how to light the altar candles at the beginning of 10 am worship and can sign up to do so between February and May.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

All 6th-8th graders are welcome to joins us Wednesday evenings, 6-7:30 pm for small group discussions, faith development, fellowship and service. Eighth graders are invited to make their confirmation on May 19, 2019. No need to be a member of PRCC; friends are welcome.

Please contact Teri or Shelley with questions or a registration form sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Sunday Night Youth Group is a spiritual gathering for middle school and high school students. It's a time and place where teens can come together to play games, socialize, discuss, reflect, and share their faith and connection with Christ. We will meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and wrap-up the evening at 7:30 pm. Sunday Night Youth Group will meet the first Sunday of every month from November until May.

YOUTH SAVE THE DATES

- Youth Lock-In - Saturday, January 19th to Sunday, January 20th (Please see the January CC News for details!)
- Please email Kate & Darcy at youth@parkridgecommunitychurch.org with any questions.



OTHER INFORMATION

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

If you haven't, please take a moment to visit our Facebook page to "like", share, and comment. We are posting pictures, videos, and upcoming events, and this is an excellent way for you to engage with our church. In addition to your own connection, when you share PRCC posts, invitations, and events, your friends and family may find an entry point to become a part of our church! Help spread the good news of all that God is doing here!

COFFEE HOUR

We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Coffee hour is one of our most important fellowship opportunities, and we keep it going with all of our wonderful hosts. Haven't done it before? We'll make sure you're ready to go! If you'd like to sign up please contact Lauren Kleingers at lauren.kleingers@gmail.com Thank you!!

MORNING MEDITATION

Join us Friday mornings for a free meditation gathering in the Sunday School Wing from 8 – 8:30 am. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes early to settle in so we can begin promptly at 8. There will be a few minutes of guided centering and the remainder of the meditation will be silent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBER INFO SESSION

TOMORROW at 7 pm!

Join Pastor Carol and some of our key leaders from PRCC as we unpack PRCC's doctrine, history, structure, and membership commitments. If you have recently started attending or have been coming for a while, please join us. Attendance at this event doesn't obligate you to become a member, but you will be able to learn more and choose if this is the right place for you to live out your faith. Some people ask - "Why should I become a member when I can attend and participate without membership?" One response is this: Becoming a member is officially saying to God and to the church - I am in. I commit to being present, praying, giving my time and talent, and I will financially support what God is doing here. AND - the church congregation conversely commits to you that we will be present, pray for you, and walk the journey of faith with you. It's a two-way commitment in front of God and everyone, and that's pretty special - for all of us! Stay tuned for New Member Sunday, when we will receive our new members!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting January 9th!

You're invited to join Pastor Carol on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Library for a study on wholeness, which will include the enneagram, spiritual practices, relationship enrichment, and more!

PASTOR CAROL'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

We will celebrate Pastor Carol's Service of Installation on **January 13th at 4:00 pm** with a dinner to follow. This brief service and dinner will celebrate and pray God's blessing on our journey in faith with Pastor Carol. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP with the office or through the eVite link on the Friday eBlast.

MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

January 30, February 6 and February 13 at 7:30 pm join our Stephen Ministry team as we learn from NAMI and others through a mental health series!

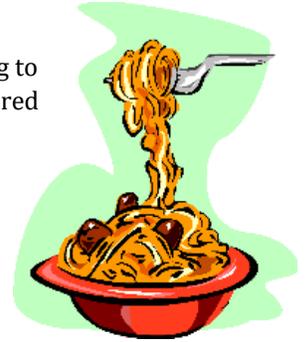
ACOLYTE TRAINING

Starting in February, our Worship Services will begin with acolytes bringing in the light of Christ. Children 3rd grade and older are invited to act as acolytes, lighting the candles at the beginning of 10 am worship. Families will be invited to an information/training session on Sunday, January 20th.

PASTA DIVINE DINNER AND AUCTION – February 9th

Please plan to join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship for the entire family as we continue one of PRCC's most enjoyed fundraising traditions. Tickets will go on sale in January.

We are currently in the process of collecting items for the auction. Please contact us if you are willing to donate an item or experience to make the auction successful. Proceeds from Pasta Divine will be shared with Avenues to Independence. Dave Kapolnek 847.529.6845 or Dan Smith 847.707.4345



Events and Activities

January & February

Youth Ski Day	Jan. 3	8:30 AM
New Member Information Session	Jan. 7	7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Jan. 9	7:30 PM
Installation Service for Pastor Carol	Jan. 13	4:00 PM
Youth Lock-in	Jan. 19-20	6:00 PM
Acolyte Training	Jan. 20	11:30 AM
Pasta Divine	Feb. 9	5:30 PM

Nursery care is available each Sunday for infants through 5 years

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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	10:00a Women's AA		8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship		10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Women's AA				10:00a Worship
11:30a Worship Support	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Kindred Spirits	6:00p Confirmation Class	8:00p Chancel Choir			11:30a Worship Support
6:00p Youth Group		6:30p Jazz Band Practice	7:00p Fly Fishing				1:00p Circle 2
8:00p Men's Basketball	7:00p Yoga	7:30p Membership	7:30p Bible Study	8:00p Men's Basketball	4:00p Service of Installation		
	7:00p New Member info Session		7:30p Stephen Ministry			8:00p Men's Basketball	
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