



JANUARY 2, 2022
10:00 AM
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME!

We welcome you to worship today. Park Ridge Community Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. We commit to the ongoing work of being a church journeying together to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's love and to fulfill our responsibility to embody the Christ Spirit in the world. No matter who you are or where you are on this journey, you are welcome and loved.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I hear the Prophet calling, "Arise, shine for your light has come!"
I'm ready for that bright light from God to light my way.

**We see that light in Jesus, God-with-Us,
and we recognize that light in our lives, too:**

We are all created in God's image:
God's light was born in us as we breathed our first breath.

**We come to worship to connect God's light in us
to God's light in Christ,
and so illumine the world.**

What a reason to worship!
How do we recognize that light?

**In compassion for all,
in justice for the poor,
in welcome for the stranger
we shine God's light into the world.**

So come, let us bring the joys and hardships of life to worship
and celebrate that God's light is already with us and within us.

*HYMN

We Three Kings

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*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. As that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as your Word is made known to all the world.

**Guide us again to Christ,
Direct us in new paths of faithfulness.
Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

What Star is This?

PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Star of Wonder

Pastor Mollie Foster

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer you. May these gifts shine your glory, reflecting your goodness and grace, to all people and in all places, today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is shining upon you!

And God's light streams upon you!

Open your hearts.

We open them to the brilliance of God.

Let us give thanks for the light and love of God.

We praise our Creator with joy and thanksgiving.

**...Holy Lord, God of endless love,
Heaven and Earth are surely full of your glory.
The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.
Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.
Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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**

Arise Your Light is Come!

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BENEDICTION

** 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 2, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Services
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Services
Dave Swanson, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians

Ushers: Barb Madro, Marty McHugh, Chris Browning, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Jim Sindt, Brandon Steele, Dave Figgins, and Joe Figgins

Credits: Scripture is read from the New Revised Standard Version.

Call to Worship, written by *God's Light Within Us: Prayers for the Festival of Epiphany* was written by the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, pastor of Plymouth United Church, UCC

Pastoral Prayer adapted and written by Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies website.

The Great Thanksgiving adapted from Rev. Elsa Peters, the United Churches of Olympia, WA.

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, 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, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM DECEMBER 26th:

- Birthdays this week include Susie H. and Noah L. both with birthdays on 12/29 and Bud and Barrie S. celebrate birthdays on New Year's Day, 1/1.
- Jaclyn & Todd Weir's wedding anniversary was 12/26 and Dave & Liz Swanson's celebrated their wedding anniversary on 12/27.
- Pastor Carol celebrates that her mom is home from the hospital and continues to build her strength and recover from pneumonia and lung infections.

Prayer Requests received after printing will be included in the January 9th bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAZZ IN JANUARY

We're Back! Join us January 21st and 22nd for this wonderful night of music and fellowship. This year we will focus more on fun than fundraising so this will be a more toned-down event with Covid precautions in mind. Please note that this year we will be offering balcony seating as a mandatory mask area with no food or beverages and limiting the main floor seating to 100 tickets. If you would like to join us, tickets will be on sale after Church and in the Church Office!

VOLUNTEER!

SIMPLE SUPPER

If you would like to volunteer to provide the meal for our Thursday Simple Supper, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-simple>

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

ADULT ED: Tuesday Daytime Bible Study: Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World - Resumes in January

All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed. We will finish up our studies from the Old Testament on January 11. Beginning on January 18, we will begin our exploration of Luke and Acts, both of these Biblical books being written by the same author! Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie and others lead this study. All are welcome to participate as we read and consider the scriptures together and discuss how these ancient texts apply to our lives today!

ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm - Grace Not Perfection: embracing SIMPLICITY, celebrating JOY

Join Jackie Tilles and Katie Reboletti in the Church library as we consider this study written by Emily Ley. We will consider when we've been confronted with our own limitations: we cannot do it all! When we hold ourselves to a standard of perfection, God invites us to let go of that unrealistic standard and instead step into grace. In this four week video-based study, author Emily Ley will share ways she has embraced a simpler life, making space to breathe, laugh and grow! This is a great way to start a new year! Come and join us for this new study that will correlate with the sermon series!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children's Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you would like to register for the coming Sunday School year, you may do so through the Church Office, by contacting Shelley O'Brien, or on our website - <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/christian-education>.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY!

We are currently looking for volunteers to be on call to work the Nursery during Sunday Worship. This would be strictly as needed, if a family came in needing nursery care, the Ushers would let you know. If you are interested in signing up, please do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-nursery>
Thank you in advance for helping us to accommodate all families.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet on Jan 2nd, they will gather again on Jan 9th for an Exodus Refugee Simulation.



**FRI/SAT
JAN 21/22
7-10 pm
\$75 VIP*
\$40 General
\$30 Balcony**

***VIP ticket includes beverages, food, preferred seating and table service**

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in January

COVID Safety protocols will be observed including masks, social distance, and limited ticket sales

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