

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds:*



*September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*8:30 and 10:00 am Service*

*Online and In Person*

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS: RALLYING COMMUNITY  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

RALLY DAY

## WELCOME!

*We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

For if they fall, one will lift up the other.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?

A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Jesus gathered a band of followers: some fishermen,  
some tax collectors, some beggars...and He created community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

God gathers us together: diverse people of all sorts...and God creates community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

### BLESSING THE NEW YEAR OF MINISTRIES

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Community-Building God,

We confess that even as you name us a family,  
we still fall into familiar patterns:

**competition, jealousy, judgment, and resentment.**

You open wide your arms of welcome,

**but we prefer for you focus on just us.**

You remind us that all people are valued and loved,

**but we put up walls and obstacles to keep "others" out.**

**Forgive us.**

Shape us into true community.

Teach us to recognize one another as beloved.

Remind us that there is enough of your abundant love to go around.

**Open our hearts to those who feel excluded.**

**Give us the courage to be agents of your justice  
and reconciling love, today and forevermore.**

*A time of silent prayer*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are growing as saints and members of the household of God! God is bringing us together, healing us,  
forgiving us, and shaping us into a dwelling-place suitable for God's very self.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:17-22

## BIBLE PRESENTATION

...We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you as you read its stories and learn about God. May God bless you as you use this Bible in your home, Sunday school, and worship. We will continue to learn and grow together with you in our love for God's Word.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

## PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 12:46-50  
This is the Word of God.  
Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Welcome to the Family!

Rev. Carol Hill

## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

**We choose once more to be faithful members of this community. We promise to love and serve one another. We promise to live into these vows as we love and serve God in this place. We pray for our Church, we pray for one another, and we will faithfully seek to live into these promises each and every day, through the grace of God. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

## TIME OF REFLECTION

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of All, thank you for your community building work! Thank you for bringing us together to learn, grow, serve, and play together. We long to be faithful. We long to know you more. Bless us, bless our gifts, and bless our community. May we become the family reflecting your love for all the world. Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

*\*DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND AND SING ALOUD AS YOU ARE CALLED TO.*

### LEADING US IN WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Thank you to our Ushers: Cindy Klimmeck, Paula Mack, Jan Steiner, Mike Artrip, and Sharon Kemerer

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY RALLY DAY WEEKEND!

- Sunday, Sept. 13 - Kindred Connections Launch!
  - Worship with Backpack Blessing!
  - Bible Studies begin this week!
  - Children Sunday school Kicks Off!
  - Youth Parent Overview Meeting.
  - Bring a canned good to church!
  - Hot dog grilling competition - send in your pics of your Deacon Dogs from home!

## SEPTEMBER GARDEN SERVICES

We will be offering two outdoor services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am with livestreaming available. If you would like to join us in person, please visit the Sunday Worship page on our website to sign up.

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-worship>

## YOUTH GROUP

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Ministries Parent Meeting at 2 pm via Zoom  
- Youth Tie-Dye Party and movie at 7 pm

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Class begins

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Sunday School Begins  
- All Youth Bike Ride at 11:30 am

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Set Up at 9 am

## DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. It will include current literature, articles, and chapters of books that are informing the sermon preparation, and will include online videos featuring our very own ministers! Pastors Carol and Mollie will record a brief 10-12 minute video each week, utilizing bible commentaries and feature additional scripture passages for your own study and questions to consider. There will be a Study Guide available online OR printed out for you (upon request). Here are a few ways you can use these materials:

## NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Outreach Team is now collecting donations of school supplies, backpacks, and personal hygiene products. Donation bins will be available in the Park Place Room on Sunday mornings and during Medical Lending hours on Mon/Wed/Fri. Please see the upcoming September newsletter for all of the details!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM VIDEO SERIES

The Social Justice Team, in coordination with the Faith Development Team, is sponsoring a series of conversations around documentaries and movies dealing with social justice issues. The first conversation will be held via Zoom TONIGHT, from 7:00 to approximately 8:15 – or however long you can attend. It will be based on the Ava DuVernay documentary “13th,” which addresses the devastating impacts of the language of the 13th Amendment on the black community at the time, and persisting today in mass incarcerations and criminalization. This video is available on YouTube and other media outlets for free. A study guide will be available soon on the PRCC Google drive.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Join Pastor Carol as we begin a 30-week journey through the scriptures using the Disciple Bible Study series. This series will begin on September 16 and conclude in the middle of May, covering Genesis through Revelation. We will meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Each participant should have a Study Manual. They are \$33 from the Church office, or you may order your own online here

(<https://www.amazon.com/DISCIPLE-Manual-Becoming-Disciples-through-ebook/dp/B004GKMMNS>). This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need

for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class

anyway! \*\*There are no assignments to complete prior to our first meeting.\*\*

## KINDRED CONNECTIONS

If you would still like to be included in our new Kindred Connections Groups, please reach out to the Church Office to be added!

**DISCIPLE**

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

## SENIOR PALS

A new initiative to pair individuals in our congregation with a "Senior Pal" is beginning. Not only is this a way to ensure that regular contact with our seniors is maintained, but it is also a way to build a connection between people of different ages. Senior Pals connects people for a regular but safe social interaction and are being formed now. Senior Pals reach out to each other by phone, email, sending a note, marking special occasions or doing whatever works for the two of you. Senior Pals is an opportunity to build a relationship with someone to share and celebrate the wisdom of different generations. Being connected and engaged with each other is one of the many ways we share Christ's love. Consider sharing Christ's love as a Senior Pal.

If you would like to connect regularly with someone, please, call or email the church office or follow the link in CC News. If you need more information about this please connect with Kimberly Walters, Mike Proue or Liz Swanson.

# Niles/Park Ridge Crop Hunger Walk Fundraising Event



## THE HARP & FIDDLE

**110 Main St., Park Ridge, IL**

**Tuesday, September 15th, 11:00 – 9pm**

- Dine-in or Carry-out
- Make sure you mention Crop Walk when you order!
- Our walk will receive 15% of receipts!

## CROP WALK 2020

This year the Crop Walk will be held virtually on October 18<sup>th</sup> but we will still host fundraising events around town and would still greatly appreciate your support in our team page - <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/134903/Park-Ridge-Community-Church>. All of our fundraisers include dine in or carryout and will not require you to bring fliers.

Funraisers:

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Harp & Fiddle (11 am to 9 pm)

September 24<sup>th</sup> – City BBQ (all day!)

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Graziano's (noon to 8 pm)

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Chipolte (4 pm to 8 pm)

## PUMPKIN PATCH IMPORTANT DATES

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Patch Set-Up at 9 am

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Umlod Pumpkins at 9 am

Visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/pumpkin-patch> to sign up to volunteer!

## 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, Erika Cornelisen, 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, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>:

- Happy Birthday this past week to Andrea, Julie, Ryan, and Neal.
- Happy birthday to Kyrie, Kathy, Sue, Jackson, and Emily!
- We were able to sponsor a meal for a church on the Southside of Chicago as they grilled out; they sent joyous thanks back to PRCC.
- We celebrate and pray for our members who are making transitions - the Davis family moving from Park Ridge to their home in Wisconsin; the Zuegels selling their home and moving to Lake Forest.
- Prayers with Pastor Mollie, who is attending a glamping wedding in Montana, but had to be evacuated because of a wildfire.
- Bill is in rehab, striving to gain strength and heal from brain bleed. Hopes to be released this week and begin outpatient therapy.
- Lorenzo asked us to keep his mother, Constance, in our prayers as she is in the hospital being treated for pneumonia and an obstruction.
- Prayers for Wellington who recently returned home from a hospital stay with Covid.
- Longtime member, Tina, entered Life in the Resurrection on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Evan, Grace and Tom's 28-year-old son's biopsy results revealed that he has T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia, an aggressive form of blood cancer. Prayers for Evan, for his treatment, and his family as they walk this road with him.
- Happy 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary to Bill and Tricia Williams!
- Prayers for Patti, friend of Judy, who recently had neck surgery.



# Cans of Care

## Wednesdays

1. Buy/Collect items to donate to Food Pantry
2. Locate closest PRCC Cans of Care Collection Point
3. Drop Items into Collection Bin

(Contact Church Office to arrange pick-up, if needed)

# RALLY SUNDAY

## Bike Parade & Hot Dog Challenge

Decorate your bikes before church and meet at the parking lot by 9:35. We'll do a quick parade around church before the 10 a.m service.

After church, head home to start the hot dog challenge. Submit your pictures to Sarah Young @ [saridyong@gmail.com](mailto:saridyong@gmail.com) and they will be judged on presentation and most creative toppings!

SUNDAY  
SEPT 13th

STARTS  
at 9:35 a.m. at  
the parking lot

JUDGING  
Winners will be  
announced the  
following week!

We can't wait to see you all there!