

FIRST(PARK)CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

November 2, 2025 - All Saints Sunday and Communion



Welcome to First (Park) Congregational Church!

We pray this worship service will be a blessing to you. While at Park Church if you need directions to the rest rooms, classrooms, fellowship spaces, or you need any help at all, please speak to a greeter or usher and we will do our best to assist you. The Sanctuary and Merriam Hall are equipped with the Loop System and other hearing-assist devices are available from an usher. The wifi password is parkchurchguest.

Our Congregational Commitments:

Vision Statement

...to build a community of relentless compassion and courageous hope, where all are seen and known, and the God of extravagant Love is revealed.

Inclusion Statement

As Jesus demonstrated by his life and teachings, we fully welcome into the life of Park Church and value all people regardless of beliefs or doubts, age, race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical, intellectual or emotional ability, or economic status. Park Church is a place where all are welcome and equal. We value and celebrate the rich diversity of all God's creation. *(adopted 2015, updated 2020 and 2025)*

Safe Church Statement

Park Church is a designated Safe Church of the United Church of Christ. Park Church is committed to create a safe environment for all members, attendees, and visitors, especially children and youth, and to address any concerns about abuse, harassment or misconduct.

Accessible to All (A2A) Statement

Park Church welcomes people of all abilities and disabilities into the full life of the congregation. Called to participate in Christ's ministry, we pledge to continue expanding our views and attitudes as we evolve to meet the needs of our church and community.

In this way, Park Church is fully committed to being *Accessible to All*. *(adopted 2025)*

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Order of Worship for November 2, 2025
Gathering and Centering 10:20am
Announcements and Sanctuary Worship 10:30am
The + symbol indicates standing in body or in spirit.
Words in **bold type** are spoken or sung in unison.

Gathering Music

Phyllis Ann Miner, harp
Steven B. Smith, organ

Softly and Tenderly
Arr. Louise Trotter

Ashokan Farewell
Jay Ungar

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Arr. Daniel Burton

Pavane
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Deep River
Arr. Daniel Burton

Welcome

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Invitation to Worship

Reading Responsively
Laura Tay, liturgist

One: We come to this time of worship to remember, O God...

All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The tender touch of loved ones,
The example of heroes,
The healing words of comforters,
The remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers
The kindness of strangers,
The joy of children and the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God...

All: The supreme love of Jesus,
The blessing of his Spirit,
The reminder of his words,
Shown forth in the lives of his followers,
Dead and living,
Articulate and familiar,
Brilliant and ordinary.

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us divine grace and love.

All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we will worship with joy!

Ringling of the Chimes

The Chimes give us an opportunity to center ourselves as we prepare our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to receive the message God has for us.

Prelude

Steven B. Smith, organ
String Quartet-in-Residence
Sicut Cervus
G.P. da Palestrina
Arr. Stephen DeCesare

“Sicut cervus” is a Latin phrase that translates to “As the deer” in English. It is the beginning of a well-known motet by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, which expresses a longing for God as the deer longs for water, drawing from Psalm 42:1.

+ Prayer of Invocation

Reading in Unison
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle, liturgist

Creator, Word, Spirit,
Grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation
So that we may come to know you and the inheritance we have:
Redemption and re-creation as God’s own people.
With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
May we know the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints,
In whose joyful company we hope one day to take our place.
Amen.



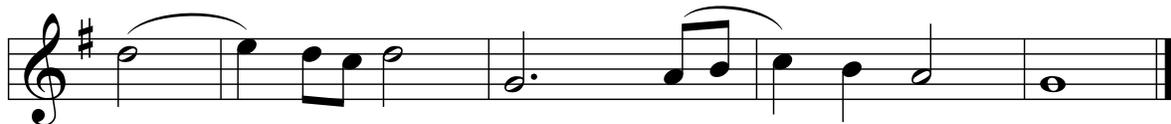
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Moment for the Young and Young-at-Heart

Stewardship Moment: *Where the God of Extravagant Love is Revealed.*

Rachel Mills

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-21
Laura Tay, liturgist

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation

as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

One: The Word of God for the People of God...

All: Thanks be to God.

All Saints Liturgy

Pastor Darryl

Readers: Karen Kelly, Tom Zvirgzds

Acolytes: Emma Bradley, Teddy Cottrell-Gammage

Words of Introduction

Remembering the Saints of Park Church

String Quartet-in-Residence

O, the Deep, Deep Love

Arr. Daniel DiMarino

Kenneth Larsen

Dr. John Duiven

Rev. Sara Fetty

Jim Casey

Mike VanDuinen

Mary Forslund

Margaret Bilsky

Lorraine "Re" Boer

Dr. Judith Meyer

Nancy Kuyers

Remembering the Saints of our family and friends

Phyllis Ann Miner, harp

Arioso

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Arr. Rhett Barnwell

Remembering the Saints of our faith

Steven B. Smith, organ

Shall We Gather at the River

Michael Burkhardt

Jane White
Thomas Stone
Caryn Stone
Susan Stone
David Haebich
Alyce and Roland Robey
Josephine and Lloyd Hulst
Cliff Hulst
Margaret Bilsky
Wendy Davison
Mark Davison
Mary and Edward Davison
Jack Damstra
Lorayne Damstra
Lorraine and Gordon Bisbee
Ilah and Harvey Bisbee
Florence Bisbee
Jeanette and Chester VerMeulen
Florence and Peter VerMeulen
Sue Streeter
Rich Streeter
Chris Streeter
Jim Olsen
James Olsen
Elaine and Walter Henry
Scott Hutchings
Carma Yell
Ken and Jackie Johnson
Kip Davis
Gary Davis Sr.
Anna Davis
Diane Davis
Brett Nowack
Robert B. Marshall
Tom Wilson
Laura Sakoski
John Duiven
Frank Duiven
Dick VanGemert
Evert Boersma

Les Beimers
Dianne Wisse Greenfield
Don Wisse
Eric Thorsen
Ginny LeDain Wagner
Dr. David Hager
Mary Louise and Alan Weston
Betty and Bill Beaver
Iris and Paul Persenaire
Marilyn and Don Wolffis
Brenda Schafer
Tom Hammontree
Max Beardslee
Joan S. Schoettley
Donald Jay DeYoung
Rev. Ken Whitwer
Shirley Myers
Hoke Johnson Jr.
Dennis Eckert
Joseph Pokorney
Lillian Pokorney
Bonnie Steid
Leonard Hofman
Harriet Elaine Hofman
Maxine Leensvaart
Hendrik Kuperus
Janet Knol
Jacob Knol
Marge and John Peterson
Betty and Jim Wildey
Terry Emery
Janell Sandstedt Peterson
Elaine and Frank Shaw
Heidi Prior
Bill Clifford
Joan Fitzhugh
Goldie Fitzhugh
Orlo Fitzhugh
Marie Arndt
Emanuel Arndt

Charles Arndt
Delores and Burt Symon
Beverly Bradley
Paul Hayden
Roger Kistler
Elizabeth Kistler
Troy Quinn
Franklynn Karl Duiven
Jackie Schaefer
Raymond Schaefer
Allen Schaefer
Susan Schaefer
Laura Schaefer-Woolard
Gary Hedburg
Kathlyn LaCosse
Ailey Mackey
Matt Mackey
Kurt Ackley
Bud Miner
Betty Miner
Edna V. Simon
Rev. Andrew Jackson
Marjorie and Bud Healy
Helen Stroh
Willis G. Coburn Sr.
Joseph Tuszynski
Ronald Timmer
Benjamin and Ruth McCoy
Natalie Jeanne Barthel
Christine Ann Hess
Daniel Hess
Edith Cantrell Barthel
Helen and Tom Bisbee
Rev. Dr. William Allinder
Gordy Johnson
John Kenworthy
Evelyn Ford Connors
Lauren Connors Boyle
Ray King
Bradley King

Fred Molling	Frances Streeter	Mae and Gordon Fetty
Evelyn and Al Hanko	Carroll Streeter	Irene and Melvin Lagervall
Pat and Jim Bouwhuis	Hazel Jaquith	Jackie and Ken Johnson
Martha Fields	Betty Wieland	Mary Ellen Vega
Marilyn Lewandoski	Sy Wieland	Theodore James "TJ" Uffelmann
Concetta Signorelli-Messing	Rachel Jaquith	Janet Lee Potter
Carol Ann Simington	Bill Jaquith	Eugenia Harrington
Patricia Lynn Messing	Donna Berkompas	Evelyn and George Pallo
Stephen Francis Messing	Louis M. Goudzwaard	George Pallo
Ruth Fuller	Dorothy A. Goudzwaard	Kathy VandenBosch
Lisa Baker	Cynthia L. Goudzwaard	Nancy Kuyers
Dorothy and Arthur Raymond	Laurel W. Grubb	David Bruinsma
Betty and Roy Scherpenisse	Linda O'Meara	Ruth Bluschke
Margaret and Joseph Gray	Rev. Sara Fetty	Dale Wood
Peter, Louise, Joseph & Gardner Gray	Jane Fetty	Pat and Dave Henry
Barbara Todd	Stanley Melton	Sue White
Edward Todd	Eva and Clifford Fetty	Dr. Greg Trowbridge

Meditation

Eric Boylan, tenor
 Mark Jackson, baritone
 Jason Coffey, bass
Journey On
 Derrick Fox

*Journey on, my friend. We will surely meet again.
 And as time moves on, keeps rolling along,
 We will write our own stories.
 We will journey on.*

*Beauty lives in you, brings joy in all you do.
 Take time to see the joy, the peace,
 Be the light our world needs.*

*We will rise, we will soar.
 We'll see all the places we've dreamed of before.
 We'll be free as the breeze, we'll write our own stories.
 We will journey on.*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Phyllis Ann Miner, harp
It Is Well with my Soul
Arr. Frank Volz

Steven B. Smith, organ
Aria on "Sine Nomine"
David Cherwien

Prayer after Communion/Our Savior's Prayer

concluding, the congregation prays in unison (continued...)

...Our Father/Mother/God, 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.

Response

The Chancel Choir
Give Thanks for Saints of Ages Past
Tune: REPTON

*Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.*

Invitation to Generosity and Stewardship

Offertory Music

The Chancel Choir
Fly Away
Jonathan Reid

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore.
Fly away, I'll fly away. By and by I'll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy will never end.
I'll fly away. By and by I'll fly away.*

(over...)

*When the shadows of this life have grown,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away in the morning
By and by, I'll fly away.*

When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

+ Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.*

+ Prayer of Dedication

Reading in Unison

God of all generations, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that we will be bold in our service and extravagant with our love. May we who have been given so much in turn give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand with the cloud of witnesses who have completed the race and won their reward. Amen.

(based on Revelation 7)

+ Hymn - No. 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Tune: MARION

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ging praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a treble clef for the upper voice and a bass clef for the lower voice. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the lines of text.

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

+ Common Commission

Reading in Unison

Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage; holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil; strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted; honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

Steven B. Smith, organ
Acclamation
 Christopher Tambling

Park Church String Quartet in Residence:
 Christopher Martin, violin
 Clara Schubilske, violin
 Leslie van Becker, viola
 Alicia Eppinga, cello

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We'd like to know that you were here, answer any questions you have, and support you in prayer. Please fill out the information card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Following Worship

Coffee Fellowship in Allinder Commons

Serving With You Today

Greeters: Marcia Streeter, Bill Streeter, Kathy Olsen, Gary Olsen

Ushers: Paul Davison, Colleen Czarnecki, Amy Rains, Ellie Pettee, Richard Rowe, Doug Rubingh

Audio/Video: Sam Begay-Johnson, Kevin Arnett, Andrew DeBoer

Flower Care: Kathy Miller

Communion Servers: Pastor Darryl, Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle, Heather Peterson, Chris Krive, Annie Lewandoski, Sally Lundquist, Luis Torres

Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Hodde is hospitalized at DeVos Children's Hospital awaiting surgery. Jonathan, his parents Shelley & Darin and his grandparents Bruce & Doris appreciate your support and prayers. Send your encouragement to him at 3027 Perry Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

Nancy Kuyers has passed away at the age of 93 on October 16. We will celebrate Nancy's life on Thursday, November 13 at 2:00pm in Thompson Chapel. A cookie reception will follow. Condolences may be sent to Nancy's brother, William Roth 3600 Fulton St. East, Apt. BC222, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Ben Lundquist is recovering at home from a procedure. Send your encouragement and get well wishes to him at 3875 Riverbend Dr. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49543.

Keep Trudy Zvirgdzs in your prayers as she recovers from a fractured leg. Send your cheerful greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery to her at 6883 Longtail Dr. Hudsonville. MI 49426.

Please pray for those navigating illness/treatment including: Ron Bickel, Marcia Bishop, Doug Gammage, Ruth McCarty, and Tom VandenBosch

Military Personnel: Jesse Campbell, Devon Goetz, Andy MacGregor, and Matthew Quick.

Pastoral care is always available. Contact Pastor Darryl at dkistler@parkchurchgr.org.

Stewardship 2026

Ongoing through November 9

The stewardship campaign for 2026 is underway. Pledge materials will be included in upcoming Congregationalist and have been mailed to your homes. You can access a digital pledge card by scanning this QR code.



Prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the work of Park Church financially in the coming year. November 9 is Stewardship Sunday. That's when we will ask you for an estimate of giving which will help us craft a responsible budget for 2026. Please note: The mission budget is dependent on your response as is it 12% of pledges received.

Count Day 2026 was a smashing success!

Some of you attended in person, some of you watched online or accessed the video after the service, some of you couldn't make it but let us know that you were joining us in spirit. In all you added up to 561 which adds up to \$561.00 for AYA! We are thrilled to report that an anonymous donor has requested the opportunity to match these dollars so we will be able give AYA \$1122.00. The need is critical so we thank you very much for your support!

Park Throughout the Holidays Dinner

Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM in Merriam Hall.

Come celebrate 190 years of Christmas at Park Church at a church-wide holiday dinner on Friday, December 5. You will enjoy fellowship with your Park Church friends over a delicious gourmet dinner, special entertainment, and presentations on the various ways Park Church has made Christmas a special time of year. You will also have the opportunity to support this year's Christmas Offering recipient.

The dinner is \$25.00 per person and reservations are due by December 2. The price covers the event related costs. Attendees are invited to bring a bottle of wine or beer for themselves to drink during dinner. (please consume alcohol responsibly). Reserve your place(s) by contacting Marty Butler by email at mbutler@parkchurchgr.org, or by phone at 616-459-3203. Payment for the dinner can be made by using the QR code below, by check (please put Holiday Dinner in the memo line) or by cash using an offering envelope. If this event is cost-prohibitive for you at the moment, please contact Pastor Darryl about sliding scale options.



Attendees are invited to bring a beloved Nativity set or Creche to display that evening in Merriam Hall during the dinner. Please circle the date and join us for this festive evening!

From The Park Church Women

Fall 2024 Thank Offering - ongoing through November

The Park Church Women invite all of the women of the church to participate in the annual Fall Thank Offering for Santa Claus Girls. Contributions in the amount of your choosing can be turned in at your Ten meetings or directly to the church office.

The Holidays Are Coming

The Park Church Women's Holiday Bazaar is November 23. If you have something you would like to contribute to the sale, Doris Robey would love to hear from you. (doris49509@yahoo.com). Handcrafted items like preserves, holiday decor, and treats are just some ideas...Your work can be included in the sale and the proceeds will benefit the many good causes of the Park Church Women.

Palmer School Night of Giving (NOG)

December 9 at 4:00pm

Night of Giving 2025 will be held on December 9, 2025 at 4pm. The event will be held in the school playground area, weather permitting or in the gym if necessary. As you may recall last year Palmer had a Snow Day on the Night of Giving. We are praying that is not the case this year. We will set up outside at 3:00, with a 4pm start. More information will be available closer to the event as to what time to arrive at church to transport to Palmer etc.. Please contact Sara Haines at 616.560.4756 if you are interested in volunteering on December 9, or can help organize & assemble items for the family bags prior to December 9. We will be working out of the Parlor. Feel free to stop in and say hello and see what NOG is all about.

Blessings, Sara Haines

NOG 2025 Wish List:

- Drivers to help transport NOG bags and other items to Palmer on December 9
- Girls & boys underwear all sizes
- Kids Waterproof winter Gloves & Mittens
- Personal Care Items; soap, shampoo, misc personal care items
- Unused new toys
- Perishable Fruits & Vegetables i.e. Potatoes, Apples, Oranges etc.
- Home Goods Style Large Shopping Bags - new
- Reusable Grocery Bags (Meijer or Aldi)
- Quart & Gallon zip lock bags

Introduction to the new downtown Community and Service Center

In a collaboration with Dégagé, Mel Trotter, and at least seven area churches (including Park Church) a weekday winter shelter is being established for Heartside neighbors. This community gathering space offers a warm and welcoming place to set down burdens, rest, and share a meal. With the support of non-profits like Dégagé and Mel Trotter, and assisted by professional staff, this space will also be a service center connecting clients with essential services like securing safe housing, medical referrals, employment, assistance with paperwork, and much more.

Along with financial support from the City of Grand Rapids, seven(+) churches are committed to this project, pledging financial resources, recruiting volunteers, and supplying in-kind necessities. The Park Church Board of Trustees has authorized a \$25,000 gift utilizing special funds as Park Church's initial financial support. Information on how you can volunteer and support the Service Center and Resource Center will be coming soon!

Currently being hosted by LaGrave Ave CRC in one of their spaces known as "The Vault", the service center will soon move into a longer term but temporary space at Westminster Presbyterian Church, operating from 8:00am – 3:00pm Monday – Friday, November 17, 2025 – March 31, 2026. Every effort is being made to expand to a year-round program in a permanent home supported by volunteers, donors, churches, businesses, and neighbors, with professional staffing and an independent board of directors. Park Church is pleased to be committed to this project at these early stages, and we look forward to being part of it for years to come.

Grand Rapids Community and Service Center Lunch and Learn

Sunday, November 16 after worship

On Sunday, November 16, following Sunday worship, learn about the exciting new collaborative ministry for our neighbors experiencing homelessness between Degage Ministries, Mel Trotter Ministries, and nine downtown churches (including Park Church). We will be joined by Thelma Ensink, Executive Director of Degage Ministries. Thelma will inform us on where we are in the creation of the Service Center and Resource Center and how Park Church can play a huge role. RSVPs are appreciated so we can have an accurate count for the lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, November 10 to Marty Butler at mbutler@parkchurchgr.org.



Click the QR code to sign up for Degage cooking and serving.

This Week at Park Church

- Tues. Nov. 4 at 12:15pm Music at Midday Robert Ragoonanan, organ
 at 6:30 Board of Deacons meeting
- Wed. Nov. 5 at 1:00pm Allinder Ten meeting
 at 7:00pm Bible Study Book of Luke in person or online
- Thurs. Nov. 6 at 8:30am Men's Discussion Group
 at 6:30pm Jubiloso! rehearsal
 at 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Sun. Nov. 9 at 10:30am Sanctuary Worship - Stewardship Sunday
 Coffee Fellowship before and after worship
 11:45 Knot Your Average Bow workshop

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