

An open Bible is the central focus, lying flat on a dark wooden surface. The pages are yellowed with age and contain dense, small text. In the background, a church interior is visible, featuring a large window with a grid pattern and a person standing in the distance. The lighting is warm and focused on the Bible.

**Jesus answered and said  
to him, Truly, truly, I say  
to you, Except a man be  
born again, he cannot see  
the kingdom of God.**

**—John 3:3**

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**PARK RIDGE**

Free Methodist Church

*"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"*

### **COVID guidelines for Park Ridge**

Governor Hochul's state-wide mask mandate will last at least until early February.

Our Conference Superintendent reminds us that the mandate is enforced through local health departments and can result in fines of up to \$1,000 per day. So remember, please keep your mask on at all times while in the church building, both as good citizens following the direction of the state and as good neighbors trying to protect others.

### **Welcome guests!**

We are so happy that you came to join us this morning. If you need any assistance during worship, please see an usher. Are you visiting for the first time? Please take a gift bag from the information table in the lobby.

### **Membership Class**

Have you been attending Park Ridge for a while? If so, Pastor Merry invites you to explore church membership on **Sunday, February 6th at noon** - free lunch included! Attending membership class does not automatically make you a member - it's just an invitation to come and explore who we are as a church and who the Free Methodists are as a denomination. Sign up on the Connection Card if you would like to attend.



### **Giving to Park Ridge Free Methodist Church**

- Checks or cash may be placed in the offering baskets as you leave
- Visit [www.parkridgefmc.org](http://www.parkridgefmc.org) and click on the give now link to give by credit card
- Use the bill pay option through your bank

***Today's Message: Being Reborn  
Scripture: John 3:1-6  
Pastor Merry Kendall  
January 9, 2022***

***Sermon Notes:***

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***Next Week: Jesus and the Woman (John 4)***

# *Opportunities and Events*

## **This Week ~ January 10-15**

Today:

- 8:30 am Book of John study group in the Fireplace Room
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Book of John study group in the Fireplace Room

Tuesday

- 9:00 am Book of John ZOOM discussion group

Wednesday:

- 6:45-8:00 pm Crossroads Youth-Grades 6-8  
Powerhouse Youth-Grades 9-12
- 6:45-8:00 pm Book of John discussion group in the Fireplace Room

Thursday:

- 6:00-8:00 pm TOPS

## **The Gospel of John**

Starting today and going through April, we will study parts of John's Gospel in worship services. Then, we will go in-depth - line-by-line - reading daily and/or discussing weekly. Sign up on the Connection Card to reserve your book and/or your spot in one of the discussion groups.

- Tuesdays 9:00 am w/Pastor Merry **via ZOOM**
- Wednesdays 6:45 pm w/Pastor Merry
- Sundays 8:30 am w/Pastor Lance
- Sundays 10:45 am w/Jason Strong

Books already reserved are in the lobby. Book offerings of \$12.50 can be made online or placed in the offering basket in the lobby each week. Please note on the envelope or check: **BOOK OFFERING.**



**Today's  
Ushers/Greeters**  
Todd Davis (U)  
Rick Stoffel (U)  
Kevin Wood (G)

**January 16  
Ushers/Greeters**  
Don Henry (U)  
Bert Buettner (U)  
Joyce Gallagher (G)