

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of an acoustic guitar. The guitar's body, with its natural wood grain, and its dark fretboard with metal frets are prominent on the right side. On the left side, the white and black keys of a piano are visible, also out of focus. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO *Amy Grant*

**The Gospel According to Amy Grant:
A View of Scripture
August 3, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

A View of Scripture
August 3, 2025

Sunday Service
8:30 am & 10:00 am

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 tell you the truth: you are looking for Me not because you saw miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

Do not work for food that spoils; I know someone who toils and toils.

Work for the food that endures to eternal life.

By faith believe in Me. By faith believe...

Then they asked Jesus what must we do- to do all that God requires.

Jesus answered: "the work of God is this.." To believe in the One He sent.

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for, certain of what we do not see,
And anyone is welcome to believe.**

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of angelic host and mortal beings, you know how often we try to hide when we're hurting. We are embarrassed by our failures and regrets. We lose the will to carry on and are overwhelmed by the griefs we bear. We forget that you are a God who walks this road with us. We forget that you've already sent your angels to surround us. We forget that your love will never leave us nor forsake us. Help us remember.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We believe that the love of God is deep as it is wide. Every nation, color and creed, like grace pouring out, far as the eyes can see, singing praises to a King with a love deep as it is wide.

What a gift to be so dearly loved! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

El Shaddai

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*Hebrew Translation: El Shaddai: God Almighty; El Elyon: The Most High God;
na Adonai: O Lord; Erkahmka: We will love you*

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Jesus Loves Me, v. 1

***PREACHING LESSON**

2 Timothy 3:10-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

The Word of God for the People of God

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY*Thy Word*

M.W. Smith & Amy Grant

***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****We believe in God and we all need Jesus cause life is hard and it might not get easier.****But don't be afraid to know who you are, and don't be afraid to show it. God will be****where we are. God never will learn us. We sing from our hearts the words that are true****so all in this place can know it: We believe in God and we all need Jesus. Amen.****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

We lift up our hearts and give thanks and praise to our God.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.****THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)*****Our Father, which 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*****RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** *Holy Communion will be received by intinction, coming forward, receiving a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. All are welcome to receive Communion, and if you prefer or need to be served in your seat, please raise a hand so our Deacons can come to you.***PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING*****HYMN***Lord, I want to Be a Christian*

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BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT***BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE***In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the ushers.*Leading Us in Worship August 03, 2025Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Susan Snowden, LectorMark Holihan, Guitarist
Sue Douglass, Organist
Adrian Hill, Worship Leader
Bob Mack, Bass
Tom Goodwin, Harmonica

Credits: Call to Worship adapted from Faith, written by Amy Grant and Brown Bannister, © 2013. Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance adapted by Deep as It is Wide, written by Eric Paslay, sung by Amy Grant © 2013. Prayer of Thanksgiving from We Believe in God, written by Amy Grant and Wes King © 1992.

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you are joining us in worship today. Please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

Please email office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org if you have any questions.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is available for children up to age 5 from 8:30 am -11:30 am. Our nursery is located right next to Jordan Hall in the basement.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available in narthex.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our August Ushers: Barbra Madro (CAPTAIN), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Dave Kapolnek,, Gretchen Kapolnek, Christopher Browning, Marty McHugh, Marylyn & Dick Collentine, and Mike Proue.

ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored this week to honor the Wedding Anniversary of Tim & Laura Lapp, and Marc & Kathy Erlandson. Altar flowers are \$60 to sponsor! You can sign up to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church. All-gender/family restrooms are located at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via Zelle (our Zelle email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org), or via our new online giving platform! You can text "GIVE" to (847)-908-9088 or scan the QR code to make a donation!



MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is held on the 1st Sunday of the month! Bring your non-perishable food items to be donated to those in need.

OUTREACH

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER - August 7

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so by signing up on [SignUp Genius](#), or by contacting Luan Zoellner.

LOVING LUNCHESES - August 3

PRCC is pleased to support our partner and local non-profit organization Loving Lunches. Monthly, PRCC assists Loving Lunches by preparing 160 lunches that will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Volunteers are needed monthly! Our next packing date is August 10th! We are also in need of food to pack lunches! Scan the code to see the items needed.



PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that we hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of the 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:

Laura Beaudion, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sam Orth, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM July 27:

- We join in celebrating with Jim and Judy Sindt this week as they mark their 60th wedding anniversary! Congratulations!
- We hold Eugene and the Jarvis-Gerritson family in prayer as they celebrate the life of Eugene's father out in California this week.
- We pray for the Williams family as Bill's cousin Bernadine entered life in the resurrection this week. Please keep her husband, daughters, mom and siblings and all extended family in your prayers as they grieve this great loss.
- We pray for the family and loved ones of Sandy Caley, best friend of Dan Smith's mother, who entered life in the resurrection last night.
- We pray for Jim M. to experience relief from ongoing knee and arm pain.

El Shaddai

Unison

Fm Bb Eb

El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, El El - yon na A-do-nai;

Cm Db G Cm G/D

age to age you're still the same by the pow-er of the name.

C/E Fm Bb Eb

El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, Er-kahm-ka na A-do-nai;

Cm Db Bb Bb7 Eb

we will praise and lift you high, El Shad -dai.



Sunday, September 7th

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year

One Service: 10:00 AM
with a special backpack blessing!

LUNCH & FUN
FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN

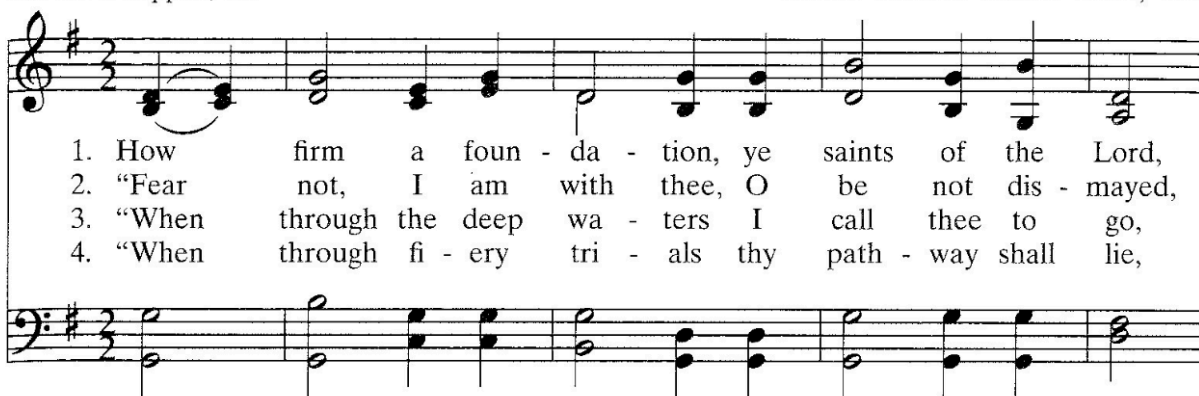
How Firm a Foundation

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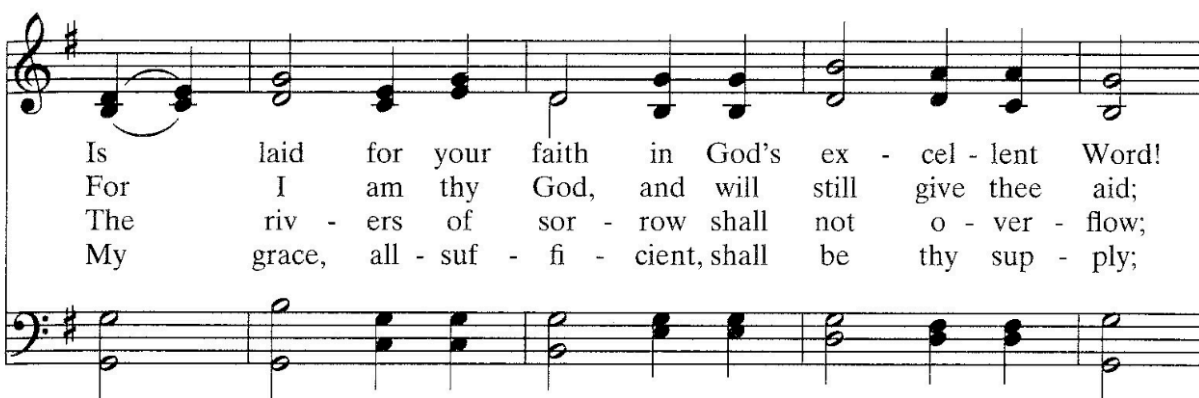
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Ed. John Rippon; alt.

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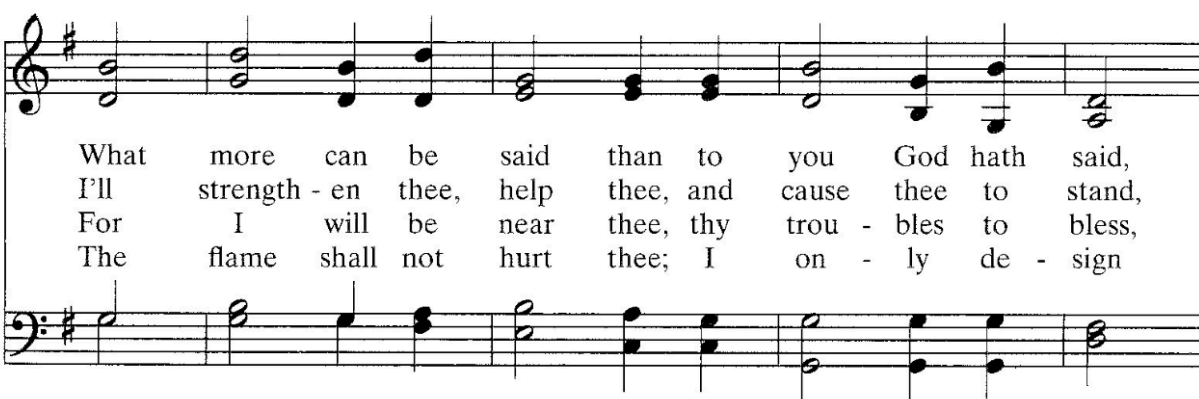
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Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832



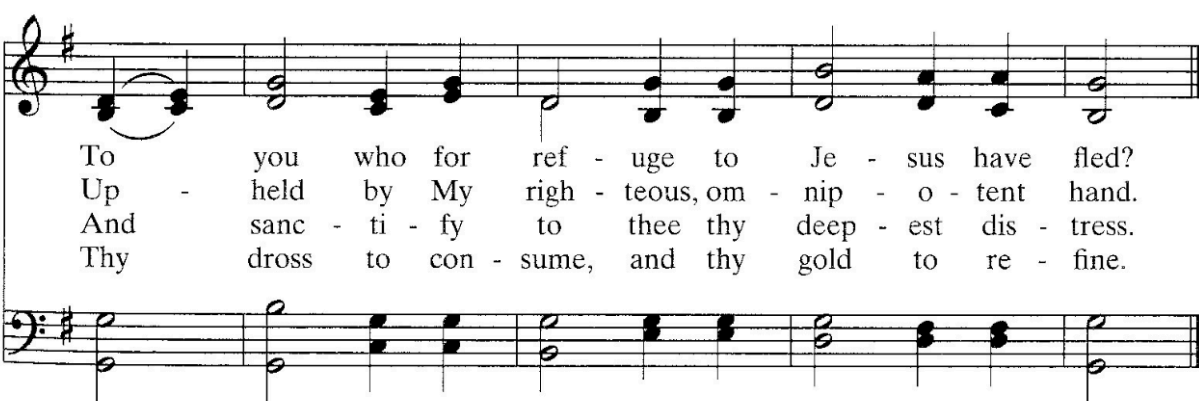
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

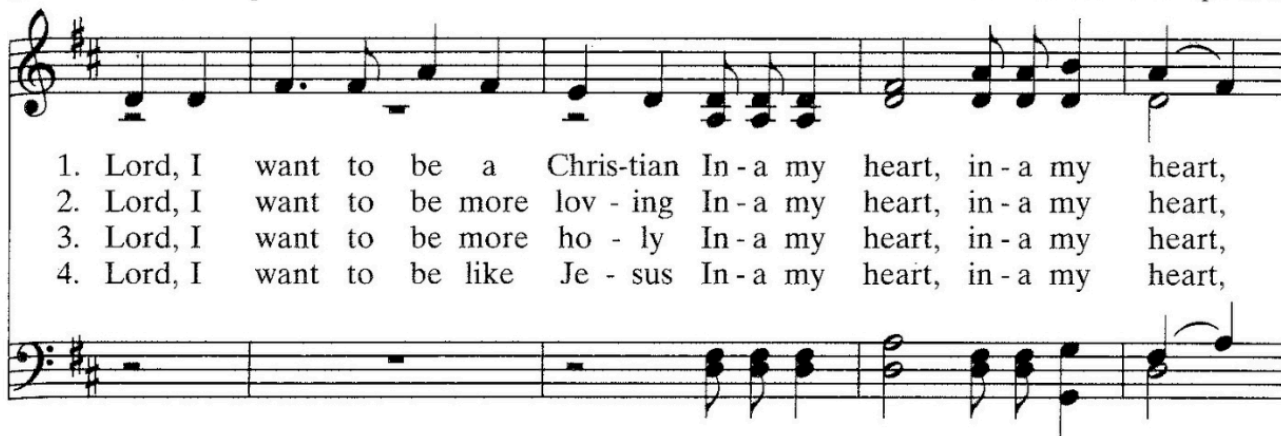
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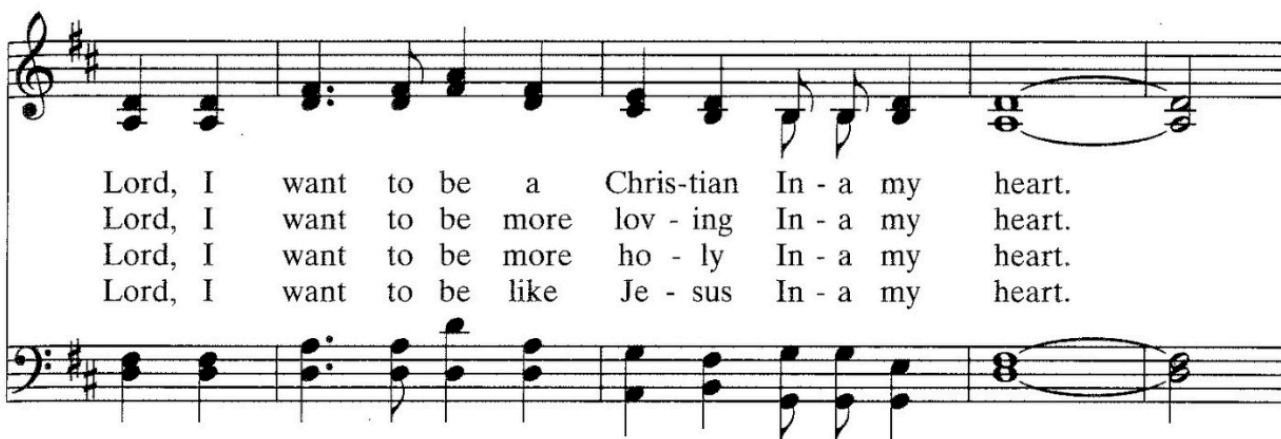
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Irregular

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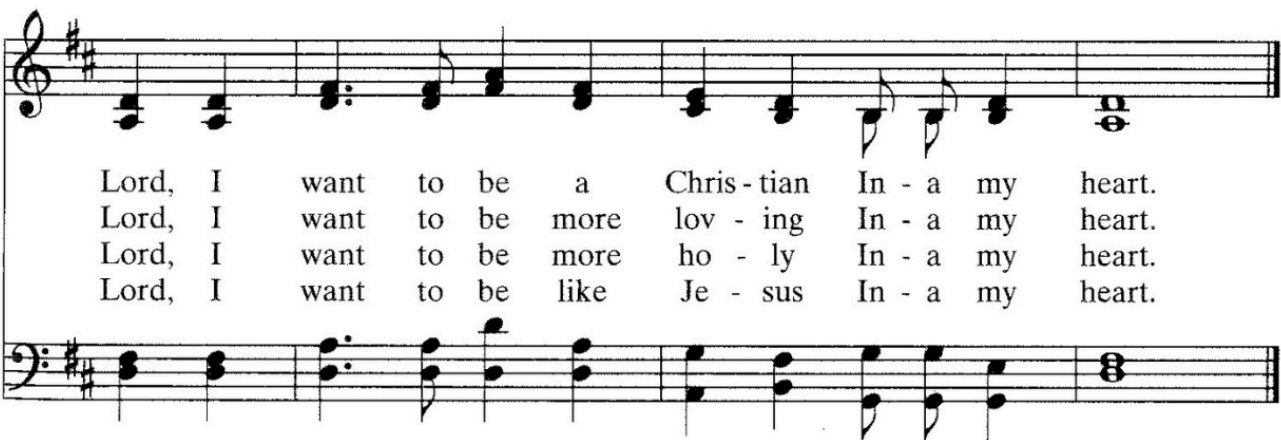
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In-a my heart, in-a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In-a my heart.



In-a my heart, In-a my heart, In-a my heart,
 In-a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In-a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In-a my heart.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 3

- 8:30 am - Garden Worship (Outdoor Lawn)
- 9:30 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm - PRCC Outing - Chicago Dogs Game (Impact Field)

MONDAY, August 4

- 9:30 am - Medical Lending Closet Opens
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, August 5

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 6:00 pm - Ministry Council (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Youth Committee (Library)

WEDNESDAY, August 6

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor Office)

THURSDAY, August 7

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 11:30 pm - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

08/04 Jay Crowley
08/06 Eddy Dase
08/08 Terry Krah
08/09 Denise Steele

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
JORDAN HALL 7-9PM
PRCC'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 INVITES YOU TO

September Swap-a-looza



ALL ARE WELCOME FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, BEVERAGES, DESSERT AND "SHOPPING."
A \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION WILL GO TOWARDS THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 FUND WHICH SUPPORTS OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY.

PLEASE BRING 3 HOME DECOR OR PERSONAL ACCESSORY ITEMS TO SWAP. EXAMPLES INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY LOVED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS READY FOR A NEW HOME, IE FRAMES, WREATHS, VASES, BOWLS, ETC. AS WELL AS HANDBAGS, JEWELRY, SCARVES, HATS. MAYBE YOU HAVE AN UNUSED GIFT CARD HIDING IN A DRAWER TO PASS ALONG. NO CLOTHING, PLEASE.
AND YOU'LL GO HOME WITH 3 "NEW TO YOU" ITEMS!!

QUESTIONS AND/OR RSVP TO JAMIE @ 847-344-1692 OR TRICIA @ 847-707-0713

PRCC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PK-5TH
GRADE KIDS

summer 2025 meeting dates



JUNE 16-19 VBS
JULY 20 10 AM
AUGUST 10 10 AM

WE WON'T MEET EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT SUMMER. HOWEVER, WE WILL MEET ON THESE DATES FOR FUN BIBLE BASED ACTIVITIES ROOTED IN FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!

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