

The background of the entire page is a photograph. On the right side, there is a close-up of an acoustic guitar, showing its body, sound hole, and fretboard. On the left side, there is a blurred image of piano keys. The text is overlaid on this background.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO *Amy Grant*

**The Gospel According to Amy Grant:
Theodicy
August 17, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Theodicy

August 17, 2025

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

Every road that's traveled teaches something new.

Every road that's narrow pushes us to choose.

And we'd be lying if we said we had not tried to leave a time or two.

But every road that leads me, leads me back to you.

Here we stand in the middle of what we've come to know

It's a dance, it's a balance - Holding on and letting go.

But there is nothing that we can't resolve, when love's at stake, when love's involved.

Every road that's traveled teaches something new.

Every road that's narrow pushes us to choose.

Every road that leads me, leads me back to you.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

See Insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Another day comes and I just wanna breathe.

Cause it's a long, long week for someone wired to please.

I keep taking my aim, pushing it higher, wanna shine bright, even brighter now.

Do you remember how the summers felt when we were kids?

We didn't think much about it, we just lived: taking our time, beautiful leisure.

When did we start, trying to measure up?

All of this time, Love is trying to reach us, telling us: "Don't try so hard."

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good news: God gives you grace and you can't earn it. Don't think that you're not worth it because you are. God gave you love and God's not leaving, God gave us the Son so we'd believe it. We're lovely even with your scars: Don't try so hard.

God gives us grace and we can't earn it. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

El Shaddai

See Insert

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

CELEBRATING THE Baptism of Logan and Adeline Turransky (8:30 am)

Parents: Ann Merrell and Scott Turransky

Godparents for Logan: Aaron Turransky and C.C. Lamonica

Godparents for Adeline: Marty Rozycki and Emi Merrell

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Logan and Adeline, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care for Logan and Adeline being baptized as they grow in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND BAPTISM

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Logan and Adeline will bask in your love as they journey through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

God Claims You

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "God Claims You". The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and "Fine". It is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "Logan and Adeline, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too." are written below the staff. The second staff is labeled "D.C." and contains three verses of lyrics: "1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll al - ways be.", "2. We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.", and "3. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la by.".

FIRST LESSON

John 9:1-7

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Arms of Love

A. Grant

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Seek Ye First, v.1

*PREACHING LESSON

Job 23:1-24:1

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"But, why?!?"

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Somewhere Down the Road

A. 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

I've been standing on my own two feet, and there are watchful eyes, staring up at me. I will point them toward to the sunrise

Turn them toward the stars, where the beauty of a new day will always fill the heart.
Give us a life to love. Show us the dreams You were dreaming of, where love is enough
when hard times come. Hard times come to everyone, and they'll come 'til we're done.
Help us to galvanize the love to see us through. Amen.

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace

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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 10, 2025

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Eugene Jarvis, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministry
Sue Douglass, Organist
Angie & Andrew Weber
Rachel Lapp, Soloist
Take Note Quartet:
Raymond Schwarzkopf, Tenor
Ralph Brooks, Lead
Dick Kingdon, Baritone
Ed Chapman, Bass

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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 \$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!



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) We'll be taking a summer break from Sunday School, but we can't wait to welcome the children back on Sunday, September 14 for a brand-new year of faith-based fun!

Nursery (0-5 years old)

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.

Sunday School Registration Is Open!

We're excited to welcome children back to Sunday School this fall! Register now using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWJ8xWsOaiwKPdQAaEQ_DnDaK0lvzPqBkSFoSIV9ynKsojJA/viewform?usp=header

We're also looking for one adult teacher to join our rotation and two youth helpers. If you feel called to serve, please reach out to Morgan.

Wacky Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday will begin on August 27th! Wacky Wednesday provides a fun and safe space at PRCC for our Park Ridge Middle School Students on Early Release Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30.

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 August 10th:

- We celebrate the joys of baseball games together, Ministry Council collaboration, and ministries' dreams for a new year of impacting the world through PRCC!
- We celebrate Hans Nelson's baptism today and the joys of our children.
- With thanksgiving, we share that Julie and Sue's great-niece, Evie, has completed her long course of chemotherapy and is now officially in remission! We are grateful for the many folks who have been holding Evie and her family in prayer throughout this process.
- We give thanks for the birth of Colton Keith Reboletti on Sunday, August 3. We celebrate that Luz and Colton are doing well.
- We pray for grandparents in hospice care and those nearing the end of life, wrestling with a variety of frustrations.
- We hold Bev Lay, Jamie Knoblauch and all the loved ones of Phyl, Bev's sister, who entered life in the resurrection yesterday.
- Reese asks for prayers for her family and her friends Charlotte and Bea.
- We give thanks that Dave and Gretchen's sister-in-law Bonnie had a good follow up appointment.
- Jim asks for prayers for his aunt Carol who is fighting covid and for her family who are struggling, as well as prayers for his friend Dave who is experiencing health issues.
- We continue to hold Pete in our prayers as he recovers from a brief hospitalization.
- Grace asks for prayers for their friend Tom E, who developed an infection and additional complications following surgery.

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.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;

3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;

4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish poem
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 17

8:30 am - Garden Worship (Outdoor Lawn)

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, August 18

6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, August 19

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)

WEDNESDAY, August 20

10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

7:00 pm - Social Justice Team Meeting (Parlor)

THURSDAY, August 21

9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)

Saturday, August 23

Church Camp - Tower Hill

Happy Birthday

08/17

Will Smith

08/18

Aria Geye

08/19

William Zarach

08/20

Owen Hayes

08/21

Jimmy Muenzer

Pete Muenzer

08/22

Scott Larson

Justin McCarty

Paul Rauch

08/23

Archer Geye



PRCC

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year



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

FREE LUNCH & FUN FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN:
Foam Party - Bounce House - Cotton Candy -
Yard Games - Grilled Deacon Dogs!