

WELCOME

April 12, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Dave Casey

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Note: Today, your "outside voice" isn't just allowed—it's required! Shout to the Lord! If you're joining us online, flood the comments with your shouts of praise.

Leader: Today, a whisper won't do. Let's hear a victory shout!

People: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Jesus left the authorities baffled and the tomb abandoned.

People: **Death is swallowed up in victory! Death, where is your sting?**

Leader: Jesus left the devil defeated and completely blindsided!

People: **Light has conquered the dark! The tomb is empty! Rejoice!**

Leader: We are made in the image of a God who loves a good surprise.

People: **The enemy is scratching his head, but we are lifting our voices! Hallelujah!**

Song: Lord of the Dance

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon: A Cheerful Confession

Dear God, we confess that we have been... well, ourselves. We skipped the "extra mile" and drove it in a fast car. We promised to be patient, but we got angry waiting for the microwave. We shared gossip instead of grace and forgot that you are in charge of the world. Please clean up our messy hearts, turn our grumpy "No" into a cheerful "Yes," and remind us that your grace is bigger than our biggest mistakes. Amen.

Joyful Assurance of Pardon

Good news! God does not look at us with a disapproving frown. Instead, God looks at us with love, saying, "You are forgiven, you are loved, and you are mine." Let's skip the guilt, live with joy, and enjoy God's mercy today and forever. Amen!

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Scripture: Psalm 1:1; John 20:1, -31

Sermon: God's Joke (Risus Paschalis)

Song: The Trees of The Field

Prayers of the People—Tessa Stouffer

Offering and Doxology

Gloria Patri

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Song: Days of Elijah

Blessing

For Adult Ed in April, Tessa will be leading the class through 3 Psalms. As we read the Psalms, we will hear and evaluate a song that coincides with the Psalm.

This study is designed to help tie scripture together, heart, mind and soul, as we don't just memorize scripture but call it to mind through song.

Please join us April 12, 19 and 26 in the Adult Ed Classroom, starting around 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, April 12

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Fashion Show
- 2:30 p.m. Tres Dias Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, April 13

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Connie
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Kiwanis
- 4:00 p.m. 3-5th Grade Youth Group

FRIDAY, April 17

- 6:30 p.m. Worship Night

SATURDAY, April 18

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, April 19

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
- 6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Bruce McKinney is at Franklin Grove Living & Rehab after a car accident.

His address is:
502 N State St
Room #505
Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Join us for our Thrift Shop Fashion Show! TODAY during the 10:00 Fellowship Hour

IT'S FUN! IT'S FOR A GREAT CHURCH MISSION!

This summer we have an amazing opportunity to be hosting a mission group that Jake Johnson is leading. Jake grew up in our church here at 1st Pres and is now leading a youth group at his home in Billings, Montana. Their group will be staying at our church June 20-26. Please be praying for their week, and for us as hosts. We will be asking for food donations as we get closer to their arrival!

The plan will be for our youth group to go to their church next summer and they will host us!

Please use the QR code to sign up or stop in the office to sign up- we have a paper sign up on the counter.

Hello all! Since I'm not in the office full-time, and you might have questions about youth happenings any time of the day, I just wanted to make sure that anyone who wanted or needed to get ahold of me (for any reason) had my number! Feel free to text/call me at 815-995-7616 anytime!

- Tessa, Leader of Student Ministries

In the Fellowship Hall, we have a display of colorful butterfly magnets! Please take a butterfly home and every time you see it, please pray for our VBS this summer!

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Please keep our nursing home and rehab residents in your prayers. We list them here with their addresses - they would love to get a note or card!!

Franklin Grove Healthcare,
502 N. State Street, Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Teddie Pohl
Mildred Danekas
Gary Williams
Bruce McKinney

Hawthorne Inn
2201 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Shirley Villa
Judy (Nelson) Messer
David Guest
Joanne Mayes

Liberty Village
2203 E Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Codelle Leonard
Marjorie Hayes
Nancy Detig
Jan Hann
Clyda Lamb

The Meadows
510 N State, #113, Franklin Grove, IL 61031
Larry Cleveland

Flagler Heath and Rehab Center
300 Dr. Carter Blvd.
Burnell, FL 32110
Pearl Fromm

Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
600 Dunham Road Room 326
St. Charles, IL 60174
Bill Frederick



Interim Pastor- Mark Hughey
Pulpit Supply/Pastoral Care—Xav Valdivieso
Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren
Student Ministry Leader - Tessa Stouffer
Secretary/Receptionist - Midge Berg
Financial Secretary - Karen Hauck

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Fri 9a-12Noon

NEW LIFE LIBRARY NEWS

Don't remember why I decided on this little book, The Sunroom by Beverly Lewis, but so glad I did! Such a heartwarming story.

“Based on diary entries from the author's childhood, The Sunroom is the tender story of Becky Owens, a young girl who must face the terrifying possibility of losing the one she holds most dear. Her journey of faith as she comes to a new realization of a love beyond limits is an inspiring and tender tale readers will long remember.”

Most of you can probably grab your tea or coffee and read in an afternoon. The print is easy read and pages short (a small book). You are sure to enjoy. This is just one of Beverly Lewis books we have.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

Thank you to everyone who provided soups, breads & desserts for our Lenten Soup Suppers.

Also, to those who helped in any way with the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Sunday Sunrise breakfast and also provided coffee cakes for Fellowship Hour on Easter Sunday. We appreciate ALL of you for being so helpful and kind!

The Fellowship Commission

PRAYER LIST

We have a prayer chain that is texted to anyone who has requested to be on the list.

If you would like to be added to the text group, please let Sara know. sara@placeforgrace.com

We also LOVE Praising the Lord for what He has done through prayers. If you have a PRAISE Request, please don't hesitate to send that along, too!!