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August 30, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

August 30, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Bob Cartwright

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Bob Cartwright

Leader: The Lord is a God of truth and reality, whose Word stands firm forever.

People: We come into the presence of the One who knows our hearts completely.

Leader: In a world of noise, spin, and doctored images, God calls us to step into the light.

People: We lay down our masks, our titles, and our exhausting performance.

Leader: Christ says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

People: Let us worship the Lord in spirit, in truth, and in the freedom of His grace.

Song: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived in Your truth, which you share with us in Your Word. We have spoken words that tear down rather than build up. We have passed along damaging information under the guise of concern, and we have remained silent when a neighbor’s character was attacked. Forgive us when the truth has not been in our hearts or on our lips. Cleanse us, and help us to live in Truth. Amen.

Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Scripture: - Brad Chapman Exodus 20:16

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Sermon: The Struggle with Truth (The Ninth Commandment: Being True)

Song: Jesus Paid it All

Prayers of the People - Mike Chunko

Offering and Doxology

Song: Run to the Father

Blessing - Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you know?

Our church offers a great printed resource for people dealing with emotional, physical and /or spiritual needs. CareNotes are short, concise booklets with easy-to-read information and support on a wide variety of topics, including aging, family care, grief, mental wellness and spiritual support.

The motto of CareNotes explains its purpose:

Take One—and take heart

Give One—and give hope

The Deacons have recently reorganized these booklets. They are available in the hallway between the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and help yourself to this free resource. Share them with others, too, as appropriate.

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, August 30

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, August 31

10:00 a.m. Kathy Brooks' Service
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

TUESDAY, September 1

7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, September 2

11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, September 3

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, September 5

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, September 6

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Please join us in prayer. Every Sunday at 8:30 in the prayer room a group meets to lift our church in prayer as we go through this time of transition. We are asking God for His will, His way and His almighty favor. Stop in to hold our church in prayer.

Jeremiah 29:12 You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Tarah Holmgren had the idea of sharing with you what our youth and young adults are up to!

We have a printed copy hanging in the Fellowship Hall on the bulleting board!

She plans to write a quarterly newsletter to share! Thanks, Tarah

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!!

September Adult Sunday School Series

“Contending for the Faith: A Three-Week Journey Through Jude”
Beginning **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, our Adult Sunday School class will launch a focused, three-week Bible study on the powerful and often-overlooked book of **Jude**. In just 25 verses, Jude gives the church a bold call to stand firm, stay awake, and hold fast to the gospel in a world full of distractions and distortions.

Across these three weeks, we will explore:

- Jude’s urgent message to believers
- The dangers of spiritual drift
- The beauty of God’s keeping power
- How to “contend for the faith” with both courage and compassion

If you’re looking for a short but deeply impactful study to strengthen your walk with Christ, this is the perfect place to be.

Join us — and bring someone who needs encouragement for the journey.

PARENT & STUDENT
MEETING

FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS : 6 -12TH GRADE
INVOLVED IN YOUTH GROUPS AT 1ST PRES.

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT

- ✓ Youth Group Activities
- ✓ Upcoming Mission
- ✓ Curriculum/Topics
- ✓ Special Events
- ✓ Confirmation Classes
- ✓ Volunteer Opportunities
- Winter Camps
- Summer Camps
- ✓ CIY for High Schoolers

✓ '26-'27 Schedule & Calendar

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
TIME: 6:30-8:00PM
LOCATION: CHURCH'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

QUESTIONS ON VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MARK

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2026-2027
**2ND-5TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP**
1ST PRES. CHURCH, ROCHELLE
4-5PM

SEPTEMBER 10 + 24
OCTOBER 8 + 22
NOVEMBER 5 + 19
DECEMBER 3 + 17

JANUARY 7 + 21
FEBRUARY 4 + 18
MARCH 4 + 18
APRIL 1 + 15 + 29
MAY 13

QUESTIONS? SEE SARA SLATTENGREN
SARA@PLACEFORGRACE.COM

Are you ready to study the book of JOY?! That's right - we are going to study the book of Philippians!

On Monday, September 14, at 10 a.m. our Women's Study Group will begin an eight week study with Joby Martin. What does lasting joy look like? Throughout our lives, we are sure to experience, highs and lows. So, how do we remain content with whatever life throws our way? In the book of Philippians, Pastor, and author Joby Martin will demonstrate that being with Jesus and belonging to his church fuels our joy and contentment in every situation. I hope you can join us and learn the secret to lasting JOY!

Please let Connie Dougherty know if you are planning to attend so we can get our books printed and bound. "I have learned the secret of true contentment. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any in every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:11-13.

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

THE PENNY is written by Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford, two well-known Christian speakers as well as authors. Yes, this is a fiction novel. Another oldie but goodie.

When 14-year-old Jenny makes a decision to pick up a penny imbedded in asphalt, the results end up stopping a robbery, getting her a job, and meeting a friend who changes her life forever. She and Miss Shaw form a friendship that dares both of them to confront secrets that threaten to destroy each of them. Jenny has an abusive father and a mother who is afraid to do anything about it. Miss Shaw suffers unspoken pain which isn't revealed until later. There are other interesting characters involved in this story as well. The ripple effect of the penny begins a summer that goes on to bring new life to not only them, but people around them, showing how God works in the smallest details.

Well-known author, Max Lucado says, "You'll love this book! Expect to be captured in the first few pages. Need a reminder of God's plan to use little things to make a big difference? Then dig in."

Glad I did. Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

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
Nancy Detig
Jan Hann
Clyda Lamb
Doyle Curtis

Flagler Heath and Rehab Center
300 Dr. Carter Blvd.

Burnnell, FL 32110
Pearl Fromm

Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
600 Dunham Road Room 326

St. Charles, IL 60174
Bill Frederick

Did you know ... we email out a newsletter every Tuesday afternoon.

If you would like to get our weekly newsletter, please email Sara at sara@placeforgrace.com and we can get you added on the list! We do mail a hard copy out every other week to those not able to get the email version. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter that way, please let the office staff know and we can get you added to that list.

Interim Pastor- Mark Hughey
Worship & Pastoral Care—Xav Valdivieso
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