

WELCOME

April 5, 2026 - 9:00am—Easter Service

Welcome and Announcements - Nan Good

Time of Preparation for Worship

Introit: Easter Song

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: With fear and great joy, the women ran from the tomb.

People: And behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Greetings!".

Leader: Run to tell others the great good news: Christ is risen!

People: Don't weep! Don't mourn! There is great Good News!

All: Christ the Lord is risen today!

Song: Christ is Risen (Matt Maher version)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

"Lord of the Resurrection, we confess that we often live as if the tomb is still sealed. Like the women in the twilight, we carry fear and despair into the dawn of your victory. We tremble when we are called to be bold witnesses. Forgive us when we prefer the comfort of our tombs over the discomfort of your calling. Though you have risen, we often remain paralyzed by doubts rather than running with joy to share the news. Meet us in our fear, risen Lord. Replace our anxiety with your presence and empower us to witness that death is defeated and hope is alive, because of Easter morning. In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

FROM 1 PETER 2:24

Rev. Mark Hughey

Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son. Friends, believe the good news!

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Choir Anthem: He Arose

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and 51-52.

Sermon: Jesus Transforms.

Song of Preparation

The Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed

Offering and Doxology

Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Blessing - From Hebrews 13

Now may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus... equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all this is pleasing to him".

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen



The message of Easter

If Jesus had stayed in the grave—

When you feel lonely you'd be truly alone.

When you feel afraid your fears would win.

When you feel helpless you'd be defeated.

When you die you'd face judgment and hell.

But Jesus didn't stay in the grave

and if He is your Savior and Lord—

You'll never be alone, He's always with you.

Your fears can be erased by His love.

He's there to help you in every trying time.

When you die, you'll enter joy and life!

That's the message of Easter

Jesus is Risen—Rejoice!

Thank you for sharing Easter with us at First Presbyterian Church

To continue your experience of Easter Joy, on the back of this page we have resources to help answer questions about Easter and information on activities you and your family may enjoy!



Our 1-3rd, 3-5th and 6-8th Graders are going to camp this summer! We will have around 25 kids who will be attending camp at Lake Geneva Youth Camp this summer!

We will be going to Lake Geneva Youth Camp in early July!

The kids have started fundraising already, but will be working all summer fun activities to raise their money.

Please be praying for all of our kids going to camp this summer!



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!

Wanted!! Wanted!! Wanted!!

Models - All Sizes, All Ages, Girls, Boys, Ladies and Men

Thrift Shop Fashion Show
Sunday, April 12th during the 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Want to help? It's easy! Just stop at the shop and pick out 1 or 2 outfits that you would like to model. Leave your name and number on the sign up sheet at the shop. Leave your outfits at the shop and we will do a write up and bring them to the church for you! Just be ready to change and model after the 9:00 service.

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

Questions: Kathy Olson 815-562-8000 or Taryn Brooks: 815-329-3962 - Please Help!

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

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.
Burnnell, 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

Church Web Site: www.placeforgrace.com

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Office Hours: M-Th 9a-4p
Fri 9a-12Noon

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Don Cappel and George & Pauline O'Brien
From Jim & Carrie Cappel

Rupert and Jean Schiller
From Deb Schiller

Our Parents
From Steve & Mary Kay Merema

Matthew Van Hise
From Marcia Lage

Jerry & Mary Ellen Tracy and Jerry Hayes
From Brent & Karen Tracy Family

Bill Tyler
From Jean Tyler

Our Moms, Patricia and Elayne
From Hal & Sheri Warren

Larry & Elizabeth Mitchell
From Angie & Carrie Mitchell

Steven Chapman
From Brad & Brenda Chapman

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IN LOVING HONOR OF:

Marjorie Hayes
From Brent & Karen Tracy Family



We are so glad you shared Easter with us and we'd love to have you join us as we grow together. Here are some ways to go deeper with God:

Children: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, September—May
3-5th Grade Youth Group, meets every other Thursday
Vacation Bible School - June 8-12, 2026
Summer Camp Opportunities
Contact: Sara Slattengren

Youth: Middle School Youth Group - Monday Evenings 6:30-8:00pm
High School Youth Group - Sunday Evenings 6:30-8:00pm
Summer Camp Opportunities
Contact: Tessa Stouffer

Small Groups: Small groups for Bible Study, Book Studies, Mom Groups,
Prayer and Fellowship, Monthly Men's Breakfasts
Contact: Pastor Mark or Pastor Xav

Music: Choir and Music
Contact: Pastor Xav, Pastor of Worship
Theresa Green, Choir Director

Our regular Sunday Morning Services: 9:00 am

Did Easter bring up questions about life, death, who is Jesus really? We know we don't have all the answers for you in one hour, so we'd like to invite you to join us in our journey.

To find out more contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Xav

SUNDAY, April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, April 6

**OFFICE CLOSED for
EASTER MONDAY**

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

TUESDAY, April 7

7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, April 8

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

THURSDAY, April 9

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, April 11

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, April 12

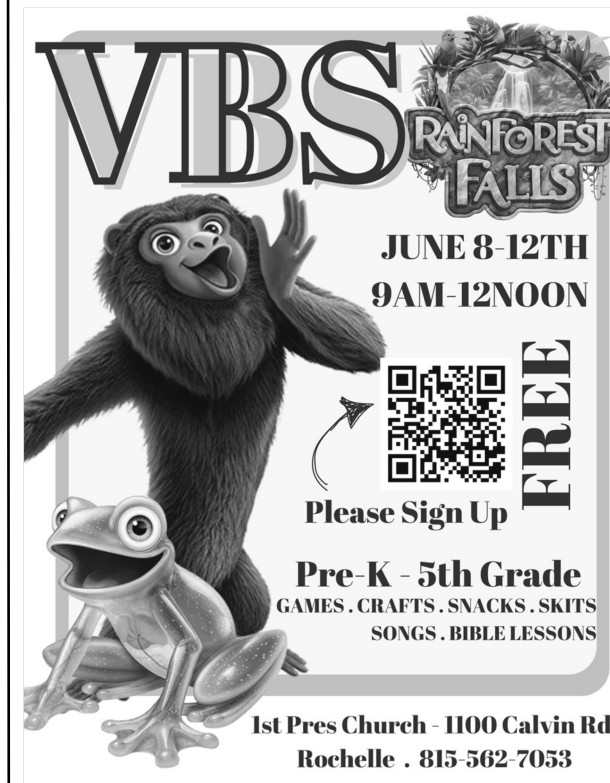
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting


WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER
FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Be sure to check the library for numerous books about Easter in both the adult and youth sections.

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



VBS RAINFOREST FALLS
JUNE 8-12TH
9AM-12NOON
Please Sign Up  **FREE**
Pre-K - 5th Grade
GAMES . CRAFTS . SNACKS . SKITS
SONGS . BIBLE LESSONS
1st Pres Church - 1100 Calvin Rd,
Rochelle . 815-562-7053

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!