



# WELCOME

July 12, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements -Lizzie Cartwright

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Lizzie Cartwright

Leader: The Lord spoke on the mountain: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them."

**All: We come to worship not an image made by human hands, but the living and true God.**

Leader: God is a Spirit. We are invited into pure, authentic worship that engages both our spirit and God's total truth. God is jealous, and fiercely protective of our love. He desires our whole hearts.

**All: God has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ, who is the image of the invisible God. We need no other idols, for in Christ we are redeemed and forgiven.**

Leader: Therefore, with reverence and awe, I invite you to come before His presence, let us now worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! Amen.

Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Most Holy God, You command us not to reduce Your glory to images or icons made by human hands. Yet, we confess how quickly we make idols out of our own expectations, comfort, and control. We try to shape You into our own image. We fit You into our cultural preferences. We limit You to our narrow understanding, driven by our modern understanding of idols of status, wealth, and approval, rather than to you our Creator, who offers us worth, security, and peace. Forgive our shallow and distorted worship. Cleanse our hearts of all false images. Free us from the cages we build for You. Help us to see Your true beauty, power, and mercy as revealed in Jesus Christ, the perfect image of the invisible God. Through Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

Scripture: Exodus 20:4-6 -Bob Cartwright

Sermon: The Struggle to Worship (The Second Commandment: No graven images)

Song

Prayers of the People - Paul Bearros

Offering and Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, thanks for all you do for us. Holy and Loving One, we trust you to meet our needs and to show that, we give of our money, talents, and our time. Our very lives belong to you. Amen.

Song

Blessing

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## 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](mailto: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!!

"We want to remind everyone that there are many ways to remain active in our congregation's life. While we never want you to feel pressured to contribute, we do offer electronic giving through our website for your convenience, as well as traditional mailing to our office at [1100 Calvin Road](#). More importantly, we want to support you. Our pastors and deacons provide electronic visits and counseling for those who cannot meet in person. If you're looking to get more involved, please consider joining a committee— you can join us via **Zoom**."



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If you would like to give your offering digitally, we have our Venmo and a QR to our website.



TO GIVE ON OUR WEBSITE, SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR PHONE

Our next Women's Bible study will start on Monday, July 13th.

It is a 6-week study from Right Now Media study titled, "The Lie You Don't Know You Believe", by Jennie Allen. We will not use study guides for this one. Everyone will receive a journal at our first meeting and be given a question to journal about during the coming week. Our meetings will be held to strictly 1 hour - from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

"Most of us have been living inside a lie for so long, it feels like the truth. We've built our lives around it, trying to fix the symptoms while missing the source. But once you see the lie, you can't unsee it. And once you start to live in the truth, freedom begins to break through in every part of your life. That's what this book is about. Not just naming the lies, but helping you live free. This isn't about behavior modification. This is about transferring your life out of the enemy's kingdom of lies and into the kingdom of light, where joy, peace, and strength aren't fleeting feelings, but your everyday reality. Freedom starts here. Take hold of it."

Please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please see Connie Dougherty

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](mailto: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.



**WORSHIP** Join us for a fun-filled day at the Rochelle Conservation Club on Sunday, July 19th!

**POTLUCK** We will have worship at 10:00am and gather together for a potluck at 11:30am

**FISHING**

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We want to have enough meat ready for lunch! You can use this QR code or call the office and let us know! Thanks!

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Fellowship will provide the main dish, please bring a side dish to pass and your own beverages.

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