

Title: The Chair of Faith Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) Mark 9:24 *"I believe, help my unbelief!"*

Introduction: The Dog on the Water

The Age of Cynicism

Conspiracy theories.

Religion.

Real faith isn't a fantasy.

The Scales: Subjective vs. Objective

Scale 1: The Subjective (Experience)

The subjective side is personal experience.

It's the reality of a life changed by God.

Scale 2: The Objective (Evidence)

Mature faith cannot rely on feelings alone.

The objective side provides facts.

Sitting in the Chair

True faith puts experience and evidence together.

The core ingredient is belief.

The Starting Line

Cry out: *"I believe, help my unbelief!"*

A chair is essentially a stool with an extension;

5 legs to build Your Faith and to sit on.

- 1. **Bible Study:** Read Scriptural truth to hear God's voice.
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- 2. **Memorization:** Keep God's Word in your mind through Scripture or worship songs.
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- 3. **Confession:** Be honest about mistakes to experience His forgiveness.
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- 4. **Fellowship:** Do not do this alone. Stay connected with other believers.
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- 5. **Open Prayer:** The extension upward, or the 5th leg....talk honestly with God. Pour out your frustrations. And lean back on His strong arms!
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The Takeaway

The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.



TO "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL PEOPLE" INVITING THEM INTO A SAVING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, BUILDING THEM INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO SERVICE FOR CHRIST.

June 14, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1100 CALVIN ROAD // ROCHELLE, IL 61068
PHONE: 815-562-7053 WEB: PLACEFORGRACE.COM

WELCOME

June 14, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Cooper Holmgren

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Creator God, our Alpha and Omega.

All: we are your beloved. Come, fill this gathering with your gracious presence.

Leader: you are our God, who reigns in glory,

All: we lift our voices to sing your praises and magnify your name.

Leader: merciful and loving God,

All: we give thanks for all the blessings you have given us.

Leader: Holy and sustaining God,

All: inspire and empower us to do your will each and every day. Amen.

Song: You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Baptism - Bealynn Applegarth, daughter of Jerry and Harmony Applegarth

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of wondrous patience, we are sorry for our wanton ways. You put up with us in spite of our intentional bad behavior. Forgive us, for times when we have done less than we know we could. Forgive us, for times when our anger has overtaken us or our greed and covetousness cause us to treat those we love with meanness and cruelty. Forgive us, Lord. Hold us close in the midst of our doubts and fears. Release in our spirit today a flow of grace and encouragement to those around us. Through the Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Song: He Leadeth Me

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6; Mark 9:24 - Brad Chapman

Sermon: "The Chair of Faith"

Song: Thy Word

Prayers of the People - Deb Schiller

Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Dedication: Mighty God, may the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that your ways, O Lord our God, may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and tend your precious garden. Amen.

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Blessing

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!!

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
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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**SUMMER WORSHIP
AT ROCHELLE
CONSERVATION CLUB
JULY 19**

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  Please Sign Up

GAMES for ALL AGES

BRING YOUR OWN KAYAKS OR BIKES

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

3501 S Sweeney Rd, Chana, IL
rochellewildlife.org

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



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
1ST PRES. CHURCH'S
POOL PARTY
SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

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MUSIC • SNACKS • SWIMMING
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AT SPRING LAKE POOL

PLEASE RSVP TO SARA
SO WE HAVE ENOUGH SNACKS!



Coming Up

SUNDAY, June 14

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hour,
Adult Ed, Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Spring Lake Pool Party
6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, June 15

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

TUESDAY, June 16

5:00 p.m. Casserole Cook Off Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. Committees and Deacons

WEDNESDAY, June 17

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

THURSDAY, June 18

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

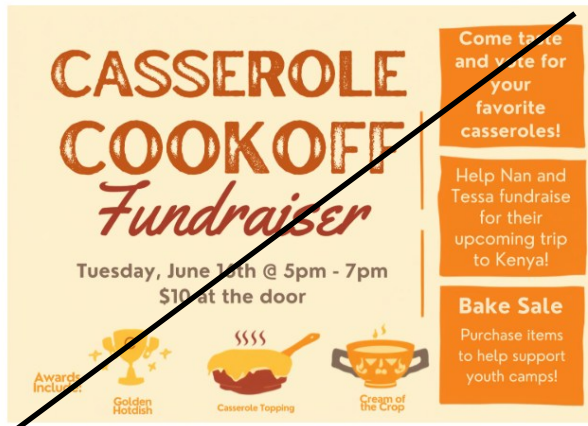
SATURDAY, June 20

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

SUNDAY, June 21

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

The Casserole Cook-Off has been canceled.



CASSEROLE COOKOFF Fundraiser
Tuesday, June 16th @ 5pm - 7pm
\$10 at the door

Come taste and vote for your favorite casseroles!
Help Nan and Tessa fundraise for their upcoming trip to Kenya!
Bake Sale
Purchase items to help support youth camps!

Award Includ: Golden Hotdish, Casserole Topping, Cream of the Crop



BAKE SALE & LEMONADE STAND
Tuesday June 16th
5pm-7pm
First Presbyterian Church
All funds raised will help send kids to camp!



READY TO BAKE LASAGNA
8X8 PAN OF READY-TO-BAKE HOMEMADE LASAGNA
ONLY \$15

PICK UP ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH AT 1ST PRES CHURCH FROM 4-6PM

RAISING FUNDS FOR KIDS' SUMMER CAMP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCKVILLE
815-562-7053

Our 3-5th Graders are raising money for summer camps by selling homemade-ready to bake lasagnas!

Please see Sara Slattengren for more information!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP
ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER
To raise funds for summer camp
Please pick an envelope from 1-100 and donate the corresponding amount to help our youth raise funds for summer camp!
For example if you pick the envelope that says 23, please donate \$23! You can donate at First Presbyterian church or by Venmo

venmo

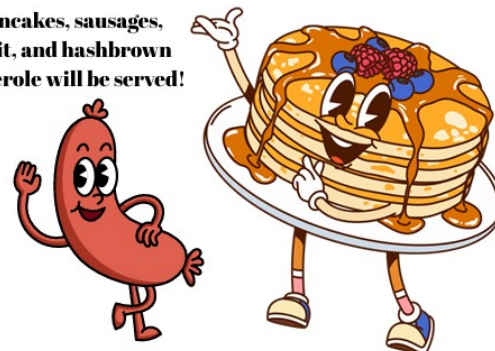
Have you heard the news?

We're having a Pancake Breakfast to help raise funds for summer camp!

Come to First Presbyterian Church @ 10am on Sunday, June 14th!

We will take a free will donation.

Pancakes, sausages, fruit, and hashbrown casserole will be served!



NEW LIFE LIBRARY

I've been trying some authors in our library that I haven't read before.

Brandilyn Collins: She is an award-winning and best-selling novelist known for her fast-paced suspense interwoven with faith. (And faith is what we want in our library!) The book I read is Web of Lies. "Forensic artist Annie Kingston teams up with Chelsea Adams, known for her visions (from God), in a race against time to stop a deadly criminal after a convenience store shooting." If you like Colleen Coble novels, you will probably like this author as well.

Julianna Deering: "Her keen interest in history and her Christian faith, shows in her tales of love, forgiveness and triumph over adversity." The book we have is Rules of Murder. "Drew Farthering loves a good mystery, although he generally expects to find it in the pages of a novel, not on the grounds of his country estate." Takes place in England in the 1930's. I have to admit I didn't find a lot of mention of God to start with, but keep reading, especially towards the end.

Both of these books were fast-paced, good reads. (And good print, which is a must for some of us older readers.)

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee