



# WELCOME

March 15, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Bob Cartwright

Minute for Mission - Edson

Time of Preparation for Worship

Choir Introit: Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

**Call to Worship** - (based on 2 Corinthians 5:19)

L: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself,

**P: not counting people's sins against them,**

L: and He has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

**P: So, God acted to bring us a right relationship with himself through Jesus Christ,**

L: and we are to act to help people back into a right relationship with God and with each of us.

**P: God is "forgiving" the world's sins and not holding them against people.**

L: "In Christ" means it is possible now because of what Jesus has done on the cross. May we now join together to worship our Lord and Savior. Join in worshipping him.

Song: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our sins and failings, as John the Baptist called the people to repentance. Help us to reflect on the transformative power of repentance. We confess that we have strayed from your path, and wandered in the wilderness, when we could humbly ask for your forgiveness. Renew our hearts, strengthen our spirits, and guide us to live lives that honor your name. May we find renewed strength to live a life that pleases you, O God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

Sermon: Jesus Calms

Prayers of the People

Offering and Doxology

Song: Revelation Song

Blessing : Now may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Go in Peace. Amen.

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## EASTER BREAKFAST

Fellowship Commission invites everyone to gather for breakfast following the Sunrise service on Easter morning. If you would like to provide a coffee cake (storebought or homemade), please let Karen Cech know.

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## EASTER LILIES

The white Easter lily is a symbol of the Resurrection. The lily bulb decays in the ground over the winter, and yet from that decayed bulb new life appears in the spring. If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return in the offering plate. You may order your lily from your favorite florist. Please ask for a green pot wrap with a purple bow. Lilies may be delivered to the church on Good Friday, April 3rd, before 12:00 p.m.

You are requested to pick up your lily after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday. The church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 6. Lilies may be picked up any time after 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, if you prefer. (Any lilies remaining after April 10th will be disposed of.)

YES!! I will be happy to provide a lily for the Easter Sunday Services!

My lily is in  
\_\_\_\_\_ Memory (deceased) Or \_\_\_\_\_ Honor (living)

of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIBRARY NEWS

I recently attended a Women's Conference on Worship and was personally blessed by it. We were shown how Worship was used in so many ways in the Bible and is so important today in our church and in our personal lives. So much more than music.

We are so blessed in this church to have the musicians and singers that we have leading us in worship! We, ourselves, can also worship everyday from wherever we are. It doesn't matter if you have a beautiful voice; God loves it. (And the enemy hates it!)

What does this have to do with the library? Well, I'm not sure if you realize that we have a section for Music. There are books on a bottom shelf to the right as you come in the door. A few of these are:

101 Hymn Stories (Inspiring stories behind the hymns)

– Amazing Grace (More inspiring stories)

– Then Sings My Soul

– Hymns of Faith and Inspiration (a bigger book with songs and pictures)

There are more plus we have some found in other sections of the Christian Living side.

And let us not forget the Bible. It is full of stories of Worship, Music, and Singing (and even dancing). Worship is spiritual and can be used in so many ways, even in battles (even our own personal battles). Songs can be used to remember Scripture. (What a great way for our children to learn the Word of God.) Music can also be healing. I pray we can see the importance of Worship!

What a Mighty and Loving God we have. “We lift your Name on high.”

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee



For students who have completed their freshman year in high school.

See Tessa for more details!

### SUNDAY, March 15

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

### MONDAY, March 16

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

### TUESDAY, March 17

5:45 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. Lent Service  
7:00 p.m. Committees and Deacons

### WEDNESDAY, March 18

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

### THURSDAY, March 19

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

### SATURDAY, March 21

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

### SUNDAY, March 22

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed,  
Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. Tres Dias Closing  
6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Lenten Sermon Series 2026

During Lent, Pastor Mark will be preaching a sermon series entitled “More than a Carpenter”. Jesus was a lot more than just a carpenter. We all know that actions speak louder than words, so this series focus is what Jesus did, not just at what he said.

March 15 – Jesus Calms. Luke 8:22–25

March 22 – Jesus Provides. Matt.14:13-21

March 29 – Jesus Weeps. Mark 11:1-11

April 5 –Jesus Transforms. 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 and 51-52.

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### Youth Group Happenings

With the clocks jumping ahead this weekend and the weather being so nice, both high school and middle school students got to enjoy being outdoors for games again this weekend! It’s always a great time when we can blast some loud praise music and play some games in the open air!

Post-camp our high school group dove head first into a series about worship music, and the importance of finding songs that connect us to the scriptures and help reinforce our faith. Our middle school group did a brief series on God’s love versus what the world says love is, and is now working through Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

Pastor Mark recently visited our middle school group and learned about some of the students' love for painting rocks, and the high schoolers are excited to meet and learn from Edson when he visits the church this weekend! Big thanks to Sara, Mike, and Cooper who kept things going while I attended a recent training! Also, continued thanks for all of you and all the ways you support the youth groups here at First Pres! Whether you pray for us, support our fundraisers, or volunteer — your support is felt and appreciated!

### 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

### Sunday Greeters Needed!

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters prior to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. We hope to have two greeters (or more!) each Sunday—to assist people at the east entrance and to pass out bulletins as worshipers arrive.

Come at 8:30 a.m. and you are done by 9:00 a.m. to join worship. Easy!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Slattengren

Thank you!

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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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