

WELCOME

March 8, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements : Kurt Wolter

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - (inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33)

Leader: Each day is a gift from God,

All: each moment is an opportunity to reach out, to serve God.

Leader: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

All: not written on stone tablets easily broken,

Leader: but engraved on our hearts, filling us with joy and hope.

All: Each day we draw closer to God,

Leader: Each day we enjoy Him. Let us worship God together. Amen.

Song: Victory in Jesus

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Dear Jesus, we have chosen to identify ourselves with You, as Christian believers. Yet we have wandered from Your ways. We unthinkingly have broken Your laws and violated Your Word. Forgive us for times when we have dealt deceitfully with others. Holy God, let Your Spirit teach us to be better than that, and give us the will to live the lifestyle You expect of Your people. Give us a renewed commitment to follow You. Amen

Song: Because He Lives

Scripture: Luke 4:38-44 - Terry Walker

Sermon: Jesus Heals

Song: Before the Throne of God Above

Prayers of the People - Tessa

Offering and Doxology

Song: Great I AM

Blessing : Now to the God of all glory, may you go forward in the authority of Christ, before whom all people throughout time will bow. Amen.

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!!

Women's Bible Study for Lent

You are welcome to join the Monday Morning Bible Study Group as we begin a brand new 4 week Lenten study on Monday, March 2 at 10a.m. In the Adult Ed. Room. If interested, please contact Connie Dougherty 815-757-6833.

Easter is so much more than a holiday.

Easter isn't just a date on the calendar; it's the most significant event in human history. It's the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and His victory over everything that holds us back in our earthly lives. It's the day we focus on the promise and power of Jesus and draw closer to Him.

Join Christine Caine and Lisa Harper in a transformative study that goes beyond tradition. Walk with them through four weeks of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection.

Relive His steps with a heart full of hope. See it all with eyes of faith. You'll be ready to celebrate Easter in more ways than you ever have and be inspired to share the joy only Jesus could make possible.

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 8 – Jesus Heals. Luke 4:38-44

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.

SUNDAY, March 8

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

MONDAY, March 9

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

TUESDAY, March 10

5:45 p.m. Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Lent Service

WEDNESDAY, March 11

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

THURSDAY, March 12

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

SATURDAY, March 14

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, March 15

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



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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!

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

LIBRARY NEWS:

For all you Deborah Raney fans, here's a new book: Who Stirs Up The Sea, published in 2025. It is book 2 of The God Who Series. What's it about? Emma discovers her DNA test reveals shocking truths about her heritage while falling in love with Tadhg, who harbors his own secrets. I don't want to ruin the story with more information, but it's really good and hard to put down.

I highly recommend as well as I do all of Deborah Raney books. She is one of the favorite authors in our library. Her stories are not only good but include Christian faith. But know that any book in her series can be read individually.

Book 1 of this series is titled Who Touches The Mountains, also good and is in our library. There will be two other books in the series to come out yet. While waiting, read her other good books!

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put on the "Prayer Chain", please send it to Mary Kay Merema. She sends the prayer requests to the texting threads.

Mary Kay's phone number is 815-761-3428.



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

See Tessa for more details!

Haiti Happenings

Our church has sponsored a number of students and orphans for Three Angels Children's Relief for quite a while. One of those students is Edson Louise Jean.

Those who were on witness committee and those who have traveled to Haiti, probably remember Edson. He is currently a student in Boston. We have the privilege of having Edson in the Rochelle area from March 13 to March 17. He will join our service on Sunday, March 15 and give a Minute for Missions.

There's a lot to his story and he will be available during fellowship hour to tell us more. You will be able to see firsthand and face-to-face the fruits of your support of this ministry.

Edson Louis Jean :I was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. When I was nine years old, the 2010 earthquake struck our city and changed the course of my life. During that difficult season, my mother, who has faithfully served with Three Angels for over 20 years, moved with my three siblings and me to seek shelter on Three Angels' property. I turned ten later that year.

What began as a season of uncertainty became a defining season of transformation.

Through Three Angels, I was introduced to individuals from the United States and Canada who became part of my extended community. Wanting to communicate with them, I began teaching myself English. That simple desire to connect opened doors I could not yet imagine. I was exposed to new cultures, technology, education, and opportunities that expanded my vision for what was possible.

Three Angels became more than a place of refuge. It became a home that nurtured my growth, strengthened my education, and allowed my mother to continue providing for our family with dignity. I remain deeply grateful for the foundation that was laid during those formative years.

In 2023, I had the opportunity to move to the United States after being accepted into Berklee College of Music's Summer Program, where I received a partial scholarship toward their four-year degree program. Following that experience, I was awarded a full scholarship to attend Bunker Hill Community College in Boston. I am currently pursuing my studies with the goal of transferring to complete a degree in Music and Business.

Alongside my academic journey, I serve actively in my church community through worship, ushering, youth ministry leadership, and teaching during Sunday and midweek services. As it is written, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Looking back, I recognize how profoundly my life has been shaped by generosity, mentorship, and opportunity. Because of that, I carry a deep responsibility to give back, to be a voice and advocate for young people who simply need encouragement, exposure, and someone willing to believe in them.

I am committed to stewarding my story, my education, and my gifts to create lasting impact, not merely for personal success, but to serve others and contribute meaningfully to society.



A brief bio of Rev. Mark Hughey, our Interim Pastor

Mark is an ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor with over two decades of experience serving congregations throughout the Midwest.

Professional Background

Current Role: He most recently served as the Senior Pastor at United Presbyterian Church in Wisconsin Dells, WI, a position he began in late 2024.

Previous Pastorates:

First Presbyterian Church (Cambria, WI): Served as Interim Pastor from 2022 to 2024.
New Hope Presbyterian Church (Coal City, IL): Served as Pastor for seven years (2015–2022).
First Presbyterian Church of DuPage (Bolingbrook, IL): Served as Senior Minister for over a decade (2005–2015).
Early Career: He has held various roles in Bloomington and LeRoy, IL, as well as in Omaha, Nebraska.

Education & Certifications

Theology: He earned his Master of Divinity from the University of Dubuque Theological School in 1996.

Undergraduate: He graduated from Trinity College in Deerfield, IL.

Additional Training: He is a certified Health and Life Coach (Health Coach Institute) and has completed coursework toward a master's degree in counseling.

Community & Mission Work

Disaster Management: The Hughey's are involved in disaster relief and community safety. They both hold a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certification and volunteered during the 2015 Coal City tornado response with Team Rubicon.

Board Service: He has served 24 years on the USA Board of Directors for the Yucatan Peninsula Mission (YPM), an organization dedicated to education and healthcare for Mayan populations in Eastern Mexico.

Personal Life

Mark lives in Illinois with his wife, Lori. They enjoy the outdoors, kayaking, biking, and hiking, and an interest in nature photography. They also love to camp in Wisconsin, and vacation in SW Florida.