

WELCOME

May 10, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Jessica Hickey

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139)

L: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

P: who loved us before we were yet born,

L: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

P: who, like a mother, knows us intimately,

L: loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go,

P: and comforts us in times of need.

L: whose presence never leaves us,

P: and whose love for us never ceases.

L: This is our God. Let's worship together!

Song: Child of Mine

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon—1 Corinthians 6

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we fail. Forgive us when we have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, dear Lord. Where we have not loved you with all our whole heart, and mind, and strength and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, transform us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. In the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song: Change My Heart O God

Scripture: Psalm 139:13, Isaiah 64:8, 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NLT) - Karen Hauck

Sermon: "Formed by the Potter"

Song: The Blessing

Prayers of the People - Deb Schiller

Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Song: 10,000 Reasons

Blessing :Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mothers

Lord, thank You for mothers, present and past,

My own and those who have been like a mother to me.

When weary, give them strength,

When frightened, give them peace,

When confused, give them guidance,

And when they are discouraged and disillusioned,

Give them your most precious gift: Grace.

Lord, thank You for mothers, for your love,

And for your love in the mothers of our lives...

In Your Son's name. Amen.

Rev. Dr. John G Hamilton, From Jude 24-25

SUNDAY, May 10

Mother's Day

Scripture: Psalm 139:13, Isaiah 64:8,
2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Sermon: "Formed by the Potter"
Preaching: Xav & Jeana Valdivieso
Reader: Karen Hauck
Greeter: Kathy Slattengren
Nursery: Kristin and Kevin Cech

SUNDAY, May 17

Scripture: Leviticus 19:18
Sermon: "Sacred Rituals"
Reader: Youth Reader
Greeter: Danielle Burgdorf

We will have Graduation Sunday on
Sunday, May 24th.

If you have a child who is graduating High
School or College, please reach out and let
us know, so we can include them in our
celebration!

David Guest is turning 98!

The Fellowship Commission will be
serving cake to honor him on Sunday, May
10th. There will be a basket for cards
available that day. Please join us!

Coming Up

SUNDAY, May 10

Mother's Day

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, May 11

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

WEDNESDAY, May 13

10:00 a.m. Marjorie Hayes' Funeral Service
6:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, May 14

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

SATURDAY, May 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
8:00 a.m. ROCK training
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, May 17

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

NEW LIFE LIBRARY NEWS:

This review was put in previously by Joanne Mayes.

But since then, I will never forget her calling me after her long stretch in the hospital to tell me how this book had helped her get through that difficult time. So, with her recent permission, I'm putting it in again.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

GENTLE AND LOWLY: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers

Review by Joanne Mayes

I understand that several people, including me, asked our librarian to order Dane Ortlund's GENTLE AND LOWLY: the Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers. The book was published in 2020 by Crossway in Wheaton, Illinois. At that time the author was senior pastor at Naperville Presbyterian Church in Naperville, Illinois.

The book focuses on the one place in the four gospels, Matthew 4:28-30, where Jesus describes himself:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Ortlund's focus on this key scripture flows through twenty-three chapters which consider issues such as Jesus' heart in action throughout the Bible, how Jesus relates to us in our sins, His advocacy for us before God, legalism and grace, a dark look at what Jesus endured on the cross, and what He is doing for us in heaven.

I found the book to be a bit repetitive but realize Ortlund is trying to drive home his point. Also, all the parentheses, mainly scripture references, and the footnotes were distracting to me. However, the book is well worth the reader's time and will help him/her discover the case of who our beautiful Savior Jesus is.

We are so glad to have you as part of our church family! Whether you join us in person or online, we hope our worship and fellowship continue to be a blessing to you. We want to make it easy for you to stay connected and support our mission in the ways that work best for you.

- Digital Giving: If you feel led to give, you can do so electronically via the "GIVE" button on our website.
- Mail-In Giving: Contributions can also be mailed to [First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle, IL.](#)
- Connection & Support: Our pastors and deacons are available for individual visits and counseling, both in person and virtually.
- Get Involved: We welcome new members and committee participants! If you'd like to serve, you are more than welcome to join our meetings via Zoom

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



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

**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

**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

Lydia Roberts will be teaching Adult Ed Classes in May. The topic is "Responding to Common Objections to the Christian Worldview," covering questions such as:

Is the Bible full of contradictions?

Did the Resurrection really occur?

Are we only Christians because we were raised in a Christian culture?

Is Christianity Anti-Science?

Can you trust the Bible if it was written by humans?

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!

The Witness Commission would like the congregation to know that the table setup outside the sanctuary with information about sponsoring a Compassion Child will remain there for another week if you would like to get information about sponsoring a child. The cards with pictures and information about eligible Compassion children are valid for two weeks, so please either come into church to get one, or you may email Kurt Wolter at kwolter@gmail.com for help. Thank you to those of you who already sponsor a child, or are planning to!!

MOVING? Don't forget to give your new address to the church office

Interim Pastor- Mark Hughey
Pulpit Supply/Pastoral Care—Xav Valdivieso
Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren
Student Ministry Leader - Tessa Stouffer
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