

WELCOME

May 17, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Bob Cartwright

Time of Preparation for Worship

Choir Introit: Praise the Lord, Be Joyful

Call to Worship

L: The Ritual of Vocalizing your Love for God is from Psalm 100:1-2: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

L: The Ritual of Offerings and Tithes is mentioned in 1 Chronicles 16:29: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

L: We think of the Ritual of Gathering for Worship as we read Psalm 122:1:

P: I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.

L: We are here in His house, and ready to worship Him together. Amen

Song: Broken Ladders

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

L: The Ritual of Surrender is from Romans 12:1; Psalm 138:1-2: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. I will give you thanks with all my heart; I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

P: I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your constant love and truth.

L: Forgive our trespasses and debts. Lead us to you. Amen

Assurance of our Pardon

Choir Anthem: Joy Down in My Heart

Scripture

Sermon: "Sacred Ritual"

Song: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Prayers of the People: Paul Bearrows

Offering and Doxology

Song: Holy Forever

Blessing

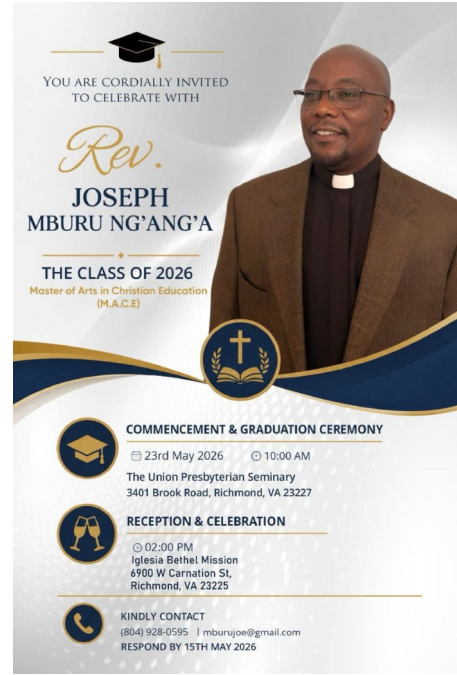
We are so glad to have you as part of our church family! Whether you join us in person or online, we hope our worship and fellowship continue to be a blessing to you. We want to make it easy for you to stay connected and support our mission in the ways that work best for you.

- Digital Giving: If you feel led to give, you can do so electronically via the button on our web page.
- 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.

Congratulations on your graduation,
Pastor Joseph!

If you would like to send Joseph a card,
please use this address. He will be
leaving for home in Kenya right after
graduation.

Joseph NGanga
Union Presbytery Seminary
3401 Brook Road #79
Richmond, VA 23227



NEW LIFE LIBRARY

As we have had some new users to our library lately, I think this is a good time to get a reminder out as to usage.

- Two items can be taken out at a time.
- Items are taken out for two weeks. However, should you need longer, we now automatically renew items for another two weeks. And if needed longer than four weeks for some reason, please notify me and I will attach a note to the card.

We are so glad to see the growth in usage of the library. Please know that I am in the library after the Sunday service should you have any questions or looking for something special.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

SUNDAY, May 17

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

SUNDAY, May 24

Graduation Sunday & Memorial Day Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 49:8-16
Sermon: "Written on His Palms"
Reader: Brad Chapman
Greeter: John Slattengren
Nursery: Julia Harris

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!

We have a new church directory
printed - if you would like to pick one
up, we have them in the office or on the
Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Coming Up

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

MONDAY, May 18

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

TUESDAY, May 19

7:00 p.m. Deacons and Committees

WEDNESDAY, May 20

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

THURSDAY, May 21

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, May 23

2:00 p.m. Slattengren
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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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



High Schoolers who have completed their freshman year—For more info, please see Tessa

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!



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!

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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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