



# WELCOME

May 31, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Psalm 150

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary!

**P: Praise Him for His power in the heavens!**

L: Let our praise sound for the great deeds which He has done,

**P: for the Lord's supreme greatness.**

L: Praise God with trumpets. Praise Him with harps and lyres.

**P: Praise Him with drums and dancing.**

L: Praise the Lord with harps and flutes, tinkling cymbals and loud crashing cymbals.

**P: Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord!**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Amen.

Song: Immortal Invisible, God only Wise - Praise Team

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Lord Jesus, you stand at the door of my life and knock, yet I confess that I have often kept it shut. You desire to come to me and abide with me. It humbles me that the Creator of the universe wants to make a home in my heart. I open the door wide to you today, realizing You are asking to move into every room of my life—my joys, my worries, my secrets, and my daily routines. Lord, forgive me for allowing my busyness, pride, and the distractions of this world to keep me from opening up to you. Forgive me for putting my phone ahead of time with you. Forgive me for ignoring your gentle voice, and for settling for distance when you invite me into intimate fellowship. Enter in, transform my heart, and help me to welcome you into every area of my life. Amen.

Song: Softly and Tenderly

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4; Revelation 3:20. -John Haselton

Sermon: "The Door" - Pastor Mark

Song: Joyful, Joyful - Praise team

Prayers of the People - Tessa Stouffer

Offering and Doxology

Song: Revelation Song

Blessing - Pastor Mark

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you step into the world this week. May He fill your heart with such an overwhelming sense of His presence that you cannot help but love Him with all your being. And may that same love spill over into every encounter, empowering you to love your neighbor as yourself. Go now, carrying the light of Christ to everyone you meet. Amen.

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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.

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VBS is coming soon! June 8-12th

We are still in need of a few adult helpers!! We have A LOT of great middle schoolers who are eager to help this year, but need some adult HEAD LEADERS, too.

We really need helpers for:

CREW LEADERS (need 1 more)—walk your group around to the stations

GAMES LEADER—Play organized games with the kids!

BIBLE LESSON LEADER—Teach a lesson to 4 groups each day (lesson is provided and can be read from the book)

SCRIPTURE ROOM—Kids will come to your station for a video clip and will work on memorizing a simple verse each day

Please see SARA SLATTENGREN if you would like to help!



**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**

**GAMES for ALL AGES**

**BRING YOUR OWN KAYAKS OR BIKES**

**Please Sign Up**

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.

**VBS RAINFOREST FALLS**

**JUNE 8-12TH**  
**9AM-12NOON**

**FREE**

**Please Sign Up**

**Pre-K - 5th Grade**  
GAMES . CRAFTS . SNACKS . SKITS  
SONGS . BIBLE LESSONS

1st Pres Church - 1100 Calvin Rd,  
Rochelle . 815-562-7053

Coming Up ....

SUNDAY, May 31

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, June 1

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

TUESDAY, June 2

7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, June 3

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Choir  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, June 4

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis  
Set Up for VBS

FRIDAY, June 5

VBS Set Up

SATURDAY, June 6

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, June 7

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

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

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.

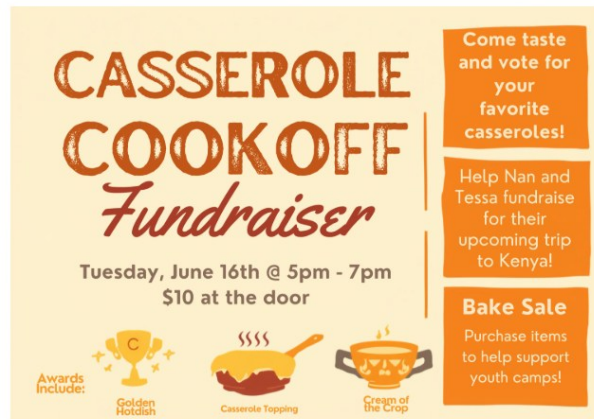
Interim Pastor- Mark Hughey  
Pulpit Supply/Pastoral Care—Xav Valdivieso  
Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren  
Student Ministry Leader - Tessa Stouffer  
Secretary/Receptionist - Midge Berg  
Financial Secretary - Karen Hauck

Church Web Site: www.placeforgrace.com

E-Mail Addresses:

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Sara Slattengren: sara@placeforgrace.com  
Tessa Stouffer : tessa@placeforgrace.com  
Karen Hauck: karen@placeforgrace.com  
Midge Berg: midge@placeforgrace.com  
Church Office: info@placeforgrace.com

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



### Mark Your Calendars!

Nan Good and Tessa Stouffer are hosting a Casserole Cook-Off Fundraiser to help raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to Kenya! They are in need of both “tasters” and cooks! They are looking for approximately 10-12 cooks to commit to bringing 2 of the same casserole. Talk to them, or sign up in the office! Bring out one of Mom or Grandma’s best casserole recipes for a chance to be awarded one of 3 prizes!

Also, the youth will have a bake sale table set up with some delicious desserts!

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### LIBRARY WINDOW

I know it's easy to walk by the library window after service on the way to Adult Study, coffee or wherever. But we do wish you would take a minute or so sometime to check out the library window. Maybe even before service.

The decorations go along with the seasons (church, holidays, calendar, etc.). We try to put in books that relate to the theme. The library itself is also decorated accordingly. Right now it is decorated for Memorial Day. It will remain patriotic most of the summer, with a few changes as the 4th of July is coming up and especially as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our country! God Bless America!

Please know that if you see a book or DVD in the window you would like, you can ask a library committee member to get it out for you or leave a note on the desk and it will be pulled and made available for you.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

### Update on the PNC

At your congregational meeting, you the church, elected your pastor nominating committee. I have been working with them since February (my start date was March 1).

John Haselton is the chair. We’ve gotten through the first 11 steps of a 25 step process. This sounds like we’re about halfway. We are only a few steps away from beginning to interview candidates. Even though it sounds like we’re about halfway, the interview step could take a lot longer, because there are fewer people in the ministry today. I wish I could give you a date when we would be wrapping this up, but just like everything in life, no one knows the future.

If you have questions, you are always welcome to ask me or anyone on the PNC. We cannot tell you names or personal information from interviews, but we can give you statistics on how many people we’ve interviewed once that gets going.

As we begin interviewing, you will hear more regular reports from us, and we hope that you will pray more regularly for us, and for those pastors who apply.

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We want to make you aware that you can contact, connect and give electronically to this congregation. We hope that our worship and fellowship is something that you will continue to take advantage of. We are not pushing the idea of contributing, but want to offer it as well as other services that we provide, for those who want them. You can give electronically. There’s a button on our website, or you can mail to our address at First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle, IL. But you can also visit with us electronically if you would like to.

Our deacons offer individual visits, as well as our pastors. Counseling is available electronically from wherever you are. And if you would like to join the church and be on the committee, we are very open to our committee members being with us through zoom.



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



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