



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCHELLE

September 13, 2026

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Welcome

September 6, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Karen Hauck

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Karen Hauck

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

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

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

All: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Song: To God be the Glory

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

A Prayer For the Church

Lord, we pray for the body of Christ,

Your church, as we seek to be Your voice, Your feet, and Your hands:

Help us to speak Your message of love for the lost, hope for the hurting, compassion for the hearts of the city and nation.

Help us to walk where Your feet would lead us - into places of hurt and hunger, oppression and isolation.

Where others fear to tread, may we go with You.

Help us to reach out to the forgotten, oppressed and lost with Your helping, healing hands, Hands that are still pierced with Your sacrifice and raised with Your victory.

Bless our church,

Not for our sakes but for the sake of Your Kingdom which shall come...

Amen

Rev. Dr. John G. Hamilton

Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-10 NLT - Bob Cartwright

Sermon: Speak Life - Jeana/Xav

Song: Breathe on me Breath of God

Prayers of the People - Deb Schiller

Offering and Doxology - Deb Schiller

Song: The Lion and the Lamb

Blessing

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will do it!”

Go in peace and tell the world what Jesus has done for you!



book review

I recently read *The Rise of Babylon* by Charles H. Dyer and found it to be a fascinating read. Whether you have a solid background in world history or, like me, know very little about the subject, this book is both accessible and engaging.

Dyer traces the history of ancient Babylon through the centuries and connects it to more recent events, such as Saddam Hussein's efforts to rebuild the ancient city and compare himself to King Nebuchadnezzar. These historical connections provide an interesting link to the biblical prophecies found in books such as Isaiah and Ezekiel, encouraging readers to read these books in a whole new light!

Ultimately, the book magnifies Jesus as our only Savior and stability in a world of ever-increasing craziness, not to mention approaching expiration date! Very good read.

Callie Ackland

"More Than A Carpenter," (Revised Edition, 2024) by Josh and Sean McDowell, is the basis for this quarter's small group study with Mike and Linda Chunko beginning Sept 13.

This classic work on the life and times of Jesus has been a classic piece of Christian apologetics for several decades (originally published in 1977), and has been updated and revised a number of times over the years. Please join us at 6:00 P.M. here at the church for an in-depth study and discussion of the book. Our September 13 meeting will be an "ice breaker" for the study and for one night we will tackle the thorny topic of revenge with a song and a series of Scriptures.

An exciting prize will be given away to the person who can answer a question about our theme song! Please join us for group from 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

Please join us in prayer. Every Sunday at 8:30 in the prayer room a group meets to lift our church in prayer as we go through this time of transition. We are asking God for His will, His way and His almighty favor. Stop in to hold our church in prayer.

Jeremiah 29:12 You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.



Choir will meet on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th at 6:30 in the choir room.

Callie Ackland is going to lead the choir this fall!

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Callie or just show up on Oct. 7th!



Please use the QR code or call the office to place your order. THANK YOU!

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.

TODAY will be the start of our Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th graders. We can't wait to see you!

When Pastor Mark gets back from his trip, he plans to lead a Sunday School for Middle + High Schoolers!

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CHURCH
calendar

SUNDAY, September 13

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, September 14

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

TUESDAY, September 15

4:30 p.m. Pulled Pork Dinner
7:00 p.m. Deacons and Committees

WEDNESDAY, September 16

11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, September 17

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, September 19

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, September 20

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
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We also have a lot of New Additions to Library!

We also have items on our FREE table. Please look and see if there is anything that you'd like to take home with you!

Thanks again to anyone who has donated books! They are on the end caps ahead and to the left as you enter the library.

September Adult Sunday School Series
“Contending for the Faith: A Three-Week Journey Through Jude”

Beginning Sunday, September 13, 2026, our Adult Sunday School class will launch a focused, three-week Bible study on the powerful and often-overlooked book of Jude. In just 25 verses, Jude gives the church a bold call to stand firm, stay awake, and hold fast to the gospel in a world full of distractions and distortions.

Across these three weeks, we will explore:

- Jude’s urgent message to believers
- The dangers of spiritual drift
- The beauty of God’s keeping power
- How to “contend for the faith” with both courage and compassion

If you’re looking for a short but deeply impactful study to strengthen your walk with Christ, this is the perfect place to be.

Join us — and bring someone who needs encouragement for the journey.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

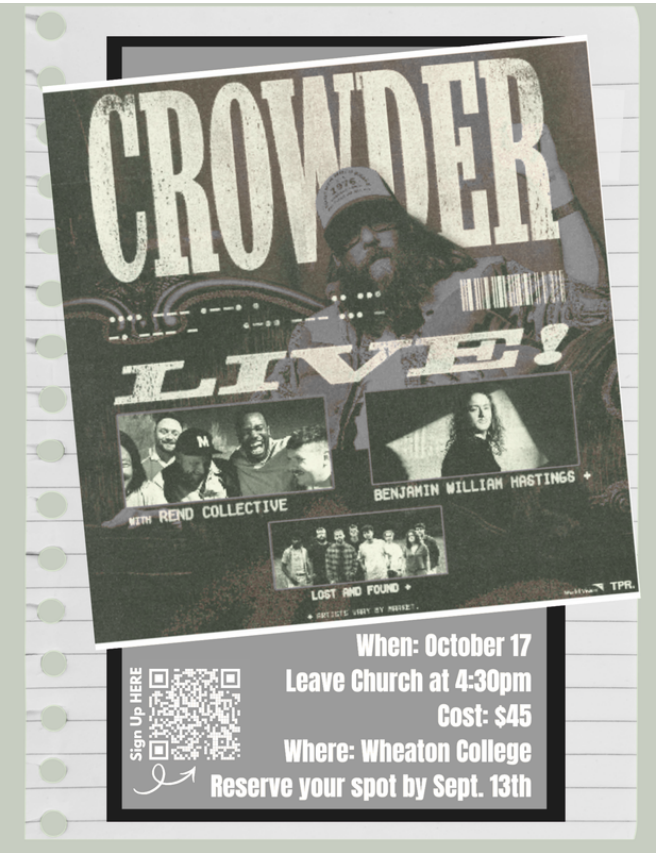
Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
in Aurora, IL

- Leave the church at 3:45pm
- Our shift is 5:00-6:30pm
- Plan to return between 9-10pm
- We will go to Portillos for dinner afterwards, with everyone being on their own ticket.

{if you can drive a carload of kids,
please let Sara or Mark know}

EVERYONE going needs
to sign up on their site



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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
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 Doyle Curtis

Flagler Heath and Rehab Center
300 Dr. Carter Blvd.

Burnnell, FL 32110
Pearl Fromm

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600 Dunham Road Room 326

St. Charles, IL 60174
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