



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCHELLE

September 20, 2026

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Welcome

September 20, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Cooper Holmgren

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Cooper Holmgren

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all creation.

All: The mission of the church is: to share the good news of God’s saving love; to care for people in body, mind, and spirit; to glorify God through worship and service; to seek the truth and way of Christ together; to speak up and take action for what is right; to be a living sign of the realm of God on earth.

Leader: Jesus calls us to be willing, dedicated disciples. Missions is a way of showing the world the new life we have in Christ. Mission work is a way of giving our lives in love and service to God.

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King pg 64

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

Song: Cornerstone

Scripture: Isaiah 6:8, Luke 10:2, Matthew 28:18-20 - John Haselton

Mission Updates: El Ayudante & Keyna

Sermon: Mission Minded

Song: Oceans

Prayers of the People

Offering and Doxology

Song: Here I Am Lord (Send Me)

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!

Fall Fellowship Hour Breakfast Potluck

Fellowship Commission will be hosting a Fall Continental Breakfast Potluck on October 4th during Fellowship Hour. We encourage you to bring your favorite fall themed treats (apple, caramel, pumpkin, etc.) to share as we FALL more in love with Jesus!

Quick breads, muffins, donuts, money bread, Danishes, pastries and bagels are just a few ideas of the things to bring. Or, SURPRISE US! Fresh fruit salad and yogurt cups are also welcome. You can drop your goodies off as you head into church and we'll take care of the rest!

We will provide hot apple cider, hot chocolate and coffee.

We won't have Sunday School for kids that morning - so they can spend time with their families! We will have some fall crafts and activities for them!

Hope to see you all there!
The Fellowship Commission

We still have a few printed copies of Pastor John Hamilton's book of prayers. If you would like a copy, we have them in the office for \$20 (just the printing cost)

book review

Book Review: Finding the Right Hills to Die On by
Gavin Ortlund
Reviewed by John Haselton

Gavin Ortlund's Finding the Right Hills to Die On is a timely and wise guide for Christians navigating doctrinal disagreements in an age when the church is often pulled toward either needless division or careless minimalism. Ortlund argues that while all doctrine matters, not all doctrine carries the same weight — a framework he calls theological triage, distinguishing between gospel-essential truths, important but secondary issues, and matters where believers should show generous forbearance.

The book is short, accessible, and pastoral in tone. Ortlund warns against doctrinal sectarianism, the tendency to fight over everything, and doctrinal minimalism, the tendency to fight over nothing. Instead, he calls the church to hold deep convictions with humility, courage, and love — protecting the gospel while preserving unity.

Church leaders and everyday believers alike will appreciate Ortlund's gracious spirit and practical wisdom. In a contentious cultural moment, this book offers a refreshing vision of how to contend for truth without losing sight of Christlike charity. It's an excellent resource for anyone seeking to strengthen both gospel clarity and gospel unity.

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 6:00 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!

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

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.



CHURCH
calendar

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
6:30 p.m. Chunko Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, September 21

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

WEDNESDAY, September 23

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting
10:00 a.m. Gilbert Funeral
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, September 24

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis
4:00 p.m. 2-5th Grade Youth Group

SATURDAY, September 26

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, September 27

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

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and ate at our Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser! The youth were able to put over \$2,000 towards their camp funds! Thank you!

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

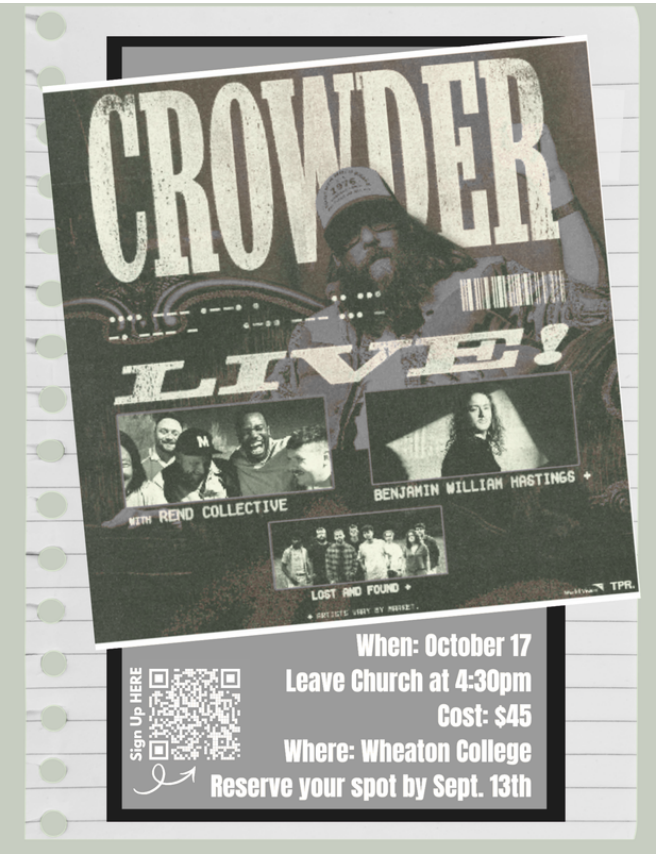
Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.

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



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!!

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