



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCHELLE

September 20, 2026

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Welcome

September 27, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Evan Tracy

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Evan Tracy

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

- All: We open our eyes to see his glory.
- We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
- We open our hands to offer him gifts.
- We open our mouths to sing his praise.
- We open our hearts to offer him our love.
- He is Lord!

Song: Firm Foundation

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Father, You are the Source of all truth and wisdom, we come before You now seeking Your guidance and direction. We ask that You lead us into all truth, that we may know You more fully and follow You more closely. We confess that we often fall short in our pursuit of truth, relying on our own understanding and the wisdom of this world. Forgive us for our pride and our lack of trust in Your divine wisdom and guidance.

We ask that You would open our eyes to see the truth, to discern the lies and deceptions that surround us, and to be filled with Your light and Your truth. Help us to live a life that honors and pleases You and to be faithful witnesses to Your truth in all that we do. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus pg. 376

Scripture: John 14:1–6, Romans 12:1–2 -Mike Chunko

Sermon: Anchored or Adrift: Biblical Truth vs. Worldly Truth - Dave Casey

Song: The Solid Rock Pg. 404

Prayers of the People - Deb Schiller

Offering and Doxology

Song: Build My Life

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



book *review*
THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Didn't know if I had a review for this week but God helped me when I read this from my devotional so this is mostly the words of David Jeremiah:
“There is one book that stands apart from all the rest: The Bible offers wisdom that no other source can match because its Author is the God of truth (Isa. 65:16).”

“The Bible gives direction for life (Ps.119:105). God uses His Word to lead us, no matter what our circumstances may be.”

“God's Word strengthens us in grief and trials (Ps.119:28, 116). Even in our darkest moments, His Word meets us where we are.”

“Scripture helps us understand our motivations (Heb. 4”12) The Bible is a mirror that lets us see ourselves as we truly are.”

“The Bible is the mind of God put into words so that we can know Him more fully. No other book can make that claim and deliver on it. In deepening our understanding of the Father, we learn how to live with purpose and die unafraid.”

We need to be deeply rooted in God's Word, “the most precious book we will ever possess.”

Our library has many versions of, plus study Bibles, and Bibles for all ages.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

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.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 4

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17, 11:23–28
Sermon: A Happy Meal - Mark Hughey
Reader: Chuck Roberts



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!

CHURCH
calendar

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

MONDAY, September 28

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

WEDNESDAY, September 30

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

THURSDAY, October 1

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, October 3

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, October 4

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

Many thanks for the support and prayers for me and my family in the loss of my grandson, Aaron. Your caring means a lot.

Judy Schermerhorn

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**CAMP TIMBER-LEE
WINTER CAMP**

3-5TH GRADE: JAN. 17-18
MIDDLE SCHOOL: JAN. 15-17
HIGH SCHOOL: FEB. 12-14

Worship Science Center Crafts
Outdoor Winter FUN! Chapel Animals

We will be going to Camp Timber-Lee in East Troy, Wisconsin for our annual WINTER CAMP!

What's the Cost?
For our 3-5th graders, camp costs \$95 per person. The youth group can fundraise \$45 per person, leaving the remainder of \$50.
For our Middle + High Schoolers, camp costs \$175 per person. The youth group can fundraise \$75 per person, leaving the remainder of \$100.

If this is not in your budget, please reach out privately! We don't want anyone to not go because of the cost!

I do need to reserve our spots ASAP- if your child is interested in going, please let me know so I can get them on my list! We will be taking our own chaperones. I do have several interested, but if anyone else would like to chaperone, please reach out as well! We can take as many as we have room for.
Sara Slattengren - 815-761-2749 or sara@placeforgrace.com

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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

Hawthorne Inn
2201 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Shirley Villa
Judy (Nelson) Messer
David Guest

Liberty Village Manor Court
2203 E Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Codelle Leonard
Nancy Detig
Jan Hann
Clyda Lamb
Doyle Curtis
Arlyn VanDyke

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

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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