

Sermon Notes



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCHELLE

TO “GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL PEOPLE” INVITING THEM INTO A SAVING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, BUILDING THEM INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO SERVICE FOR CHRIST.

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WELCOME

February 22, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is faithful

All: He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Leader: His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity.

All: We therefore praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying, "Great is your faithfulness! We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things. Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God."

Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

A Prayer to Pray by Dr. Rev. John G. Hamilton

Leader: "Lord, teach us to pray," they said ... and so do we.

All: We know how important prayer is to our lives, how vital it is in our relationship with You. But we do not pray, not as we should, not as we yearn to pray.

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray ... or, more truthfully,

All: Help us to take the time to pray; help us to make the effort to pray; help us to give the focus to prayer; help us to be persistent in prayer, returning to You day after day, not so easily discourage if Your answers do not follow our script. Renew within us the commitment to speaking and listening with You in prayer.

Leader: "Lord, teach us to pray," we pray;

All: and, Lord, thank You for listening. Amen

Song: Draw Me Close to You

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20: 25, Jeremiah 29: 11-13, John 10:10, Ephesians 3: 20-21

Sermon: "Abundance"

Song: Find Me

Prayers of the People

Offering and Doxology

Song: Great is Your Faithfulness/I Love You Lord

Blessing: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

We are excited to announce that the Personnel Committee took a request to the Session meeting in February, and it was passed that Xav Valdivieso is hired for a 1-year commitment to serve our church as the Pastor of Worship and to continue his Pastoral Care Ministry.

Xav will be overseeing the music ministry at our church; choosing and singing songs, working alongside and offering support to both our choir director and organist, Teresa and our Worship Musician, Callie. He is excited about his new calling and looks forward to serving our church.

If you would like to get ahold of them, their contact is:

Xav's Cell Phone: 815-761-2005

Jeana's Cell Phone: 815-761-4010

Xav's Email: xjvaldi@placeforgrace.com

We are excited to announce that Personnel took a recommendation to session to hire Callie Ackland as our Worship Musician. Callie has been working closely with Hal & Sheri and Xav since the beginning of January.

Callie Ackland, born and raised in Rochelle, loves the LORD and loves worshiping His name in song. She has three sisters (including an identical twin!), one dog and three rabbits. It is her absolute joy to serve the LORD at Rochelle Presbyterian church alongside her brothers and sisters in Christ. Callie is a distant cousin to Todd Ackland and his family.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY VISION

We want to INSPIRE youth to love Jesus, BUILD youth up in Him, EQUIP youth to live in Christ and EMPOWER youth to reach out for Him

SUNDAY, February 22

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, February 23

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

WEDNESDAY, February 25

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

THURSDAY, February 26

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Meeting

SATURDAY, February 28

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, March 1

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

Thank you to everyone who has brought in cookies recently! We really appreciate it!

The Fellowship Commission
Karen Cech, Rachel Thorson, Shay Good

Beginning March 1, a copy of the previous month's Session Meeting Minutes (Stated and Called) will be put in a ring binder for anyone who is interested in seeing what might have been done and decided or discussed at the month's meeting. This binder will be maintained in the office and available simply by asking to see it.

Questions? Please ask!

Norma Peters has her 101st birthday coming up! If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is:
900 A Carlisle Dr, Rochelle

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

Thanks to one of our donors for a new series and author for our library. The Adam Cross Suspense series is by Urcelia Teixeira and just recently added. Every Good Gift (Book 1); Every Good Plan (Book 2); Every Good Work (Book 3) can be found for now on the end shelf of the fiction section.

Seeing as she is a new author to us, I decided to read the first book. Well, I just finished Book 3! "Gripping faith-filled mystery and suspense novels laced with danger and adventure that will leave you breathless on every page! Also suited as standalone novels."

A committed Christian for over twenty years, she now lives by the following mantra: "I used to be just a writer. Now I am a writer with a purpose!" I was amazed at how much Scripture was quoted in her stories. Looks like another author who fits into our church library.

Judy Schermerhorn

Our 3-5th Grade Youth Group had an AMAZING {spring-like} Winter Camp this past weekend!

We learned about and memorized 2 Corinthians 4:8
"For we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."

We played hard and worshiped together! Camp had a tiny bit of snow on the tubing hill, so we were able to play a little bit in the snow! The kids held animals in the science center, climbed a climbing wall, sang and danced ... and so much more!



Lenten Soup Meals

Do you have a favorite soup recipe? Would you be willing to cook it and share with the congregation?

WE ONLY HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS TO FILL ... MARCH 3 & 10
GRAB SOME FRIENDS TO MAKE SOUP AND SIGN UP! {CALL OR
TEXT KAREN CECH TO SIGN UP}

Fellowship commission is looking for a group of people to volunteer to prepare and serve a light meal - soup and bread - before the midweek Lenten services again this year. Our estimate is that 5 slow cookers would serve the approximately 75 people who have attended the Tuesday night services in past years. Please also purchase or prepare biscuits, breads, crackers, muffins, etc. to accompany the soup. (Parents - we will have peanut butter, jelly and bread available for you to make sandwiches for your children if they do not like the soup.)

The light meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. with the Lenten service to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24.

-Fellowship Commission

Great news! The City of Rochelle has awarded us a facade grant for the Thrift Shop!!

We will be able to start with the work as soon as weather permits!

Watch for photos and updates!

Praise the Lord for this provision!