

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 15, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Introit: O Worship the Lord

Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

All: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Song: I Surrender All

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

All: You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to

our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Leader: Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.

All: Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen

Choir Anthem: Its in His Name

Scripture: John 14:15-17, John 16:13, Galatians 5:16-18, 25

Sermon: "Surrender"

Song: No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

Prayers of the People

Offering and Doxology

Song: Worthy Of It All

Blessing: 1Thessalonians 5:23-24

Flowers are given in honor of Maisie Jane Pohl, born January 18, 2026.

Maisie is the daughter of Tori & Nick Pohl, sister of Delani McGee and Preston Pohl and granddaughter of Loyd & Sara Pohl.



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 him, contact is: Xav's Cell Phone: 815-761-2005
Xav's Email: xjvaldi@placeforgrace.com

Join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30pm for the Ash Wednesday Service.

This service offers us the opportunity to begin the Lenten journey together as we look toward the Good Friday and Easter morning.

All those who desire to receive communion and/or the imposition of ashes will be able to do so.

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.



Fellowship Commission Request

Are you a lover of baking cookies? Do you enjoy walking through the cookie aisle at the grocery store, trying to choose just the right kind? If so, Fellowship Commission could use your help! We are in need of cookies (storebought or homemade) for upcoming Sundays, and any amount you could provide would be greatly appreciated!

Feel free to drop them off at the church during the week and place them in the freezer and we will take it from there! Also, we are very grateful to those of you who have provided cookies thus far to enjoy with our coffee time!

Any questions, please reach out to us. Thank you so much!

The Fellowship Commission

Karen Cech, Rachel Thorson, Shay Good

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

Janette Oke, who has written over 80 novels since 1979 has been a very familiar author to most of us. In fact we have a whole shelf of her books in our library plus a few Love Comes Softly DVDs. Not to mention, one of her series, When Calls The Heart, has been playing on the Hallmark channel the past few years.

Can you believe, that after retiring three times and at the age of 90, she has written another novel? (That alone is an inspiration!) She says that she had no plans to write another novel until she "felt a strong nudge from God" while doing a Bible study on the book of Revelation.

The Pharisee's Wife is about a Jewish girl during the time of Jesus life, death, resurrection, and after. Another great read by this author! I don't want to give the story away. Hopefully, you will read for yourself. And I highly recommend the pages following where she tells about salvation, the second coming, etc. I looked up her background and she is a "committed Evangelical Christian."

She also said that "my research did not always provide the needed background information, so I used the 'writer's license'.....Therefore some of the story's background should not be understood as historical fact."

I highly recommend this book! A great book for our library as it is very spiritual as well as another good story .
FYI: We just put her auto-biography in the Biography section recently.

Judy Schermerhorn