

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 8, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Kathy Olson

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

All: O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Song: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Too Busy? By Rev. Dr. John G Hamilton

Leader: Lord, I have been very busy this week.

All : ...Could it be I was too busy for You?

Leader: Lord, I have been distracted by many things.

All: ...Could it be I was distracted from you?

Leader: Lord, I have been doing many good deeds.

All: ...Could I have forgotten the One Good Deed You did for me?

Leader: Lord, my feet and hands have been working very hard for You.

All: ...Could I have left my heart behind? Forgive me for all the ways I have let my activities distract me from you. Help me to sit at Your feet, gaze into Your face, listen to Your words, And walk in Your way. Amen

Song: Sweet Jesus

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, John 15:5, 1 John 2:24-25

Sermon: "Abide"

Song: Be Thou My Vision

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Doxology

Song: Goodness of God

Blessing: 1Thessalonians 5:23-24

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.

Hello Church!

Here is a brief survey from the Pastor Nominating Committee. We need your help in finding the right person to be our next pastor. We know God has someone out there for us. Your help can steer us in the right direction.

So, thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts as our church enters this season of pastoral transition. Your voice matters. This survey is an integral part of our Mission Study, helping the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee understand who we are as a congregation, what we value, and where God may be leading us next.

Please answer prayerfully. There are no "right" answers—only your experiences, hopes, and insights. All responses are confidential and will be used only to support the discernment process.

We are grateful for your participation and for your love for our church. May God guide us together as we seek His will for the future.

In Christ,
The Pastor Nominating Committee
John Haselton, Kara Burke, Connie Dougherty, Brent Tracy, Sarah Chisamore,
Mary Kay Merema, Brad Chapman

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.

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FOR CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY



SUNDAY, February 8

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 9

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 11

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

THURSDAY, February 12

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Meeting

SATURDAY, February 14

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, February 15

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
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

For the months of January and February, Xav & Jeana Valdivieso will be our Pulpit Supply and Pastoral Care team!

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



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
Archie Jensen

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
Marjorie Hayes
Nancy Detig
Sandi Graber
Jan Hann
Clyda Lamb

The Meadows 510 N State, #113, Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Larry Cleveland

Flagler Heath and Rehab Center 300 Dr. Carter Blvd. Burnell, FL 32110

Pearl Fromm

Brighton Gardens of St. Charles 600 Dunham Road Room 326 St. Charles, IL 60174

Bill Frederick

Sunday Greeters Needed!

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters prior to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. We hope to have two greeters (or more!) each Sunday—to assist people at the east entrance and to pass out bulletins as worshipers arrive.

Come at 8:30 a.m. and you are done by 9:00 a.m. to join worship. Easy!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Slattengren

Thank you!

Pulpit Supply/Pastoral Care—Xav Valdivieso
Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren
Student Ministry Leader - Tessa Stouffer
Secretary/Receptionist - Midge Berg
Financial Secretary - Karen Hauck

Church Web Site: www.placeforgrace.com

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Tessa Stouffer: tessa@placeforgrace.com
Karen Hauck: karen@placeforgrace.com
Midge Berg: midge@placeforgrace.com
Church Office: info@placeforgrace.com

Office Hours: M-Th 9a-4p
Fri 9a-12Noon

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 would 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 Adult Class Begins February 8: The Challenge of Acts

A fresh opportunity for learning and fellowship begins Sunday, February 8, as we launch a new adult class exploring N.T. Wright's The Challenge of Acts. This short, engaging book invites readers to rediscover the power of the Holy Spirit, the bold witness of the early church, and the ongoing call for Christians to embody the gospel in today's world. Wright's accessible style makes the book ideal for group conversation, whether you're new to Acts or returning with fresh eyes.

Each week, we'll reflect on key themes from the book alongside the biblical text, considering how the story of the early church shapes our mission and imagination as a congregation. All are welcome—long-time participants and newcomers alike.

Books are available in the church office during the week or on the first day of class for \$12.

Come ready to learn, discuss, and be encouraged as we journey through Acts together.

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NEW LIFE LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS: Some just ordered and thanks again to those who donated books.

Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties Archer Gleason "Informed answers to your most troublesome questions."

Biggest Story Bible Storybook by Kevin DeYoung

Stories for Your Soul by Max Lucado

I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet by Shauna Niequist

How Can I Run a Tight Ship When I'm Surrounded by Loose Cannons? by Kathi Macias Proverbs 31

Surviving an Unwanted Divorce by Lysa Terkeurst

A Jesus Shaped Life by Lisa Harper - A recent study in our church b

New Moody Atlas of the Bible by Barry Beitzel Reference book (More than just maps)

Every Good Gift - #1 by Urcella Teixeira - Christian Suspense – New author in our library

Every Good Plan - #2

Every Good Work - #3

Prowl #2 Ambush by Colleen Coble – Book #1 recently added to library

Who Stirs Up the Sea by Deborah Raney Book #2 in "The God Who" series

If I Were You by Lynn Austin Romance during WW2 - Sequel in Christmas section ("The Wish Book Christmas")

Indivisible (One Marriage, One Family Under God) by Travis Thrasher Inspired by true events