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

August 31, 2025 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to worship

Leader: We are gathered to worship God, All: We are all right where we belong.

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

All: We approach God with joy in our hearts. Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son, All: We gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

Song: #10 O Worship the King

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Song: Your Words of Life

Scripture reading: Judges 4:1-24

Sermon: Flying With The Sting and the Sweetness of the Spirit

Song: # 477 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Doxology

Song: # 272 Wonderful Words of Life

Blessing

Today is Rev. Joseph's last Sunday with us.

Today is also his BIRTHDAY!!

If you would like to bring a birthday card blessing for Joseph, we will have a basket in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for cake after the service.

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 Dankas

Hawthorne Inn 2201 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Laura Bunger Shirley Villa Judy (Nelson) Messer

Liberty Village 2203 E Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068

Codelle Leonard Marjorie Hayes Nancy Detig Sandi Graber Ian Hann Clyda Lamb

Beacon Hill 2400 S Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148 Donna Dodd

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

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

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 one of the deacons.

Thank you!

Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren Student Ministry Leader - Tessa Stouffer Secretary/Receptionist - Midge Berg Financial Secretary - Karen Hauck

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

We have a schedule for pulpit supply for the months of September and October.

Each week we will have someone from our congregation preaching.

Please continue to pray for our Interim Search Committee, as they seek to find someone to lead us.



Doug and Amy Forsberg's new address: 1000 Bluebird View Unit 1225 Newtown Square, PA 19073

SUNDAY, August 31

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

MONDAY, September 1 Office Closed for Labor Day 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

TUESDAY, September 2

7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, September 3

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

THURSDAY, September 4

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, September 6 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, September 7 9:00 a.m. Worship, Communion

6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Amber and Jony Cruz have Casa Hogar t-shirts available for purchase. Shirts are \$20 each.

If you would like to order one, please reach out to Amber - her email is: hey amber77@hotmail.com



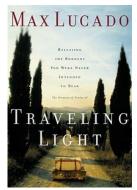
Deborah Raney has written a series of 3 books about the Chandler sisters. I was caught up in the lives of all three girls within a few chapters of book one. The books, although with a predictable ending, are well written and with just enough suspense to keep you reading. At the end of the first book, I looked forward to visiting our library to check out the next book. Books 2 and 3 were just as delightful. I was actually sad to finish book 3, knowing that my time with the Chandler sisters had ended. I would have loved to continue following their lives,

These are just a few of the newer books in our wonderful library.

Marilyn Overby







Have you ever had to struggle with an overpacked suitcase at the airport? If you do, you'll remember the advice you've heard time and again, "travel light." We overpack and then wonder how we're going to manage everything, and usually end up wishing we had taken half of what we've got to lug around. But, what to get rid of when we "need" everything?

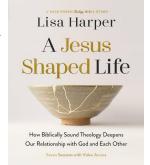
Life is like that: laden with baggage, stuff we don't need to carry with us for the duration of our lives. But again, the question is, what do we get rid of and how do we do it?

"Traveling Light," by Max Lucado is our fall theme study and the book on which this study is based. It's filled with positive directions about those areas of our lives that we'd rather not have to deal with: fear, insecurity, mourning, anxiety, and much more.

We have some open spaces available (there's always room for one more), so if you'd like to join with us in discussion and fellowship, feel free to do so. We meet in the New Life Library on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M. and end promptly at 7:30 P.M. Books are available for \$11.

Mike and Linda Chunko

"If you long to live freer, less afraid, less anxious, and more convinced of the unbridled affection God has for you, I'll be honored if you'll consider joining me and a group of dear friends for my brand-new, online, interactive Bible study, A Jesus-Shaped Life." Lisa Harper



The church office will be ordering the study guides, so please let Connie Dougherty know if you are planning to come.

Our study starts Monday, September 15 from 10 am - 11:30. This is 7 week video Bible study.

Besides the obvious benefit of studying God's word in order to draw closer to Him and learn more about His love for each of us, our group of women are building friendships that last! Please come join us!