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# WELCOME

September 14, 2025 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Jessica Hickey

Time of Preparation for Worship

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, to the one whom we trust. Sing for joy and praise God

People: Praise God for the wonderful gift of a new day. Thank God for his ever present help and never ending love

Leader: God is our strength and salvation. Let everything that has breath praise our God!

People: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: We will give thanks this day, for God is good and his steadfast love endures forever

Song: Come People Of The Risen King (Getty)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Gracious and forgiving God, We confesses that we have not lived up to your intentions for us. You call us to be ambassadors of your peace, yet we choose to pick fights. You ask us to ease others' burdens, but we add to them instead. You ask us to love one another and yet we judge and

criticize. Patient God, forgive us. Continue to work in us to make us more like your son, Jesus Christ. Remind us that you have given us your peace, that we may share that peace with others. In Jesus' strong name, the name about all names we pray, Amen

Passing of the Peace

Song: And Can It Be #203

Scripture reading: Romans 14:13, 17-19; 15:1-7

Sermon: Blessed to be Peacemakers

Song: Goodness Of God (Jenn Johnson)

Prayers of the People - Deb Schiller

Offering and Doxology

Song: Sing (Sovereign Grace)

Blessing



### 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!

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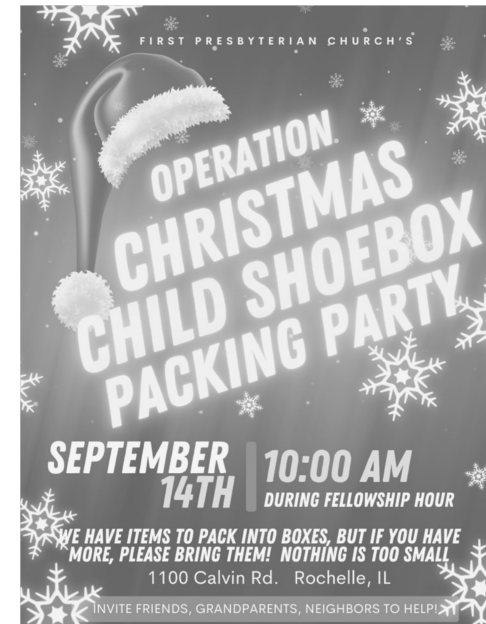
Office Hours: M-Th 9a-4p  
Fri 9a-12Noon

### Sunday, September 14

Scripture reading: Romans 14:13, 17-19; 15:1-7  
Sermon: Blessed to be Peacemakers  
Preaching: Teresa Green  
Reader: Connie Dougherty

### Sunday, September 21

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-31  
Sermon: What Are You Looking At?  
Preaching: Tessa Stouffer  
Reader: Youth Reader



We have scheduled preachers 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.

They have been conducting interviews, both via Zoom and in person.

### SUNDAY, September 14

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

### MONDAY, September 15

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

### TUESDAY, September 16

7:00 p.m. Deacons and Committees

### WEDNESDAY, September 17

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

### THURSDAY, September 18

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

### SATURDAY, September 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, September 21

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's Small Group  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## New Life Library

I just finished one of our newest books: *The Pursuit of Elena Bradford* written by Ann H. Gabhart. A good story and I recommend. If you like her writing, there are already a couple other books by her on our shelves.

"Elena Bradford is more interested in her art than marriage. But when her father dies, leaving the family in debt, her mother packs the family up to go to a resort in search of a rich husband for Elena. With three men vying for her attention and a mysterious death among the guests, she must decide who to trust."

Once again, I looked into the author's notes after reading the book. Here's a portion of that: "First and foremost, I thank the Lord for granting this country girl the desires of my heart by giving me the joy of sharing stories with readers like you. Writing a novel sometimes feels a little like magic when characters spring to life in my head. No, magic isn't the right word. Inspiration given by the Lord is better."

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

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The Thrift Shop is in need of fall decorations and linens!

If you are cleaning out and would like to donate to the shop, please stop in Tuesday-Friday 10-4 or Saturday 9-12Noon.

As always, they are in need of more volunteers! Please reach out to the manager, Taryn Brooks, if you have a few hours each month to volunteer! Taryn's number is 815-329-3962



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Did you know ... we email out a newsletter every Tuesday afternoon.

If you would like to get our weekly newsletter, please email Sara at [sara@placeforgrace.com](mailto:sara@placeforgrace.com) and we can get you added on the list! We do mail a hard copy out every other week to those not able to get the email version. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter that way, please let the office staff know and we can get you added to that list.

## Adult Ed Class

More than a story about a man and a big fish, the book of Jonah acts like a mirror and asks us to reflect on some deeper questions. Please join us through the month of September as we do a chapter-by-chapter study through this book of the Bible.

Join us in the Adult Ed classroom after the service!

This 4 week class will be lead by Tessa Stouffer



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"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!

