



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORMAL

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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2026



START AT
11 AM

2000 E College Ave, in Normal, IL

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We affirm that all people are children of God and are created in the image of God. Believing this, we welcome all individuals into the life, community, and ministry of First Pres. This includes people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental ability, economic status, political belief, background, and past experience. No one is excluded, marginalized, or held outside the warm welcome of this congregation. You can find our full statement of affirmation & inclusion on our website.

MARCH 8, 2026
11AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karol Schilling

SONG Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Julia White

SONG Be Still

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:2-10

Melissa Walles

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kelli Owens

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:11-15, 4:1-17

Pastor Matt Wilcox

MESSAGE Incoming Call: No More Excuses

SONG Who You Say I Am

COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Karol Schilling

OFFERING INVITATION

Melissa Walles

OFFERING REFLECTION TIME

SONG My Lighthouse

BLESSING

Pastor Matt Wilcox

INCOMING CALL

No More Excuses

EXODUS 3:11-15, 4:1-17

The Main Point

(A quick summary of the sermon.)

When God calls Moses, Moses responds with a series of excuses rooted in fear, insecurity, and feelings of inadequacy, struggles that many of us recognize in ourselves. Yet each excuse becomes an opportunity for God to remind Moses that the call does not depend on his confidence or ability but on God's presence and power. The same is true for us: when God calls, we are invited to trust that the One who calls us is also the One who equips us.

One Question

(A single question to carry with you this week.)

What excuse or insecurity might be keeping you from responding to something God is calling you to do, and what would it look like to trust that God will be with you in it?

What Now?

(A clear, simple next step.)

This week, when you catch yourself thinking "I'm not enough" or "someone else would be better," pause and then pray, "God, if you are calling me, help me trust that you will equip me," and take one small step forward anyway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark you calendars and get plugged in!

TODAY | YOUTH GROUP DESTINATION UNKNOWN (6-12TH)

6-12th graders are invited to meet here at the church at 2pm to travel to a surprise destination! Please wear comfy clothes and shoes! Parents can pick up their students at the church at 4pm. Contact Kelli with questions!

MARCH 11 | CEDAR RIDGE HOPE BAGS

Join us on Wednesday, March 11, at 11am (to unpack food) or 6pm (to fill bags). We will meet in the Great Hall. Please sign up online if you can help. These snack bags are then delivered to Cedar Ridge Elementary School on Thursday morning.

MARCH 13 | AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Join us, 1:30-5:30pm in the Great Hall. The Red Cross urgently needs donors and will collect regular and power red donations. During March, donors will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card and a free A1C screening. Most people 17+ (16 with parental consent) are eligible. Our goal: 20 units. Walk-ins welcome; please sign up at redcrossblood.org. You have the power to save lives!

MARCH 15 | A LONG OBEDIENCE LENTEN STUDY

Join us Sunday mornings, 9:45am-10:45am, during Lent for engaging conversations on discipleship and what it looks like to follow Jesus in everyday life.

MARCH 15 | THE WIRED WORD: NEW ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

The Wired Word discussion guide chooses a weekly current event or cultural topic and explores how it relates to Scripture, encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives. With each week's lesson being independent of the others, feel free to come any time. No sign-up needed.

MARCH 15 | ALL-CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia is back at a new time: 4pm! Bring your random knowledge. Snacks and prizes will be provided! Contact Kelli with questions.

MARCH 21 | BLESSINGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY GOES TO COMMON GROUND

Meet us at 9:30am in the church parking lot to carpool to Gridley, Illinois, to have brunch at Common Grounds on Saturday, March 21. Homemade pie and specialty drinks are available! If you plan to come, please RSVP on the website.

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MOWERS ARE NEEDED

The Property Committee is seeking volunteers to join their mowing team for the upcoming season. Each volunteer will be responsible for mowing and trimming during a 2-week period assigned to them. The church will provide a John Deere riding lawn mower, push mower, trimmers, and fuel. We try to schedule volunteers on dates that work best for their personal schedules. Please contact Dave Seyller or John Anderson and include the dates you won't be available.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun. March 8	9:30am 9:45am 11am 12pm 2pm 5:30pm	Coffee Fellowship Great Hall Hallway Sunday School & Adult Discipleship Hour Contemporary Worship Service Sanctuary Confirmation Class Lounge Youth Group Destination Unknown Alpha Small Group Library
M o n . March 9	6pm 7:15pm	Women's Blessings Bible Study Lounge Adult Discipleship Committee Zoom Meeting
Tue. March 10	2:45pm 5:30pm 6pm 6:30pm	PASS After School Program Great Hall Property Committee Library Missions Super Committee Great Hall Handbells Rehearsal Sanctuary
Wed. March 11	11am 4:30pm 6pm 6:30pm	Hope Bags for Cedar Ridge Elementary Great Hall Worship Band Rehearsal Sanctuary Hope Bags for Cedar Ridge Elementary Great Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
Thu. March 12	9am 2:45pm 5:30pm	Book Group Library PASS After School Program Great Hall Personnel Committee Lounge
Fri. March 13	11:15am 1:30pm	Worship Band Rehearsal Sanctuary Blood Drive Great Hall

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