

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

August 27, 2017 ~ 10:15 am

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

P: We will hold nothing back from our God.

L: Sing full-throated praises to our God.

P: We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.

L: Glorify God and and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

P: We will worship our God with wonder and joy.

Prayer of Invocation

There are days when we proclaim You a pest, constantly prodding us to reach out to others. There are days when we say You are a fool, to imagine we might take up crosses to follow You. There are days when we lament where You are, as Your world grows more violent, more hurtful, more hateful. So, this day, let us start over and simply say You are our Hope, our Peace, our Comfort, our Guide, our Joy, our God in Community. Holy in One, we have come to worship and praise You. Amen.

***Hymn #611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***Call to Confession**

We are so much like Peter. Jesus tells us what it will take to follow Him, and we want to argue. Jesus shows us the way to the Kingdom and we look for another path. Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our lives to God, praying,

***Prayer of Confession in Unison**

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people You would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from Your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but You are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast,

and the oppressed. Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for You in all the wrong places. Reawaken us with Your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with Your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve Your people, in Christ's name.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: It is so easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

P: Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *Hymn #581 (words only)*

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 13

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Moment for Children

Hymn #20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Rev. Scott Prouty

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Romans 12:1-8

Page 1378

Hymn (Insert)

"God Claims You"

The Holy Baptism of: Lillian Barbara Alexander

Presentation: Ruling Elder Robert Alexander

Renunciation and Affirmation

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Page 34 in Hymnal)

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptizing

The Blessing

O Lord, uphold Lillian by Your Holy Spirit. Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ. May the peace of God be with you.

***Hymn #188**

"Jesus Loves Me"

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***Doxology** *Hymn #606*

***Offertory Prayer**

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to You. O God, we pray that others might be transformed by Your grace, Your hope and Your peace. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

Postlude

(*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

**Ushers for August: Wayne Mann, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Winton & Rosie Venable,
Jamie Norgaard**

**Communion Servers for September: Current Ruling Elder Richard Aakre,
Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Joleen MacHolda, Kathy Peterson, Robb & Robin Schneider**

Deacon of August: Ardis Alexander

Greeting You Today: Sarah Jacobson, Gerry & Deb Hess

Our Televised Worship Services ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Welcome to this morning's service! If you are a visitor, we are pleased to have you join us for worship. Please sign the guest book! If you are looking for a church home, please consider First Presbyterian, and speak with Pastor Prouty. **A nursery is available for families with children ages infant-kindergarten. Ask an usher for the nursery location.**

Used Shoe Drive ~ Lauren Karntiz has a large garbage bin by the south entrance for all your used shoes! Lauren is partnering up with Funds2Orgs to collect gently used and new shoes. Funds2Orgs will take the donated shoes and use them to help create micro-enterprises in countries such as Haiti and parts of Africa. If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact Lauren.

Sign-Up Sheets/Sunday School ~ Sign-up sheets for Breakfast, Wednesday night meals and Children's Sermons are in the Narthex! Please sign-up where you can!

Help Needed ~ We are looking for Sunday School co-teachers for two different classes; 4-5 year olds and 1st-3rd graders. If you are interested please contact Pam.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 27: 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags
5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

Monday, August 28: Noon: Pastor - Rotary

Thursday, August 31: 9:00 am: Janean McKay
10:00 am: Janet Minkel
2:00 pm: Judy Smith
4:00 pm: Dave & Adrienne Danielson

Friday, September 1: Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 3: 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: October Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
(Families with the last names starting with K-M)

Monday, September 4: Church Office Closed - Labor Day

Friendship Dinner ~ Our next friendship dinner is **tonight**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; chili dogs, bars, cookies and beverages. All are welcome!

Congregational Meeting ~ We will have a congregational meeting to elect a new elder to fill out the remainder of a term on **Sunday, September 10**, following worship.

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Kory & Brittany Schneider, Brady & Abbie Stough

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for those fighting addictions.

Pray for all the people of the world.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - Sue Osborne, 28th - Doug Jensen, 29th - Tori Fuhr, September 1st - Merlin Goudy,
2nd - Jenny Bloedow, Richard Aakre

Anniversaries: September 2nd - Shaun & Becky Bruns

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Elizabeth Stancer

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Carol Oja, Muriel Moon,
Elizabeth Stancer, Janet Minkel, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

All Those Fighting Cancer: Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins),
Kathy Lueckert (Scott Prouty's friend)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases:

Shellie Mammen (Lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Hymn Review (Robert Brown) "As the Deer"

This hymn was written during a time of personal worship after the reading of Psalms 42. It was often sung as individuals were on their way to be baptized. As water is life sustaining as to us, so is the giving of ourselves to baptism.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Art Work in First Presbyterian

There is a Memorial Record Book in the church office that lists gifts of memorial prints of the stories of Christ, beautiful pieces of furniture, and framed pictures of the church over the years. But also there is handmade art work sprinkled around the church that was made by members for various occasions:

The rainbow of children's **hand prints** was done during one VBS craft project.

The **fretwork wall hanging** of the Lord's Prayer was done by Bunny Nolting's brother, Gene Kohn. This is located on the second floor across from the elevator.

Recently Elaine Hagen did a **multi-medium framed picture** of a flower that is embellished with needlework and crystals.

Bob Moon, skilled in making metalwork, made the **sign post** to the east of present entrance.

The Venable sisters, Jaclyn & Jennifer, painted the **wall mural** on the downstairs Sunday School classroom wall. For this Jaclyn received the Gold Girl Scout project award.

Gerry Patten has drawn **church pictures** used on notecards & placemats for the 150th anniversary.

In the dining room the **framed photos** of portions of the upstairs stained glass windows were done by Gerry Patten and Tony Miller.

The **painted words on metal** below them came from the Wabasso Church.

A number of **wooden pieces of furniture** were made by Scott Goodyear and Dr. James Flynn.

Joyce & Maynard Nolting design and tend the **church garden** and the one at Gilfillan.

The **framed picture collage** of old church pictures was given by Gary Revier.

Betty (Mrs Cal) Larsen made the **communion table cloth** with Hardanger embroidery.


A **framed quilt hanging** was made by Judy Corder.

We thank these members who used their God-given talents for the glory of God and for the appreciation of the First Presbyterian members and guests.

If you have missed any history tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... fpcrwf.org


God Claims You 2249

*Refrain**




Lillian Lillian " God claims you, God helps you, pro -

Fine



tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
***2. We your fam - ily
3. We are here to
4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
say this day that we will help you on your way.
tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

*Sing Refrain twice at beginning and end, and once between stanzas.

**May insert child's name.

***May insert parents' names "Jeff and Kathy love you so, we vow ..."