

# First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

## Celebrating 150 Years

August 13, 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: We gather to worship our God,

**P: who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

L: We gather to follow Jesus,

**P: who encourages to never fear, for He is near.**

L: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

**P: who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**

#### Prayer of Invocation

You come as a great wind, splitting our fears into fragments, breaking our prejudices into tiny pebbles that hurt no one. You are a summer's breeze that stirs the growing grass; You are the soft breath which makes us more caring. You come as an earthquake, knocking all our doctrines off their neat shelves, smashing them beyond recognition. You are the gentle touch that wakens us from our nightmares, whispering, 'it's just me; don't be scared.' You are the fire that rages against the injustices visited upon the poor, the broken, the vulnerable often in Your name. You are the spark that lights the passions for Your people so we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, free the oppressed, visit the sick. As You pass by us in so many ways, may we take notice of You, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

**\*Hymn #462**

***"I Love to Tell the Story"***

#### **\*Call to Confession**

The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

#### **\*Prayer of Confession in Unison**

In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice Your presence or hear Your sheer silence singing Your shalom to us. Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of Your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine.

#### **\*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

#### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Immediately, immediately! Your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.

**P: Thanks be to God! We are not left alone, but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. 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

Romans 10:5-15

Page 1375

#### Moment for Children

#### Special Music

Hymn #175

***"Seek Ye First"***

Donna Potter

#### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Page 1161

#### Sermon

**\*Hymn #353**

***"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"***

**\*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 #592

### \*Offertory Prayer

Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim that You are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and use them so all might know that Your love, Your life, Your hope, Your healing is near to them. Amen.

### Go in God's Name

\*Hymn #634

*"To God Be the Glory"*

### \*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:** Janean McKay/John & Sue Tiffany

**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! We also need Sunday School teachers, please contact Pam if you are interested!

**Congratulations** ~ Congratulations to Dan & Maria Alexander on the birth of their little girl, Lillian Barbra, born on Friday, August 4.

**Backpacks** ~ We will pack backpacks with school supplies **this morning**, following worship! Can you stay and help? The more hands the better!

**Chimes Deadline** ~ The deadline for the September Chimes is **Thursday, August 17**. Please have all your information and articles to the church office by Thursday.

**Pray For The Following:**

**Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family:** Kory & Brittany Schneider

**Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently passed away:** Lester Siegfried; Lester passed away on Monday, August 7. His funeral was held at the church this past Friday. Please pray for the family of Lester.

**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:** 14th - Jennifer Hindt, 15th - Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, Haylee Toomer, 16th - Sonya Alexander, 17th - Char Gilland, 18th - Sue Wessels

**Anniversaries:** Today - Wayne & Rosemary Bennett, 14th - Robb & Robin Schneider, 15th - Gary & Jennifer Hindt, Shannon & Raymond Sweetman, 17th - Kory & Brittany Schneider, 18th - Mike & Connie Bentson

**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:** Lester Siegfried, 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) "Make me a Channel of Your Peace" Hymn #753**

This hymn has often been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. There is no evidence of a connection to him other than that the tone of this prayer agrees with his life. It was first printed in the USA in 1920. It speaks to our wish and prayer to be a peaceful person and a servant to others.

**150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Backpack Ministry**

Each school year area teachers make lists of supplies that students are expected to bring to class the first day of school. The lists are available at area stores. Not all families can afford these supplies especially if there are a number of students in the family. For 12 years, through private donations, the First Presbyterian buys supplies for low income students in the Redwood Area School District. In 2008 project volunteers bought out Wal-Mart Supplies and were forced to go to Marshall to complete the shopping for 121 backpacks. Then church members ages 5 - 91 walked around the dining room tables laden with supplies filling bags with the items needed for each class level which ranged from kindergarten to eighth grade. In 2016 donations allowed First Presbyterian to pay out \$3,677 for this project filling 198 backpacks. The church was able to donate extra supplies to the Early Childhood Department also. Giving back to the community in this way has now become a project for Garnette Gardens and Verizons also. This is one way the saying "It takes a community to raise a child" is being fulfilled as a local mission project.

**If you have missed any history tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... [fpcrwf.org](http://fpcrwf.org)**

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, August 13:** 10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Packing Backpacks for Backpack Ministry  
\*\*\**Nathan will be on vacation until Monday August 14.*

*Please do your part to help keep the church picked up throughout the week! Thank you!*

**Monday, August 14:** Noon: Pastor - Rotary  
7:00 pm: Session Meeting  
**Tuesday, August 15:** 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry  
**Wednesday, August 16:** 9:00 am: Pastor visits Sally Dording  
10:00 am: Pastor visits Darlene Garrison  
11:00 am: Pastor visits Judy Curtis  
2:00 pm: Pastor visits Marlys Mathiowetz  
3:00 pm: Pastor visits Karen Speros  
4:00 pm: Pastor visits Marlys Verdoes

**Thursday, August 17:** **Chimes Deadline**

**Sunday, August 20:** 10:15 am: Worship