

# First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

## Celebrating 150 Years

August 20, 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: In the gathering of school supplies, in the harvesting of backyard gardens:

**P: God blesses us beyond imagination.**

L: In the simple acts of daily chores, in the kindness shared by a stranger:

**P: God is gracious to us.**

L: In the rapture of a child watching a firefly, in the inquisitive look of a senior wondering where they left their keys:

**P: God's face shines upon us.**

L: We praise You, O God!

**P: We praise You!**

#### Prayer of Invocation

Welcoming God: You gather everyone, especially the outsiders, to worship You, for You are not an image or idol, but protector of the helpless, parent to the poor, friend of the lonely. Accepting Christ, there is not any place You will not go to bring God's grace to others. In You, the enemy is made a friend, the broken are made whole, the orphan finds a home. Embracing Spirit, Your gentleness falls upon us, and our fears of rejection disappear; Your truth is whispered in our ears, and our arms embrace strangers; Your peace is poured into our souls, and we are reconciled to all we hurt; Your love throws open our shuttered hearts, and we see our sisters and brothers all around us. God in Community, Holy in One, in You we have life and hope forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn #318**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

#### \*Call to Confession

We may praise God, but we prefer to live our way, becoming captive to our foolish choices. But God longs to set us free, so let us confess to our God, as we pray together, saying,

#### \*Prayer of Confession in Unison

In every opportunity, God of this day, we choose not to follow You. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, and come thoughts that lead us away from You. We are richly blessed, but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust You in all things. We come to You, Helper of the weak, for You are gracious and forgiving. You offer us the fullness of Your love, not just a few dollops. You refuse to let us go, but sweep us up with arms of joy. You send Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to lead us into Your kingdom.

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

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

L: I ask you, has God rejected us?

**P: No! By God's grace, God's gifts and God's calling are never taken back.**

L: I ask you, again, has God rejected us?

**P: No! That Love we know as God will never let us go.**

L: This is good news, dear friends, believe it.

**P: 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

Psalms 133

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#### Moment for Children

#### Hymn #408

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Marlys Mathiowetz

#### Gospel Lesson

#### Sermon

Matthew 15:10-28

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**\*Hymn #649**

*"Amazing Grace"*

**\*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

May we not offer You the leftovers of our resources and our lives, Blessing God, but let these gifts be but part of what we give back to You, as we seek to serve Your people and Your creation. Amen.

### Go in God's Name

\*Hymn #839

*"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"*

### \*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:** Judy Curtis

***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.**

***Thank You*** ~ A huge thank you to our church Properties chair, Matt, and the crew he called in for all their work cleaning up after the rain this past week. We, as a congregation, are extremely blessed to have members that drop everything and come running as soon as they get that (most of the time.. not so fun) call from the church office. We (Tina mostly) don't know what we would do without so many helping and willing hands to save the day!

**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!

**Friendship Dinner** ~ Our next friendship dinner is **Sunday, August 27**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; a hot dog bar with all the toppings, bars, cookies and beverages. All are welcome!

**Pray For The Following:**

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

**Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one:** **Tony Miller;** Tony's father passed away unexpectedly, his funeral will be held on Monday in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

**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 - Karen Melges, 21st - Elaine Hagen, Julie Salmon, 23rd - Judy Smith, 25th - Lorrie Quinn, Donavan Sharpe

**Anniversaries:** 21st - Nathan & Valerie Stephens, 25th - Mark & Deanie Fuhr

**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.**

**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.

**Hymn Review (Robert Brown) "God of Great and God of Small" Hymn #19**

This hymn demonstrates the cumulative power of a simple formula. It reminds us that Jesus taught us to be more like children in daily life. It truly reminds us that God holds the universe together even when it appears in total chaos.

**150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Banners and Wall Hangings**

On the West sanctuary wall is a large quilt made for the 125th anniversary of the church. Each family and friend was asked to make a block using a 6" X 6" background fabric that was provided. Simply designed blocks were made for shut-ins or those in nursing homes. Helen Goodyear and Rosie Venable designed the arranging of the 125 blocks that surround the fabric cross and were stitched into the 14' X 8' quilt. Madge Day, aunt of Scott Goodyear, spent hours hand quilting and supervising other volunteers working on this wall art.

Large banners hang on each side of the Christ window on the South side of the sanctuary. These were given in memory of Doris and Marvin Palmer by their children. Daughters Patty Rohne and Kay Palmer did the work designing and constructing the banners.

The large banner of the Logo of the Presbyterian Church was constructed by Bunny Nolting. This has been hanging over the grand piano. Rotating with this banner are seasonal ones purchased using memorial funds.

Smaller Lenten and Advent banners hang in season between the East windows in the sanctuary. These were made by Janean McKay.

Other banners have been made by Youth Club members as part of their craft time.

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

**Church Calendar**

<b>Sunday, August 20:</b>	10:15 am:	Worship
<b>Monday, August 21:</b>	Noon:	Pastor - Rotary
<b>Tuesday, August 22:</b>	All Day:	Pastor - Presbytery Meeting in St. James
<b>Sunday, August 27:</b>	10:15 am:	Worship
	5-6:30 pm:	Friendship Dinner