

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

August 6, 2017 ~ 10:15 am

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Rev. Pamela 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: All who are thirsty, come!

P: God is the fountain for our lives.

L: All who are hungry, come!

P: Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

L: Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

P: The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

Unison Prayer

***Hymn #267**

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God. Forgive us that we forget that, by Your presence and power, very little can do so much. We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or embrace the despair of those around us. We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers. Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run up to them with Your grace. We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives to keeping up with others. Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by You, Jesus our Brother.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Listen! Come to the One who covers us with compassion, who feeds us on grace and mercy.

P: What good news! Everyone who thirsts is given water; everyone who hungers is fed; everyone who sins is forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response Hymn #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

***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 Invocation Hymn #288 "Spirit of the Living God"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

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Moment for Children

Hunger Fund Offering

Hymn #498

"As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn"

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

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Matthew 14:13-21

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Sermon

Rev. Pamela Prouty

***Hymn #757**

"Today We Are Called to Be"

***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

***Response Hymn #519 "You are My Strength When I am Weak"**

***Offertory Prayer**

May our gifts quench the thirst of those who desire hope; may our lives be spent in feeding those whose hunger is all too real; may we always give away the blessings You have given to us, God of the Compassionate Heart. Amen.

Go in God's Name

"In Remembrance of Me"

*Hymn #521

Holy Communion

*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 August: Current Ruling Elder Marlys Mathiowetz,
Rosie Venable, Candy Zaske, Julie Rienstra, Adrienne Danielson, Joyce Nolting, Joleen MacHolda

Deacon of August: Ardis Alexander

Greeting You Today: Ryan & Brianna Rohlik, Wayne & Rosemary Bennett

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.**

September Friendship Dinner ~ Families of the congregation with last names starting with E-J are to meet
in the parlor, **following worship**, to plan the September Friendship Dinner.

Backpacks ~ Yes, it is that time of year again! It's time to think about packing backpacks! We will pack
backpacks with school supplies **next Sunday**, following worship! Please, please mark your calendars and
plan to help out. The more hands the better! If you have any questions or would like to help with the
backpacks/school supplies in any other way, please contact the Church Office! Thank you.

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.
These micro-enterprises help adults learn business skills and assist them in starting their own business. These
individuals are then able to support their families while also providing shoes to people in need. If you have
any questions about how you can help, please contact Lauren.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Share the Spirit

For about 37 years helping those in need has been the mission of the annual holiday Redwood County drive known as Share the Spirit. All donations stay in Redwood County and all workers are volunteers. Families who receive Christmas groceries and gifts are referred to the organization by professionals. In 2016 there were 267 families including 453 children ages 0 - 17. Fruit baskets were also donated to residents of 7 county nursing homes.

Early First Presbyterian Church Deacon John Smith started a "Mittens and More" tree in our church. Each year members swamp the trees with toys and mittens. Piecemakers donate quilts and also offer quilts for sale at a reduced price for members to donate. Faith and Action youth, Deacons, and church members buy groceries and gifts for families. These adopted families are known only by a specific number and the ages and sex of family members.

Monetary and gift donations by churches, service organizations, local businesses, and community members are delivered to the National Guard Armory where they are distributed. Over the years this holiday tradition has had a good reputation and it's well supported by First Presbyterian Church and many others in the County.

Hymn Review (Robert Brown) "There is a Place of Quiet Rest" Hymn #824

This hymn was written in the time of grief after the loss of two small children. The author wanted a place to go for comfort. The hymn was first used as a communion hymn for comfort of all those present.

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 6: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion
Following Worship: September Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
1:15 pm: Pastor - Worship at Sunwood

*****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 7: Noon: Pastor - Rotary
7:00 pm: Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 8: Noon: Pastor - Ministerial Meeting
Wednesday, August 9: 7:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 10: 9:00 am: Pastor visits Dale & Sandy Starr
11:00 am: Pastor visits Janet Minkel
2:00 pm: Pastor visits Lucille Byram
4:00 pm: Pastor visits Betty Peterson

Sunday, August 13: 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Backpacks for Backpack Ministry

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Tony & Molly Miller, Dan & Maria Alexander, Kory & Brittany Schneider

Pray for Members of our Church Family that are currently hospitalized: Carol Oja

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one: Adrienne Danielson's friend, Coleen Schultz; passed away on Friday, July 28. Please keep Coleen's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Kevin Sinclair; Kevin's brother/Dean's son, Mike Sinclair passed away. Please keep the family and friends of Kevin in your thoughts and prayers.

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: 7th - Lyrik Kramer, 10th - Kanyon Hicks, 11th - August Danielson, Corrine Danielson, 12th - Lucille Byram, Alexandra Rohne

Anniversaries: Today - Tony & Molly Miller

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Lester Siegfried, 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, Lester Siegfried

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.