

# First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

## Celebrating 150 Years

December 10, 2017 ~ 10:15 am ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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**

Max Bentson, Claire Stephens

**Choral Introit**

**Advent Candle Lighting Service**

Confirmation Student Nadia Meyers and Her Family

**Hymn #88**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (Stanza 2)

**Call to Worship**

Pastor Scott

L: It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when God returned Zion's exiles.

**P: We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune. God was wonderful to us; we are one happy, joyful people.**

L: Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens.

**P: This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.**

**All: Rejoice always, again I say rejoice!**

**Unison Prayer**

Lord, we come here today from tiring weeks and lonely times, from happy and joyful experiences, from all different types of lives. We come seeking forgiveness, friendship, comfort, knowledge, solitude, or perhaps we come without reason. We are here to sing, to listen, to talk, to love and to be loved. For whatever reason we find ourselves here, Lord, may we be open to You and to others around us, so that we may experience Your love and hope and joy. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray together. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Offering**

*"What Child is This?"*

Julia & Matthew Prouty

**\*Response Hymn #658 "God is So Good" (vs. 1&2)**

**\*Offertory Prayer Pastor Scott**

Creator God, we know that you have made everything in this world. You have been so generous to us every day. We pray that this church will show its generosity by giving back to You what is already yours. Amen.

**Anthem**

*"How Quietly"*

Solo: Nadia Meyers

**Hymn #134**

*"Joy to the World"*

**Presbyterian Youth Present:**

*"Christmas Joy!"*

2 year olds - Kindergarten

*"Bells Are Ringing"*

*"Hallelu, Praise Ye the Lord"*

*"Go Tell it on the Mountain"*

*"Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart"*

Scene 1: Lauren Miller

*"When He Came"*

Scene 2: Savannah Carroll, Claire Stephens

*"Blessed Be the Lord"*

Scene 3: Ethin Mammen, Gabe Jimenez

*"Give Me Joy in My Heart"*

Scene 4: Faith Bruns & Knox Kramer

*"I Will Sing Songs of Joy"*

Scene 5: Blake Stephens

*"Crown Him King of Kings"*

Scene 6: Savannah Carroll

*"Worship the King"*

Scene 7: Max Bentson

***"Away in a Manger"***

Scene 8: Charlie Milhausen

***"Bundle of Joy"***

***"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"***

Mary: Lauren Miller, Joseph: AJ Miller, Bundle of Joy: Thomas Miller

**Postlude**

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

**Ushers for December:** **Dan Fuhr**, Randy & Lynn Juell, Brent Prouty, Aaron Rohlik,  
Keegan & Kyron Mammen, Marty Caraway

**Communion Servers for December:** **Scott Kohler**, Fred & Jenny Bloedow,  
Randy & Lynn Juell, Leon King, Laura Kohler

**Deacon of December:** Julie Reinstra

**Greeting You Today:** Donovan & Cassi Sharpe, Brady & Abbi Stough

***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.

***Sign-Up Sheets*** ~ Sign-up sheets for Sunday morning breakfast and Wednesday night meals are in the Narthex! Please sign-up where you can!

***The Chimes*** ~ Starting in January, in an attempt to cut back on the cost of postage and paper, the Chimes will be sent out via email. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for email addresses. There is also a sign-up sheet for those of you that wish to have a paper copy printed for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

***Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner*** ~ We are looking for donations of meat/cheese trays and Christmas desserts. If you would like to donate one of these, please contact Pastor Scott. We are also asking that if you plan to attend the Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner, please RSVP to Pastor Scott. We would like to make sure we have enough food on hand. Thank you.

***Birthday Invitation*** ~ You are all invited to the Church Dining Room to help celebrate Bob Nolting's 90th Birthday on **Saturday, December 16**, from 1-4pm. Please no gifts.



**Per-Capita** ~ Per capita brings Presbyterians together – literally! Presbyterians are connected in many ways, including our church government. We believe we discern best what God is calling us to do when we gather as councils, “*seek[ing] together to find and represent the will of Christ*” (Book of Order F-3.0204). Per-capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do. When each Presbytery church member pays per-capita, it is split three ways between the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly. Per-capita supports Book of Order mandated programs. For example; per-capita supports the work of committees, administration, building maintenance, trainings plus more. When the Presbytery hosts a leadership training and retreats, per-capita dollars help them fund it. When the Presbytery has Presbytery committee members plan, strategize, visit congregations and support pastors, per-capita dollars help fund it. Per-capita dollars are not always spent in the most flashy manner, but they are spent with thought, prayer and the health of our congregations and pastors in mind. In November we pay \$9,149.64 to Presbytery for Per-Capita. That comes to \$40.13 per member.

**Pray For The Following:**

**Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family:** Curt & Claire Meyers

**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 our church leaders and teachers.**

**Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** Today - Corrine Gertsema, 11th - Tony Miller, 13th - Marlys Mathiowetz,  
14th - Nicki VanderLinden, Shelby Enright 15th - Bob Nolting, 16th -Sheena Rudenick, Hadley Martin

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:**

Muriel Moon, 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), Clayton Wolf

**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.**

**Share the Spirit** ~ The Deacons have put up their Mittens and More trees in the Narthex! Let's collect more than ever before! Share the Spirit is happy to accept donations of new toys, new books, new quilts, new socks, new hats and mittens. Please, no other clothing items or shoes/boots. All donations are distributed to families in Redwood County. **Today only, Piecemakers have ½ price quilts available to be purchased for Share the Spirit.**

**150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)  
Church Outreach**

**Sunday Greeters and Coffee:** First Presbyterian welcomes worshipers each Sunday morning. Members are assigned a day of the year but this can be changed if there is a conflict. There is normally one greeter at each of the three doors and a Deacon of the month welcomes those who enter at the lower front entrance. The Head Deacon also is responsible for delivering Sunday bulletins to those in nursing homes. By 1998 coffee & snacks began to be served after the church service. This became a time of visiting and getting to know each other. Cake is added at the times of confirmation & graduations.

**Prayer Chain:** At the turn of the century the idea was begun of a group of prayer warriors to forward prayer concerns for challenges and celebrations of life by phone. At First Presbyterian our Pastor or anyone contacts Charlene Gilland who passes these prayers along the chain. There are three chains. In order to keep the prayer moving along, the chain members are to leave a message if no one answers the phone and immediately call the next person on the list. Members are encouraged to be accurate and confidential. If interested in taking part please contact Pastor Prouty.

**We Care Posters and Sunshine Cards:** For many years Sally Dording and Judy Curtis have been sending Sunshine cards to the sick and to those who are bereaved. About 2004 the idea of a “We Care” poster was added. These larger poster-like cards provide room for signatures and brief messages from church members. The cards are signed at the church and delivered later.

**Welcoming New Babies:** For a few years a hot meal was taken to new parents compliments of First Presbyterian. Delivering the meal when parents were home proved to be a problem so presently a gift card is sent with \$25 so the parents can buy the meal.

**Food Shelf:** Rev. Tjaden encouraged members to bring a donation for the food shelf on the Sunday that we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In memory of what Christ did for us we now do for others. Volunteers deliver the non-perishable foods deposited in the grocery cart at the back of the church to the local food shelf. It has become a tradition that on Super Bowl Sunday everyone brings a can of soup which is put in one of the boxes for each of the teams. This then becomes the Souper Bowl vote for the winner of the anticipated game later in the day. The real winner is the Food Shelf.

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

## Curious?

If you have seen this image in the bulletin and in the Chimes and don't know what it means or what to do with it here are the details...

The Presbyterian Foundation offers an Online Giving Program to PC(USA) congregations that allows you to make donations to your church online. We now have that option available for you. We know that people share their blessings in many ways with the church. Some donate grain or stock, others give cash or write a check. This online option is just another way for you to share your generosity and fulfill your calling to serve our Lord by supporting the different programs we offer through our congregation; worship, faith formation, mission work and our physical space in our community.

The Skinny on how it works. There are two options:

1. On your smart phone, go to your app store and download a QR Code Reader and Scanner. Scan the code and it will take you directly to the online donation page.
2. On your laptop or desktop computer, go to our church website at <http://fpcrwf.org/> and click on the 'Give Now' button in the upper right hand corner to make a one time or ongoing donation.

There are no setup fees or monthly fees, so getting started is free! There is a 2% administrative fee for all gifts received; this fee is for the reasonable and customary costs of operation and is to help ensure the continued viability of the program and its services.



**Chimes Deadline** ~ The deadline for the January Chimes is **Sunday, December 17**. Please have your articles and information to the church office. Thank you.

**Quilts** ~ Looking for a cozy holiday gift?! Something to warm the heart and toes of a loved one?! The Piecemakers have a gift just for you... Stop in the Youth Chapel and choose from a large selection of quilts! Quilts will be on display and available for purchase for the next couple of weeks. Feel free to contact Char or Marlys if you are looking for something that isn't displayed.

### Church Calendar

<b>Sunday, December 10:</b>	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Children's Christmas Program
	7:00 pm:	Confirmation
<b>Monday, December 11:</b>	Noon:	Pastor - Rotary
	7:00 pm:	Session Meeting
<b>Tuesday, December 12:</b>	Noon:	Pastor visits Jeanette Kotval
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday, December 13:</b>	11:30 am:	Dorcas Circle (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at Janean McKay's apartment
	5:15 pm:	Youth Club
	6:00 pm:	Meal
	6:30 pm:	Youth Faith in Action
<b>Thursday, December 14:</b>	10:00am:	Pastor - Meeting/Book Study on Dakota Studies
	5:00 pm:	Deacon Meeting
	7:00 pm:	Pastor visits Rachel Karnitz & Suzanne Menth
<b>Sunday, December 17:</b>		<b>Chimes Deadline</b>
	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Choir Cantata
	Following Worship:	Packing Weekend Food Bags
	7:00 pm:	Confirmation

## **Presbyterian Youth**

### **2 & 3 Year Olds**

Addilynn Sharpe  
Simon Danielson  
Joseph Bruns  
Grant Norgaard  
Cora Tiffany

### **Pre-K/Kindergarten**

Addison Bruns  
Lyrik Kramer  
Ella Enright  
Danika Jansen  
Willa Tiffany  
Trevin Sharpe  
Henry Bentson  
Elliot Klavetter  
Gabriella Rohlik

### **1st-3rd Grade**

August Danielson  
Corrine Danielson  
Hope Norgaard  
AJ Miller  
Kaden Hicks  
Eliza Bentson  
Asher Caraway  
Max Bentson  
Jayden Parence  
Faith Bruns  
Lucas Fuhr  
Knox Kramer  
Claire Stephens

### **4th-6th Grade**

Savannah Carroll  
Ethin Mammen  
Lauren Miller  
Rylin Robish  
Gabe Jimenez  
Kanyon Hicks  
Max Fuhr  
Charles Milhausen  
Blake Stephens