

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - February 4, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude/Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship**

L: We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

**P: For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.**

L: We gather to praise our God, whose steadfast love never weakens:

**P: For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.**

L: We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

**P: For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

You lift up those we step over in our race to success; You soak our aching feet in the waters of life; You massage hearts bruised by others. We praise You, Rebuilder of crumbling souls. You pick those not chosen on the playgrounds of life; You cover open sores with Your grace; You wander our streets, inviting those who huddle in doorways to feast at Your Table. We follow You, Bread of Heaven. You gather those who are cast aside by a throwaway society, and call them by name; You melt hearts hardened by cynicism with the warmth of Your hope; You energize us so we can sprint into the kingdom. We welcome You, Delightful Spirit. God in Community, Holy in One, we come to You as your people, to worship You. Amen.

\*Hymn #35

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

**\*Call to Confession**

We walk through life, confident, strong and boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Join me as we pray together, saying,

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

We cannot hide from You, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain Your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from You as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus. Yet You search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so You can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with You. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with Your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of Your children.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Have you not been listening. God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness.

God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

**P: If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace.**

**This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

**\*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**

Isaiah 40:21-31

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**Moment for Children**

Adrienne Danielson

**Hunger Fund Offering** (*Hymn #846 "Fight the Good Fight"*)

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:29-39

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**Sermon**

\*Hymn #796

*"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"*

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

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns, Results of the Souper Bowl Donations**

**The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Give Thanks To God

**God's Tithes and Your Offering Received**

**Offertory**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

You lift us to our feet so we can walk with You, Loving God, and You fill us with Your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

## Go in God's Name

Anthem

Holy Communion

Chancel Choir

\*Benediction

Choral Benediction/Postlude

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

**Ushers for February:** Bob Alexander, Sonya Alexander, Kyle, Aubrie & Maddie Hicks, Todd Peterson, Rick & Denise Siegfried, Larry & Sue Wessels

**Feb. Communion Servers:** Sonya & Bob Alexander, Kyle Hicks, Shari Fuhr, Kathy Peterson, Becky Bruns, Joyce Nolting

**Greeting You Today:** Deacon of the Month: Sharon King, Nancy Miller, Drew Osborne

**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.

**March Friendship Dinner** ~ Families of the congregation with the last names starting with R-T are asked to meet in the Parlor **today**, following worship to plan the March Friendship Dinner.

**Adult Grief Support Group** ~ This group offers support, friendship, information and an opportunity to talk or listen with others who are grieving and is open to anyone. There is no cost to participate and will meet on Mondays starting **February 5** through March 12, from 2-4 pm at the Redwood Area Hospital.

**Hot Dish Supper** ~ You are invited to St. Catherine Catholic Church on **Thursday, February 8**, from 5-6:30 pm, for a hot dish supper. Menu includes; hot dishes, salads, desserts and beverages. Proceeds will go toward the CCW Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be available at the door.

**February Friendship Dinner** ~ Our next Friendship Dinner is **Sunday, February 11**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, bread, desserts and beverages. All are welcome.

**Lenten Services** ~ Lenten Services will begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

**Volunteers Needed** ~ The Redwood Area Hospital is seeking hospice volunteers. The annual hospice volunteer training course will be held February 22 and 23 from 8am-4pm. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, contact Samantha Loomis at 637-4668.

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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.



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Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 4:

#### Souper-Bowl Soup Drive

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Following Worship:  
March Friendship Dinner (R-T Families)  
Packing Weekend Food Bags

### Monday, February 5:

Noon: Pastor - Rotary

7:00 pm: Pastor Scott doing program for Audacia Study Club here

### Tuesday, February 6:

9:00 am: Pastor visits Millie Bunting

10:00 am: Pastor visits Dan & Doreen Steenblock

11:00 am: Pastor visits Muriel Moon

1:30 pm: Pastor visits Gordon & Ardis Alexander

3:00 pm: Pastor visits Darlene Garrison

4:00 pm: Pastor visits Janet Minkel

### Wednesday, February 7:

9:00 am: Piecemakers

Noon: Pastor - Meeting at Sunwood

5:15 pm: Youth Club

6:00 pm: Meal

6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Mission Committee Meeting

### Thursday, February 8:

Noon: Pastor - Meeting at Library

5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

### Friday, February 9:

7:00 am: Pastor - Meeting

### Sunday, February 11:

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

12:30 pm: Worship - Sunwood

5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

7:00 pm: Confirmation

**Mission Service Team (MST) Fundraiser** ~ Please join us for "An Evening in Italy", **Sunday, February 25**, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 5:30 pm. Relax and enjoy appetizers, an Italian meal, dessert and special music! Tickets are \$15 per person and are available following the church service today, from team members, or in the church office. Proceeds from this event will help fund service projects at Roblealto Bible Home in Costa Rica where the mission team will visit in July, 2018. Team members from 1st Presbyterian are Lee & Diane Davis, Rick & Fran Hauge, Marlys Mathiowetz and Ann Tiffany.

### Pray For The Following:

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

**Please keep the family of the Rev. Rick Carus**, our former executive presbytery of Minnesota Valleys Presbytery, in your prayers. He died on Sunday, January 28. There was a memorial service held for him in Milwaukee on February 1 and another will be held in Albuquerque on February 5. He was 68 years old. If you would like to send a card to his wife, here is her address: Sue Carus, 3455 Llano Vista Loop NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

**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 - Max Fuhr, 5th - Andrew Stephens, 7th - Jared Miller, Jenny Kohler, Pearl Alexander, 10th - Janet Minkel, Jamie Norgaard

**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 Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law)

**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.**