

2nd Sunday after Epiphany - January 14, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: Young or old, slow or fast, tall or small, know-it-alls or eager learners:

P: Wonder of wonders! God has called each of us here.

L: Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age, bright-eyed, smooth skinned, leapers of two steps at a time:

P: Wonder of wonders! Each of us is made in God's image.

L: Parents volunteering at school, kids playing tag, workers stocking shelves, retirees planning a trip:

P: Wonder of wonders! God works through each of us.

Prayer of Invocation

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from You, God-who-calls-us: You reach out and touch us with healing in Your hands, and turn us around so we can follow You home. It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of You, God-who-invites-us-to-follow: You remove our fears with Your compassion, You take away our doubts with complete acceptance of who we are. It doesn't matter how often we ignore Your words, God-who-speaks-to-us: You whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen with eager hope. God in Community, Holy in One, continue to call us by name, even as we worship You today. Amen.

***Hymn #1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

***Call to Confession**

We break our word, God knows. We hurt another, God knows. We ignore the needy, God knows. God also knows the sins we try to hide, even from ourselves. Let us confess to the One who has called us and will make us whole.

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from You, Seeing God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for Your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while daintily sipping at Your living water. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping You won't see us and expect us to get up and follow Jesus. Forgive us, our heart's only Hope. Your grace mends our brokenness, making us whole; Your compassion removes our sin, making us new; Your voice speaks tenderly to us, silencing our pride; Your Love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, redeeming our lives.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left; look! God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future; look! God is there! In the shadows, in the light; look! God is there!

P: From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! 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

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

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Moment for Children

Anthem

"Walk Worthy"

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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Sermon

***Hymn #69**

"Here I am Lord"

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

The Ordination Service of Shellie Mammen and Dan Tiffany as Deacons/The Installation Service of Rick Hauge, Deb Hess and Sonya Alexander as Ruling Elders and Shellie Mammen and Dan Tiffany as Deacons

***Hymn #828**

"Lift High the Cross"

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

*Offertory Prayer

You call us, not because You need us, but because others do. You gift us, not because we are so special, but because others need to be blessed by our gifts. We give from the abundance which is ours, not because we are so generous, but because You have graced us with so much. May our gifts go to serve the work of Your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*Hymn #839

*Benediction

Choral Benediction/Postlude

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

Ushers for January: Matt Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Gerry & Deb Hess, Tony Miller, Jim Palmer, Nathan & Kristi Zimmerman

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

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Joyce Nolting, Troy Amberg, Dan & Shari Fuhr

Record of our Faithfulness

Jan. 7 Attendance: 65

Jan. 7 General Fund Offering: \$1,723.00

General Fund Offering to Date: \$1,723.00

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.

Needed ~ We need plastic bags; Walmart or Tersteegs plastic bags. Please check and please do not send produce bags, sandwich bags or other used, dirty bags. You can drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

Annual Report ~ The deadline for the Annual Report is **JANUARY 15!** If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Friendship Dinner ~ Our next Friendship Dinner is **Sunday, January 21**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; soups, breads and desserts. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Meeting ~ Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting... **January 28!**

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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Come-N-Learn about ART ~ Everyone is invited to join presenter Wade Lang, on **January 18**, at 5:30 pm, at the Thriven Financial Building to learn more about ART. Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) is the latest science in smooth purist eye movement therapies to date and is used to process the somatic and psychological symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety, Depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Phobias, which can be attenuated in a 1-hour session using ART. There is limited seating for this event, please make reservations by **January 15**, by calling 828-3883.

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 14: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship with Installation/Ordination of Officers

Monday, January 15: Annual Report Deadline/Church Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day
January 15-21: Pastor Scott on vacation. The Rev. Bonnie Roys will cover in case of a pastoral emergency.
Her phone number is 507-525-4825.

Tuesday, January 16: 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, January 17: February Chimes Deadline

9:00 am: Piecemakers
 1:30 pm: Dorcas Circle
 5:15 pm: Youth Club
 6:00 pm: Meal
 6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, January 18: 5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, January 21: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker Adrienne Danielson
 Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags
 5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

Pray For The Following:

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

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one:

Valerie Stephens & Stephanie Klavetter; Val & Steph's grandfather, Lenus Johanneck, passed away on Sunday, January 7, at the age of 100. Please keep their family 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 our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - Deanie Fuhr, Bailey Kramer, 16th - Rosemary Bennett, 20th - Blaise Stough, Wayne Bennett

Anniversaries: Today - Leon & Sharon King

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), Clayton Wolf, 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.