

**Third Sunday after Epiphany - January 21, 2018 ~ 10:15 am**

Worship Leader ~ Adrienne Danielson

**Assemble in God's Name**

**Prelude/Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship**

L: Almighty God, Dearest Friend, the truth is too wonderful for us, we cannot understand it.

**P: You created this vast and indescribably beautiful and wild universe. You hung the stars in the sky and the mountains melt like wax before You.**

L: Yet we are not lost in Your immense Creation, we are each Your precious treasures! We are Your portion and we are the joy set before You!

**P: Far from forgetting about us, You long to walk with us in Your garden, gather us under Your wings, and You desire to make Your home in our hearts.**

L: Take our hand Precious Lord; we want to walk with you, too. We love the shelter of your wings, and we desire that our hearts be a home for You.

**Prayer of Invocation**

Lord God, our Father, You keep speaking Your Word to us, even now, through Your Son Jesus Christ. Open our ears and our hearts to the Word made Flesh, and enable us to welcome Him with all that is in us. Let the Word change our thoughts and our ways. Let the Word direct our lives, making them lived messages of the Good News for all to see, be inspired by, and to follow. Let the Word be the living power that leads us all to give You praise and glory. Amen.

**\*Hymn #729** *"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*

**\*Call to Confession**

When we seek God's mercy, we draw close the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Father, You give us everything including our very lives, and yet we imagine that we have nothing, or that what we have we ourselves have earned. Lord Jesus, You did not cling to Your divine privileges, but You instead gave them up and took on the humble position of slave; living to heal us, and dying to save us. Are we moved by the beauty of Your love to go out into this world and love like You? Too often, no, we are unmoved by Your love and grace. Too often Christ, we choose to indulge our own desires rather than cheerfully meeting the needs of the least of Yours. Holy Spirit, You are nearer to us than our very breath, and yet we still imagine

ourselves to be forsaken, or maybe we believe that we can close off part of our lives from You, that You will never know what twisted treasure lie up in the dark corners of our hearts. Holy Trinity please forgive us our lack of thankfulness and our pride. Please forgive us our imagined entitlement and our selfish thoughts and actions. Please forgive us our cynical doubts and the sin we try to hide from You.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Friends hear the Good News; nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus! We fall down a million times and our good Father delights in picking us back up, brushing us off, kissing our skinned knees, and sending us toddling back into the world, always right behind us. He loves to forgive us our sins and remembers them no more. Believe it; you are forgiven! You are made new!

**\*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**

Living Lord, open our ears that we may hear, open our eyes that we may see, open our minds that we may know, open our hearts that we may love, and open our souls that we may receive Your spirit.

**Responsive Reading** **2 Corinthians 9:6-12** Page 1409

**Moment for Children** Ann Tiffany

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

**Gospel Lesson** **John 15:5-14** Page 1305

**Sermon** Adrienne Danielson

**\*Hymn #700** *"I'm Gonna Live my Life so God Can Use Me"*

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through Your goodness we have this money to offer, we have all that we are to offer. Take us and our possessions; use all that we surrender to You to shine the bright light of Your love out into our families, or community, and the world. Amen.

**Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn #192**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**\*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, Proutys, Nate & Val Stephens

**Record of our Faithfulness**

Jan. 14 Attendance: 91

Jan. 7 General Fund Offering: \$1,333.24

General Fund Offering to Date: \$3,056.24

***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!

***Friendship Dinner*** ~ Our January Friendship Dinner for tonight has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconveniences. Our next dinner is scheduled for February 11.

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

***Souper-Bowl Sunday*** ~ We are having our Annual Souper-Bowl Sunday soup drive on **Sunday, February 4!** Bring your cans of soup to the back of the sanctuary to support the team you are cheering for!

## 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, January 21:** 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship led by Adrienne Danielson  
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

**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.**

**Monday, January 22:** Noon: Pastor - Rotary  
7:00 pm: Pastor visits Dan & Shari Fuhr

**Wednesday, January 24:** 5:15 pm: Youth Club  
6:00 pm: Meal  
6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

**Thursday, January 25:** Morning: Pastor - Presbytery Conference Call

**Sunday, January 28:** 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Annual Meeting  
7:00 pm: Confirmation

**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 - Jonathan Oja, 23rd - Butch Amberg, Lindsey Lund, Jackie Morris,  
24th - Sharon King, Lynn Juell, Winston Venable, 26th - Tyler Siegfried, 27th - Bob Alexander

**Anniversaries:** 25th - Scott & Laura Kohler, 27th - Gene & Fae Becklund

**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.**