

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - January 28, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

P: we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

L: In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints:

P: we gather as God's people.

L: Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

P: we lift our praise to God.

Prayer of Invocation

L: We hunger for power, and You feed us the bread of humility; we long for freedom, and You invite us to drink the cup of self-denial. Faithful and Just God:

P: our songs of gratitude will echo down the hallways of creation.

L: You speak and all the props are knocked out from under our pride. Then, You astound us by reaching out Your hand to lift us to our feet so we may follow You. Holy Gift of God:

P: our songs of praise will echo down the hallway of our hearts.

L: Without Your wisdom, we would be speechless; without Your peace, we would be heartless; without Your presence, we would be graceless. Bearer of Truth:

P: our songs of joy will echo down the hallways of eternity.

All: God in Community, Holy in One, may our songs echo in Your heart as we worship You today.

Amen.

***Hymn #610** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

***Call to Confession**

It's very simple: all God asks is that we recognize our sin and acknowledge it. And why? When we offer our prayers of confession, God takes them from us and fills our hearts with such an abundance of mercy, we cannot hold it all. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to Your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us

with Your words, so we may learn Your ways; nourish us with Your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful to us!

P: What has this to do with us? Everything! What is this? Good news, of the very best kind! We are forgiven. We give thanks to our God with all our hearts. 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

Moment for Children

Psalm 111

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Dorie Oja

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Mark 1:21-28

Chancel Choir

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***Hymn #181**

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclear Spirit"

***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

Now, we know how easily we could treat our abundant resources as idols, Holy God, so we will treat them as they truly are, marvelous gifts meant to be shared so others might know of Your marvelous presence in their lives. Bless what we offer to You, and use it in service to others, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*Hymn #828

*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, Lee & Diane Davis, Scott Goodyear

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.

Annual Meeting ~ Our Annual Meeting... **today, following worship!**

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!

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.

Relay for Life Fundraiser ~ Dad's Belgian Waffles will be serving waffles, sausages, flavored syrup and beverages on **Saturday, February 3**, from 8:30-11:30 am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Your support will help team "To Make a Difference". This is an all you can eat event and carry-outs will be available.

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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Church Calendar

Sunday, January 28: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Annual Meeting
1-3:00 pm: Confirmation

Monday, January 29-Tuesday, January 30: Pastor-Meeting in New Brighton

Wednesday, January 31: 5:15 pm: Youth Club
6:00 pm: Meal
6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, February 1: 7:00 pm: Pastor visits Denise Kaupang
8:00 pm: Pastor visits Lee & Diane Davis

Friday, February 2: Noon: Pastor-Speaks in Mankato at Presbyterian Church

Saturday, February 3: All Day: Presbytery Meeting in Spicer

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

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: Winston Venable; Winston's mother, Evelyn Venable, passed away on January 14. Please keep Winston and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Members of our Church Family that have recently passed away: Al Weeks; Alan is a second cousin to Pastor Scott and a former member of this church. He passed away on Monday, January 22 at the age of 60, of pneumonia. His funeral was held here yesterday. Please keep the Weeks 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 - Bob Brown, Sue Tiffany, 20th - Ashley Whelihan, 31st - Bob Kaupang,
February 1st - Samantha Gertsema, James Stoufer

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.