

Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude/Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 29:1-4

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord, glory and strength.

**P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**P: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

**All: Let us worship the Mighty God with joy this day and every day.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

God of all wilderness wanderers, You send John to prepare the way of Jesus Christ, Your beloved son. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us so that, like John, we may proclaim the time to turn from sinfulness and the good news of Your grace; through Christ, the water of life. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn #475**

*"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we call be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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 29

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**Moment for Children**

Deb Hess

**Hunger Fund Offering** (*Hymn #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*)

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 4:1-11

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**Sermon**

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

**\*Renewal of Baptism**

L: The Lord be with you,

**P: And also with you.**

L: Life up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Lord and life-giving Spirit, who changed the water with life when the world began:

**P: Make us dead to sin, but alive to You.**

L: Saving Lord, who sheltered us with Noah in the ark, upon the flood:

**P: Drown our sins and raise us to new life.**

L: Giver of Freedom, who led Your people out of slavery through the water that did not overwhelm:

**P: Make us dead to sin, but alive to You.**

L: O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock:

**P: Drown our sins and raise us to new life.**

L: Brooding Spirits, who anointed Jesus with Your power of life no deaths could conquer:

**P: Make us dead to sin, but alive to You.**

L: Risen Christ, who pours Yourself out as an offering on our behalf, filling us with Your Spirit:

**P: Drown our sins and raise us to new life.**

L: Spirit of the Living God, who changes the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation:

**P: Make us dead to sin, but alive to You.**

L: Drench us once more in Your life-giving Spirit, Almighty God, that we might be cleansed, sustained and anointed with Your power as we proclaim the boldness and live with joy the gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and domination and glory now and forevermore.

**P: Amen.**

L: Through our baptism into Christ, we were redeemed from our slavery to the powers of sin and made citizens of God's Family. Let us remember what God has done and is doing by renewing our baptismal vows, renouncing sin and professing faith in Christ Jesus.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

**P: Accepting the Creator's love, I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.**

L: Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's way of life for all?

**P: In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.**

L: Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?

**P: With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.**

L: Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?

**P: By the grace of God, I do.**

L: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?

**P: I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.**

L: Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's way?

**P: By God's grace, I will walk in the Spirit Way.**

L: Let us pray: Spirit of the Living God, hover once more over us as you did at creation, energizing us with Your life, that as we remember our baptism in Christ, we may be an open conduit of Your Holy Spirit flooding all of creation and blessings of your abundant, redeemed life. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, the living water, to Your glory we pray. Amen.

*"The Spirit and the bride say 'Come' and let the one who hears say, 'Come' and the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost." (Rev. 22:17)*

*Please come forward to the front to receive a blue stone to carry with you to remind you of your baptism in Christ.*

**\*Hymn #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**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**

O Lord, we give You thanks with all we are for all You have done for us. In Your divinity You have come to dwell with us in the muddy waters of humanity, and commingled Your glory with our sin so that the ribbon of corrupting time is becoming a sparkling River of Life flowing through our days. Take all we are, Lord, and use it for Your purpose. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to Your glory, planted by Your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us to Your will to the praise of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Go in God's Name**

**Anthem**

Chancel Choir

## 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.



**Baptism of the Lord Sunday - January 7, 2018 ~ 10:15 am**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### \*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

**Communion Servers:** Gerry & Deb Hess, Matt Tiffany, Maynard Nolting, Richard Aakre, Paul Hagen, Molly Miller

**Greeting You Today:** Deacon of the Month: Joyce Nolting, Richard & Diane Aakre, Butch & Faythe Amberg

**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.

### Church Calendar

<b>Sunday, January 7:</b>	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship with Holy Communion
	Following Worship:	February Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
	1:00 pm:	Pastor Scott/Confirmation Students take Holy Communion to Millie Bunting & Muriel Moon
<b>Monday, January 8:</b>	Noon:	Pastor-Rotary
	7:00 pm:	Session Meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 9:</b>	11:00 am:	Pastor visits Bob & Bunny Nolting
	1:30 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Gordon Alexander
	3:00 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Janet Minkel
	4:00 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Darlene Garrison
	7:00 pm:	Memorial & Worship Committee Meetings
<b>Wednesday, January 10:</b>	5:15-7:15 pm:	Indoor Winter Fun Night at RACC (YC & YFA)
<b>Thursday, January 11:</b>	5:00 pm:	Deacon Meeting
	7:00pm:	Pastor visits Nathan & Kristi Zimmerman
<b>Sunday, January 14:</b>	8:45 am:	Breakfast/Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship with Installation/Ordination of Officers
	Following Worship:	Packing Weekend Food Bags
	7:00 pm:	Confirmation

**Monday, January 15: Annual Report Deadline/Church Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day**

**January 15-21: Pastor Scott on vacation.**

**February Friendship Dinner** ~ Families of the congregation with the last names starting with V-B are asked to meet in the Parlor, following worship **this morning**, to plan the February Friendship Dinner. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please keep in contact with your group! Thank you.

**Wednesday Night Activities** ~ Our Wednesday night youth activities resume on **January 10**, at the Redwood Area Community Center from 5:15-7:15 pm. Youth Club and YFA kids will meet for a meal, skating, fun in the field-house and hot chocolate! Please drop off and pick up kids at the RACC. Friends are also welcome, but will need to pay the \$4 admission fee plus \$3 if they need to rent skates. Please wear socks that come above the tops of your skates.

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

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

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

### 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:** 8th - Nolan Rudenick, 9th - Scott Mann, 10th - Jacob Bloedow, 12th - Maddie Hicks, Addilyn Stough

**Anniversaries:** 12th - Dan & Doreen Steenblock

### **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.**