

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

July 16, 2017 ~ 10:15 am

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

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.

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Lord, open unto us.

P: Open unto us—light for our darkness.

L: Open unto us—courage for our fear.

P: Open unto us—hope for our despair.

L: Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.

P: Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.

L: Open unto us—strength for our weakness.

P: Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.

L: Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.

P: Open unto us—love for our hates.

L: Open unto us—thy Self for ourselves.

All: Lord, Lord, open unto us! Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God of Grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #407 *"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"*

*Prayer of Confession in Unison

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of

Grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri *Hymn #581 (words only)*

*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

Psalms 119:105-112

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Moment for Children

Hunger Fund Offering

Hymn #286

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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Sermon

*Hymn #171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

*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

*Doxology *Hymn #592*

***Offertory Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help us to clearly see what you have given us and help us to generously and joyfully share it for your glory. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #531**

"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Ushers for July: Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Tim & Lois Davis, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Dan Tiffany, John Tiffany

Communion Servers for July: Current Ruling Elder Adrienne Danielson, Merlin Goudy, Lois Davis, Bruce Tiffany, Candy Zaske, Diane Davis, Ardis Alexander

Communion Servers for August: Current Ruling Elder Marlys Mathiowetz, Rosie Venable, Candy Zaske, Julie Rienstra, Adrienne Danielson, Joyce Nolting, Joleen MacHolda

Deacon of July: Candy Zaske

Greeting You Today: Peggy Dolezal/Karen Speros

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.

Welcome to this morning's service! If you are a visitor, we are pleased to have you join us for worship. Please sign the guest book! If you are looking for a church home, please consider First Presbyterian, and speak with Pastor Prouty. **A nursery is available for families with children ages infant-kindergarten. Ask an usher for the nursery location.**

Ice Cream Sundae Bar... Join us on **Sunday, July 30**, from 6:30-7:30 pm, for an Ice Cream Sundae Bar! Everyone is invited, so come join friends for ice cream and tasty toppings!

Open Your Heart... to the hungry and homeless. Hunger Solutions of Minnesota, which is a comprehensive hunger relief organization at work to end hunger in Minnesota, announces the 2017 July Fundraising Challenge with "Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless" campaign. As a participating Food Shelf, the Redwood Falls Food Shelf, Inc. will receive a matched grant proportional to funds raised during the month of July with a minimum grant award of \$150 and a maximum of \$5,000. Food shelves must raise \$150 to receive a challenge grant award. We put this challenge to our community that has been so supportive of our Food Shelf in the past! As the needs continue, we ask for your serious consideration and would appreciate any and all donations. Just today (July 6, 2017) when distributing food, one client told me how trying it is right now as her husband just lost his job, the kids are all home from school and it is getting so hard, she just doesn't know where to turn. Another gentleman told me he lost his job after finding out he has COPD, and is trying to understand this new challenge in his life while raising his 11 year old son. Another young lady said she was living in a motel right now hoping to find a place to live. Stories like this remind us of the great need right here in our back yard. Please help give a hand up not a hand out! Donations can be made out to the Church directly with "Food Shelf" in the memo line, made out to the Redwood Area Food Shelf and placed in the offering plate or mailed to PO Box 352, Redwood Falls. All donations must be received by the food shelf no later than July 30. Thank you. ~ Cindy Mumme

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 16:	10:15 am:	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, July 17:	Noon:	Pastor-Rotary
	7:00 pm:	Session Meeting
Tuesday, July 18:	4:30-6:00 pm:	Ruby's Pantry
Wednesday, July 19:	9:00 am:	Piecemakers
		Pastor visits Dorothy Symes
	11:00 am:	Pastor visits Sue Osborne
	2:00 pm:	Pastor visits Bob & Bunny Nolting
	3:00 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Millie Bunting
	4:00 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Janet Minkel
Thursday, July 20:	10:00 am:	Pastor-Conference Call
Sunday, July 23:	10:15 am:	Worship

July 24-30: Pastor Scott will be out of the office.

Emergency Contact: Rev. Anna Williamson from Renville Presbyterian Church 320-305-0346

**150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)
Bible Camp For All Ages**

Redwood Falls Presbyterians have attended Bible Camps for a week of spiritual renewal, inspiration and relaxation for many years. Typically these camps were developed by wealthy families around the turn of the century and then became church property as these families aged.

In the 1970's our youth attended Lakeshore Center which is a Presbyterian Camp on Lake Okoboji, Iowa. This is a camp developed by a lumberman in 1917 and became a summer camp in 1956. Today it's owned and operated by the two Presbyterian Presbyteries in that area.

By 1981 Clearwater Forest at Deerwood, MN was purchased by the Synod of Minnesota of the United Presbyterian Church. Today it is owned by 4 Presbyteries, including Minnesota Valleys, and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. The campground has over 1000 acres of land and 3.5 miles of lakeshore. It was soon after this date that youth and adults from First Presbyterian started to attend camp at this location. This land was originally developed by John Savage of iron ore mining by Duluth. Later Ernest and Jesse Hallett donated thousands of dollars in support.

Gordon McKay, Lisa Verdoes, Alan Dewey and Elizabeth Hagen are some of those from our church that have been camp councilors there. Car loads of youth have attended camp at both locations. Some received camp scholarships which are still available. Recently campers have received pillowcases embellished with Bible verses from our church. Women from the Minnesota Valleys Presbytery have had retreats and stayed there when conducting Women of the Presbytery meetings in that area.

Hymn Review

(Robert Brown)

Hymn #625 "How Great Thou Art"

Many of us credit the hymn to Stuart Hine but it was first written in Swedish in 1885. Then it was written in German and Russian before it was introduced in English in the London Crusade in 1954. The hymn gained its popularity in Toronto in 1955 and was sung in the New York Crusade of 1957 93 times. "Personally this is my favorite song." ~ Bob

If you have missed any history tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... fpcrwf.org

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Tony & Molly Miller, Dan & Maria Alexander

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 those fighting addictions.

Pray for all the people of the world.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - RJ Juell, 17th - Marty Caraway, 21st - Lindsey Caraway, 22nd - Leanne Heimer

Anniversaries: 17th - Marty & Lindsey Caraway, 18th - Rick & Fran Hauge

19th - Randy & Lynn Juell, Peggy & Ross Dolezal, Brady & Abbi Stough

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Lester Siegfried, Elizabeth Stancer

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Carol Oja, Muriel Moon,

Elizabeth Stancer, Janet Minkel, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Lester Siegfried

All Those Fighting Cancer: Lester Siegfried, Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins),

Kathy Lueckert (Scott Prouty's friend), Coleen (Adrienne Danielson's friend)

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.