

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

July 2, 2017 ~ 10:15 am

Guest Speaker: Betty Thorson

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: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Worship the Lord with gladness.

L: Come into God's presence with singing.

P: For the Lord is a gracious God,

L: whose mercy is everlasting,

P: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

***Hymn #664**

"Morning Has Broken"

***Prayer of Confession in Unison**

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us, heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Here the good news! Jesus is the only one who can condemn and He died so that we might be forgiven. Friends, be at peace, and know that we are forgiven. Amen.

***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

Scripture

Romans 6:12-23

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Hymn #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Special Music

"I Will Trust in You"

Katie (Nolting) Peterson
Her Daughters: Tori & Maisy

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

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Sermon

"Are You There Yet?"

Betty Thorson

***Hymn #724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

***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

"Blessed Redeemer"

Brenda Nolting
Her Granddaughters: Tori & Maisy

***Doxology** *Hymn #592*

***Offertory Prayer**

Lord, we give these gifts with a cheerful heart. We use these gifts to bring Your word to all who come to You. Let us use these gifts wisely. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #754**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

***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

Deacon of July: Candy Zaske

Greeting You Today: Marlys Mathiowetz/Paul Hagen

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.**

Thank You ~ Thank you to Betty Thorson for leading us in worship this morning. Thank you to Brenda Nolting, Katie, Tori & Maisy Peterson (daughter-in-law, granddaughter and great-granddaughters of Bob & Bunny Nolting) for their beautiful musical addition to this morning's service. Thank you to Karen Speros for sharing her musical talent this morning.

August Friendship Dinner ~ The planning meeting for the August Friendship Dinner is scheduled for **next Sunday**, following worship. Families of the congregation with the last names starting with A-D are asked to meet in the parlor to plan this dinner. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please keep in contact with your group!

Thank You ~ Gordon was taken off hospice last Monday! Thank you to everyone that kept him in your thoughts and prayers. Also, thank you for all the memorials in memory of my son, Mark Zamzow. Thank you for caring. ~ Ardis Alexander

Church Calendar

June 26-July 9: Pastor Scott will be out of the office.

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

Sunday, July 2: 10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker Betty Thorson

Tuesday, July 4: **Church Office Closed-Independence Day!**

Wednesday, July 5: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

Sunday, July 9: 10:15 am: Worship with Ruling Elder Charles Moore

Following Worship: August Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Presbyterian Women

Historically, women of all church denominations gathered as a separate body in the life of their churches. The Presbyterian women's organization went by various names which changed with national mergers. Ladies Aid, City and Country Mite Society (showing the power of the smallest coin donation), Presbyterian Women, Presbyterial, Synodical and now Presbyterian Women of the Church, of the Presbytery, Synod, etc.

In Redwood Falls, women gathered the first Wednesday of each month, had officers that planned programs, did mission work as a group, and had fund raisers to support Christian work and the building. Circles were formed for the major purpose of Bible Study. They had a separate checking account but were under the umbrella of the Session and reported monthly to that group.

As it became more accepted for the women in Redwood Falls to be members of Session and the Deacons, the church membership declined, and more women are working outside the home. It was decided in the early 1990's to downsize to just Circles. The men and women were working together in the Christian work of the congregation. Their money was turned over to the General Fund with the agreement that the Bible Study materials be paid for by the local church funds. There is still an active arm of Presbyterian Women in all levels of the Presbyterian church. Women who belong to a Presbyterian Church are considered part of the Presbyterian Women organization. There is a strong emphasis on missions as has been true historically. Women who have contributed to work as officers or committee work have received honorary Women's Association pins. Traditionally, Redwood women honored at least one woman a year. Presbytery meets at different geographical locations and Redwood Falls has still hosted officer's meetings. There has been a fall overnight retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp, which is more centrally located.

There is a national web site, a national magazine called "Horizon," Church-wide mission work, a Church-wide Triennium, and an assigned sister church in the United States. All of this binds the Presbyterian Women of the World into a Christian force of witness and charity.

Hymn Review (Robert Brown)

"The Star Spangled Banner"

This hymn was originally written as a poem by Frances Scott Key while he was sitting on a British ship in the harbor. He was unable to go ashore but after a night of heavy shelling, he was surprised to see the stars and stripes still flying over the American fort. The poem was set to a British pub song so we still can't get free from the English!

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 - Aiden Robish, 3rd - Taylor Moore, Kristina Thissen, 4th - John Tiffany, 5th - Brent Prouty, 6th - Christina Rebstock, Ryan Kramer, Karen Speros, 7th - Dan Tiffany, 8th - Aubree Hicks, Trevin Sharpe, Julie Rienstra

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.