

# First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

## Celebrating 150 Years

July 23, 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: We come to the One who knows all the facts about our lives;

**P: we are open books to God, who writes on every page.**

L: We approach the One who knows what we are thinking;

**P: our thoughts, our fears, our hopes are all known by God.**

L: We worship the One who is always with us, in front of us, behind us, around us;

**P: what a wonderful God! How blessed we are!**

#### Prayer of Invocation

You we praise, Searching God, for Your presence surrounds us in every moment; You reside in our hearts.

There is no cobwebbed corner that is not claimed by Your love. The gate of heaven is open to us in our moments of doubt, as well as our moments of faith. In our times of rest, You whisper hope to us; You awaken us, inviting us to work in Your kingdom. Caller of our Hearts, may we listen to Your voice and serve You with grace. Amen.

**\*Hymn #630**

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#### \*Prayer of Confession in Unison

Creator God, forgive me for disobeying You. Forgive me for straying from Your path and doing my own thing. I know what the Ten Commandments are, yet I tweak them to fit my little world. Lord, have mercy on me. Help me to turn from my sin and turn to You. Transform me into the person You created me to be.

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

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever shall believe in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life. 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

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Responsive Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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#### Moment for Children

Hymn #367

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

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#### Scripture Lesson

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

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#### Sermon

**\*Hymn #29**

*"O God, You Search 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

**\*Doxology** *Hymn #592*

#### \*Offertory Prayer

God, You give us everything that we have, Give us the courage to generously give back to You as we lift up our tithes and offerings to You today. Amen.

### Go in God's Name

**\*Hymn #541**

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

## \*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 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:** Rick Kramer & Jerilyn Kodet/ Ryan Kramer & Lindsey Lund

***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.**

***Pictures*** ~ Summer is filled with lots of activities. If you have church related photos, remember to send a copy to the church office at [churchofc@hotmail.com](mailto:churchofc@hotmail.com)!

***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!

***Coffee Party*** ~ The Piecemakers are having their Annual Coffee Party on **Wednesday, August 2**. Everyone is invited to join in on the Summer Garden Party fun from 9:30-11:30 am, for coffee & treats! Bring your friends and make an outing of it!

***Backpacks*** ~ Yes, it is that time of year again! It's time to think about packing backpacks! We will pack backpacks with school supplies on **August 13**, following worship! Please, please mark your calendars and plan to help out. The more hands the better! If you have any questions or would like to help with the backpacks/school supplies in any other way, please contact the Church Office! Thank you.

**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

#### **150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) United States Bicentennial 1776-1976**

The Bicentennial of the United States was celebrated for four days in Redwood Falls and came to a close with an ecumenical religious service at the original Redwood Falls Athletic Field. This was held on June 13, 1976. Ten churches took part in the service including the First Presbyterian Church. The Redwood Falls Ministerial Association members arranged the joint religious event. The theme taken from a common American motto proclaimed that indeed it is "In God Whom We Trust." The 18 member Bicentennial Commission included Tom Tyson-chm., Ed Johnson, Parker D. Sanders, and Kenneth Wheeler from First Presbyterian.. The Rev. E. H. Pfeifer was then the supply minister. Also from our church was listed Jean Tiffany, accompanist, and Mrs Jack Thralkill, soloist. The service included patriotic choir and congregational music, Biblical readings and prayers. Dr. Conrad Thompson, from "Lutheran Vespers" American Lutheran Church was the speaker.

A permanent reminder of the celebration will be the hundreds of trees planted as "The Centennial Forest," in parks and other public property, made possible by contributions from individual donors.

#### **Hymn Review (Robert Brown) "O God of Every Nation"**

In 1958, the National Council of Churches of Christ asked the Hymn Society of America (now called Hymn Society of US and Canada) to pick hymns for the Fifth World Order Study Conference. If we believe God cares for everyone, then we must pray for all the people in all nations of the world.

**If you have missed any history tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... [fpcrwf.org](http://fpcrwf.org)**

#### **Church Calendar**

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

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

**Sunday, July 23:** 10:15 am: Worship  
**Tuesday, July 25:** Morning: Presbytery Committee Meeting in Dining Room  
**Sunday, July 30:** 10:15 am: Worship with Janet Ellingworth  
6:30-7:30 pm: Ice Cream Sundae Social

#### **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 - Luke Kaupang, 25th - Alica Whitmore, David Fuhr, Roger Potter, Knox Kramer, 26th - Dorothy Symes, 28th - Kassandra Sweetman, Mika Jacobson, 29th - Bruce Tiffany

**Anniversaries:** Today - Brian & Stephanie Klavetter, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, 25th - Doug & Kay Jensen,

**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.**