

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

May 21, 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: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea, from volcanoes to lush rainforests,

P: There God's greatness stands majestically.

L: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God of all people, we come together to be a community, a community of faith striving to grow closer to You and closer to each other. Be with us as we seek to hear from You, where You are at work, and what You require of us. You created us all to be agents of Your love, justice, and mercy. Help and empower us in these tasks. Amen.

***Hymn #729**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Prayer of Confession in Unison

Creator, we are fragmented. You intended us to be one: woven together and safe in Your arms. We have pulled society's fabric into pieces, attempting to gain control for ourselves. The media often do no more than reinforce and polish our narrow views. We weld idols from broken shards of understanding and rely on them instead of Your provision. Slowly, we erect a wall of fearful self-interest that becomes our shrinking prison. What we call "security" is a miserable separation. Though stitches hurt for a moment, sew us together again, Lord. Guide us in the way when we are vulnerable, so we can grow to be faithful, kind, and resilient. Join our hands and hearts with distant communities so we can be whole, in solidarity and love. Warm us with Your closeness, Great Counselor.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news, God forgives again and again; in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

*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 9:37-38

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Moment for Children

Hymn #839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Ann Tiffany

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:18-20

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Presentation: Costa Rica Mission Trip

Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Jan Swoboda & Katie Hultstrum

*Hymn #733

"We All Are One in Mission"

*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 #606

*Offertory Prayer

God, we thank You for the fruit of Your blessing. Today we praise You for the fruit of our work and give it to You. Use our offering for Your plans and Your blessings in the world. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Ushers for May: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay,
Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Rienstra, Brady Stough

Communion Servers for June: Current Ruling Elder Richard Aakre,
Leon & Sharon King, Craig Melges, Matt Tiffany, Gerry Patten, Dorie Oja

Deacon of May: Jenny Bloedow

Greeting You Today: Todd Peterson/Keegan & Shellie Mammen

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.**

Meals on Wheels ~ Our church is in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries in June. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex where you can help out.

Thank You ~ A heartfelt thank you to the Piecemakers for the beautiful quilt, the Christian Education Committee for the gift and slideshow video and to my entire church family for all the well wishes! You have all made me feel incredibly lucky to be a part of such a caring and generous church family. I look forward to the years and adventures to come. ~ Logan Garman

Alzheimer's Disease ~ The Redwood Area Dementia Awareness Network invites you to their Spring Dementia Event on **Tuesday, May 23**, from 9:30-2 pm, at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Learn from two experts in the field about innovative ways to deal with behaviors of people with dementia. For information or to register for the event, contact Karen Christensen at 627-1016.

Vacation Bible School ~ Vacation Bible School will be **June 4-8** this year for children ages 4-6th grade. **We are still in need of volunteers!** VBS is looking for donations of new, full, square/cube tissue boxes, to be used as a service/craft project. **Please leave them in the kitchen marked VBS. We are in need of 4 pans of bars/desserts for the final night, parent's night, June 8! Please contact Lindsey if you are willing to donate a dessert! Due to a generous donation, all of the children who attend VBS will receive a VBS music CD! A huge thank you to our anonymous donor.**

Anniversary Planning ~ On **June 4**, following worship, the 150th Anniversary Committee, will meet in the Administrative Assistant's Office to talk about the June 23-25 weekend.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 21:	10:15 am:	Worship
Monday, May 22:	Noon:	Pastor-Rotary
Tuesday, May 23:		Pastor-Mission Information Meeting in Hutchinson
Wednesday, May 24:	9:00 am:	Pastor visits Joyce McKay
	10:00 am:	Pastor visits Darlene Garrison
Thursday, May 25:	9:00 am:	Pastor visits Rick & Fran Hauge
	10:00 am:	Pastor visits Judy Smith
	11:00 am:	Pastor visits Char Gilland
Sunday, May 28:	10:15 am:	Memorial Day Worship Service
Monday, May 29:		Church Office Closed-Memorial Day

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)

Mission Trips

Sitka, Alaska: The Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska on the Baranof Island, was the oldest institution of higher learning in Alaska. It was started by Rev. Jackson in 1878 and always kept its association with the Presbyterian Church. For several years in the 1980's, a group of members of First Presbyterian joined a larger group from the Presbytery and went there with the Volunteers in Mission program. Rudolph & Elizabeth Hagen, Gene & Marlene Sand, Bertha Alexander, and Lu Phillips went there with this program. They worked in the library, painted, sewed curtains and did other tasks along with some sight-seeing. By 2007, because of declining enrollment, the college was closed and is now a Native American Museum owned and administered by the State of Alaska. It is a National Historic Landmark.

Africa: In 2006, Gordon & Ardis Alexander, Sue & Shelby Osborne and Barb & Tara Christensen went to Kilma, Zambia. Bonnie Lou Dolan, from the Wabasso area, went to Zambia in 1998 and began the Center for Christian Missions. Church members took keyboards and computers for Bonnie to use in her work. They spent 8 days helping at the Center and 3 days sight-seeing. The Bible College began in 2000, the school in 2007, and the Theological Seminary in 2010. Since this trip, Bonnie has married Bennett Ndelemeti and together they work with the Mission.

If you have missed any of Janean's & Bob's tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... fpcrwf.org

Piecemakers ~ Looking for an Anniversary or Wedding gift? Or maybe that little something special to help your college bound student with the feeling of "home"... We have quilts for all occasions! Contact Char or Marlys for all your quilt needs! Also... Feel free to join in on the quilting fun the first and third Wednesdays of the month! We are always excited to see new faces.

Hymn Review ~ (Robert Brown)

Hymn #2 "Come Thou Almighty King"

This hymn is the fourth hymn of the Trinity. It deals with all 3 persons; God, Christ and the Holy Ghost. The text indicates a love giving, compassionate God, not a wrathful God.

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Tony & Molly Miller

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: 22nd - Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, Grace Caraway, 23rd - Emily Norgaard, 25th - Justine Melges

Anniversaries: 25th - Curt & Claire Meyers

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Gordon Alexander

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: Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins)

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.