

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

May 28, 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

Bringing Forward of Flags

Hymn (Insert)

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Pledge to American Flag

Pledge to Christian Flag

Pledge to Holy Bible

Call to Worship

L: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

P: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.

L: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

P: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.

L: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

P: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.

Prayer of Invocation

Giver of power and strength, You take a rag-tag bunch of denying disciples and reckless followers, creating a new community of servants who seek to do Your will. Keeper of all time, You are enthroned on the rubble of death's shattered power, calling us to Your side and giving us a new vocation, by which we serve the broken of the communities in which we live. Constant Presence of hope, You strengthen us so we never give in while confronted by evil; You continually pray for us that we never quit when faith proves to be more of a challenge than we imagined. God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our hearts to You, as we worship You today. Amen.

*Hymn #337

"My Country Tis of Thee"

Call to Confession

We know what we should do, yet don't. We know the words people need to hear, but utter the ones that hurt them. Yet, we also know that if we confess our failings to God, we will receive forgiveness and hope. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession in Unison

God of glory, we are so busy watching the skies for signs of Your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in Your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell someone off, that we forget the words of reconciliation You have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out Your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of Your Spirit within us. Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life.

P: This is the good news which is for us, and for everyone we will meet in the days to come. Thanks be to God. We 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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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Moment for Children

Memorial Day Prayer

"Memorial Day"

Pastor Scott

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sermon

*Hymn #465 *"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*
*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

Heavenly Father, help us to overcome our fears about giving with an expectant faith in Your ability to provide.
Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #338 *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

*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: Christina Rebstock/Bob & Lori Rebstock

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.

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 the quilting fun the first and third Wednesdays of the month! We are always excited to see new faces.

Friendship Dinner ~ The planning meeting for the July Friendship Dinner will be on **Sunday, June 4**, following worship. Families of the congregation with last names starting with T-Z are asked to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please keep in contact with the group!

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.

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.**

Reminder ~ A reminder that the deadline to order t-shirts or mugs is **Sunday, June 4**.

Friends of the Park ~ You are invited to the annual Ramsey Park Jamboree on **Wednesday, June 7**, from 4:30-8 pm, at the RACC. This is the annual fundraiser for continuing improvements throughout the park. There are planned activities for all ages and a supper being served from 4:30-7:30 pm. Ann Tiffany is looking for volunteers to help with the kids' games and inflatables. Please see her if you're looking for a fun way to be part of this fun and worthwhile community event.

Summer Camp ~ School years are ending, summer is beginning, and don't worry – it still isn't too late to support Clearwater Forest's Summer 2017 Programs! It isn't too late to register for one of our camp programs. It isn't too late to contact us about volunteering! It isn't too late to sponsor a counselor! It isn't too late to contact us for more information by visiting www.clearwaterforest.org or calling 218-678-2325.

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

PLEDGE TO THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America,
Land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 28:	10:15 am:	Memorial Day Worship Service
Monday, May 29: Church Office Closed-Memorial Day		
Tuesday, May 30:	9:45 am:	Pastor visits Wayne & Rosemary Bennett
	11:00 am:	Pastor visits Wayne Mann
	Noon:	Pastor visits Merlin Goudy
	1:30 pm:	Pastor visits Gary & Jennifer Hindt
Saturday, June 3: Nursery Deep Cleaning		
Sunday, June 4:	10:15 am:	Worship with Holy Communion
	Following Worship:	July Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting
	6:15-8:30 pm:	Vacation Bible School-Redwood Alliance Church

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) A Singing Church

Not much of note is written in past histories about the church choirs but, there are references to choir responses, anthems and the Chancel & junior choirs.

The first noted picture of the Presbyterian Choir was taken in 1898, with four members and the organist. Photographed is; tenor F.J. Peabody, soprano Mrs. Charles Buxton (Fanny Rowe), alto Mrs. Charles Johnson, bass Charles Buxton, and organist Mrs. J.P. Cooper. Other choir members at that time were; Mrs. W.W. Philbrick, Mrs. N.V.R. Hunter and Vivian & Jennie Peabody. Jennie's children and grandchildren along with the Tiffanys were contributing to the music of the church and are still doing the same to this day. John Tiffany has been a part of the Church choir the longest. He began singing in High School and except for his years in the military and college, he has been a faithful choir member ever since. Sue Tiffany, his wife, tells that the first choir robes she remembers were made of maroon wool and were very warm. Since then there have been two sets of "Presbyterian" blue with stoles and colored collars for the church seasons.

Here is list of the choir directors from the 1992 history write-up: Fred J. Peabody, Mrs. Charles Johnson, C.A. Fobes, Gertrude Huffman, Judy Marsh, Evie Johnson, Mikel Paulsen, Gary Lewis, Paul Fialkowski, Bunny Nolting, Ginny Thrailkill, Marion Fredrickson, Kathy Peterson, and currently Peggy Dolezal.

In the 1980's, the Redwood Falls Airfield was named the Richard Cook Airfield. Richard & Leota were active members of the Presbyterian Church and the choir sang at the naming ceremony. The Methodist Church sponsored a Palm Sunday Sing for many years inviting choirs and soloists to take part. Beginning in the 1960's, the Presbyterian choir was a regular participant and at the end of the Festival, everyone took part in a mass choir selection. Each year the Chancel Choir has presented a Cantata prior to Christmas.

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

Hymn Review ~ (Robert Brown) Hymn #37 "Let All Things Now Living"

This hymn has a strong resemblance to Psalm 148. It is used all during the year with references to the exodus experience and to the joinery of faith taken by the church.

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: 30th - Lucas Fuhr, 31st - Curt Meyers, June 2: Gordon Alexander, LaVonne Sinclair, Nadia Meyers

Anniversaries: Today - Brandy & Jeff Toomer

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: Lester Siegfried, Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins), Kathy Luckert (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.

Faith of Our Fathers!

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Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt.

ST. CATHERINE: S. S. S. S. S.
Henri F. Hemy, 1865
Alt. by James G. Walton, 1871

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of
2. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great power Shall win all
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and

dun - geon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy
na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God
foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,
Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death. A - MEN.