

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

May 7, 2017 ~ 10:15 am ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: In the laughter of children, we hear the voice of the Gate of the Way, and find our way home.

P: In the lap of a parent, God's compassion cradles us in the still waters of love.

L: The Shepherd of our lives leads us through that door into life with Him forever.

P: We are baptized with living waters which refresh us, restoring us to follow Jesus all our days.

L: The Holy Spirit, Keeper of truth, is the Light which guides us through every shadowed moment.

P: The Breath of life stills our worries and fears, as we are lead to that peaceful place of God's heart.

Prayer of Invocation

Buoyed by Your living waters, we are at peace in seas of stress and success; detoured onto those walkways leading to Your joy, we find our way out of mazes of meetings and deadlines; nourished at Your picnic in that garden of grace, our shredded souls are anointed by Your healing; You slow us down just enough, as we try to escape the very lives we think we want, so goodness and mercy can catch up with us and carry us into Your heart. God in Community, Holy in One, may You always be with us on our journey. Amen.

***Hymn #611**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

***Call to Confession**

Day by day, God would lead us to the places of hope and healing, while moment by moment, we continue to follow sin down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who would restore us to wholeness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

The wrong paths to foolish lives and repeated mistakes? We know all too well where they are, Gate of our lives. Stirring up the waters with trouble comes all too easy to us, we confess. And locking the doors of our hearts so we don't have to love others is second nature to us. Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, as You anoint us with healing oil. May we share from our abundance with all who hunger for life. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with You forever.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

P: We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Moment for Children

Hunger Fund Offering: Taken during hymn

Hymn #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon

*Hymn #187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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

Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of Your work in this church and the wider world, for Your glory. Amen.

Go in God's Name

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Holy Communion

Benediction

Choral 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 May: Current Ruling Elder Marlys Mathiowetz,
Julie Rienstra, Paul Hagen, Joyce Nolting, Rosie Venable, Julie Salmon, Kyle Hicks

Deacon of May: Jenny Bloedow

Greeting You Today: Kyle & Stacie Hicks, Brent Prouty

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.**

Summer Camp ~ It's time to start thinking about summer camp. For more information or to sign up, check out the Clearwater Forest Camp website.

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.

June Friendship Dinner ~ The planning meeting for the June Friendship Dinner will be **this morning**, following worship. Families of the congregation with the last names starting with Q-S are asked to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please keep in contact with the group.

May Friendship Dinner ~ Our next Friendship Dinner is **today**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; egg salad and ham sandwiches, Jell-O salad, relish plate, bars and beverages. Everyone is welcome!

Congregation ~ Sunday, May 21, Ann and Bruce Tiffany will share their recent mission trip experience to the Roblealto Bible Home in Costa Rica during the morning worship service. Joining them will be other members of the 15 member team that spent a week doing service projects and interacting with the children living at the Bible Home. The church mission committee gave a monetary donation. Come on Sunday to see how it was used! :)

Vacation Bible School ~ Mark your calendars for 2017 Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "*The Maker Fun Factory*"! We work with the Redwood Alliance, E-Free and Methodist churches for a wonderful time of learning about God, fun, fellowship and service. VBS 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. The younger kids will be decorating them and the older kids will be delivering them to residents of the nursing homes. **Please leave them in the kitchen marked VBS.** We are also looking for monetary donations to be able to purchase VBS music CDs for the families participating. In the past, the VBS curriculum has allowed us to copy the music CDs to give to the kids for free. This year we are unable to do that and each CD is \$6.99. The kids love to be able to take the songs they have been singing all week and share with their families. Contact Lindsey Caraway with questions.

Synod School... is an annual midsummer ministry (**July 23-28**-Storm Lake, Iowa) of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church USA, for laity, clergy, families and singles. It includes fun and mind-stretching courses, and worship and singing you'll long remember as well as times for both fellowship and private reflection. Discover Synod school and you'll know why so many people return. The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, will be the daily convocation speaker! For more information on Synod School you can visit their website (www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool) or there are brochures in the Narthex!

<u>Church Calendar</u>		
Sunday, May 7:	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship-Holy Communion
	Following Worship:	June Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting (Q-S)
		Packing Weekend Food Bags
Monday, May 8:	5-6:30 pm:	Friendship Dinner
	Noon:	Pastor-Rotary
	2:00 pm:	Pastor visits Lucille Byram
	7:00 pm:	Session Meeting
Tuesday, May 9:	Noon:	Pastor-Ministerial Meeting
Thursday, May 11:	9:00 am:	Pastor visits Sally Dording
	10:00 am:	Pastor visits Millie Bunting
	11:00 am:	Pastor visits Janet Minkel
	5:00 pm:	Deacon Meeting
Sunday, May 14:	Last Day Sunday School/Graduation Sunday	
	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship-Graduates Celebrated
	Following Worship:	Cookie Reception

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

**Hymn Review ~ (Robert Brown)
Hymn #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

This hymn expresses our awe at the fact that God does not change and His words and actions are always true.

**150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)
Holiday Fair**

For a few years, a small table-top bake and craft sale was held in the church dining room by the four Circles of the church. It was a social time. In 1976, Pat Shepley and Bunny Nolting stepped forward and suggested we do a larger church-wide Holiday Fair the first Saturday of December. All year, each Wednesday morning, Bunny welcomed women into her home and craft items were made. She assemble dkits for those who were interested and members laughed as she would say "make 36!" The Holiday Fair at the Presbyterian Church soon became a "have-to" for local residents as well as those from the surrounding communities because of its size and quality.

The dining room was designated for Christmas items with an array of ornaments on trees and tables filled with decorations. The choir room featured household items. The north Sunday School rooms were filled with tables loaded with baked goods. There was a lunch room with card tables in the parlor and the nursery was where coats and packages were checked.

Some perennial favorites were; John Smith's packages of shelled black walnuts, Tom Arnett's jars of prepared horse radish, Sally Dording and Joyce Nolting's Christmas tea ring breads, Janean McKay's Cabbage Patch clothes and Bob Nolting's wooden decorations. Church members came dressed in their festive Christmas clothing and wore name tags. Cashiers brought adding machines. Each room had a color-coded sales card and customers paid once. So much was sold the first 15 minutes that eventually a Friday night Sneak Preview was added so customers knew where they wanted to be when sales began.

Customers lined the stairs waiting to be let in. No sales were permitted until the bell was rung by the chair-women! Of course, coffee and snacks were sold. At the end of the day, men arrived and helped return furniture to their normal places. Sunday morning the church was ready for Sunday School and the Sunday service. The few items not sold were on tables in the dining room. Everyone was tired but happy.

After 20 years, the last fair was held in 1996. The thousands of dollars of profit gained over this period were used for projects in the church.

Pray For The Following:

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: 8th - Elizabeth Stancer, 9th - Betty Peterson, Lauren Karnitz, Suzanne Menth,

11th - Brennen Fuhr, Greg Dording

Anniversaries: 8th - Winston & Rosie Venable

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),

Becky Menk (Dody Fuhr's mother)

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.