

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

October 1, 2017 ~ 10:15 am

World Communion Sunday

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: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

P: The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.

L: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

P: We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.

L: Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

P: Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, we exalt You. From the snowcapped peaks of the Himalayas to the life-sustaining plains of the Serengeti, the mystery of Your glory is revealed. From the vineyards to the wheat fields, the mystery of Your glory is revealed. In the eyes of the young and the wisdom of those who have sojourned with You, the mystery of Your glory is revealed. Your glory is over all the earth and we bless Your holy name. Today we honor the victory in Your right hand. Your victory is the promised peace which rescues those You love. Your peace comes from a level playing field, where love is higher than the heavens and faithfulness reaches the clouds. Great is Your love, and great is Your faithfulness to us, and for this we give You thanks, for this too is the mystery of Your glory. Amen.

***Hymn #761**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Call to Confession

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

*Prayer of Confession in Unison

Jesus, we ask that You take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as You commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love You seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response** *Hymn #519 "You Are My Strength When I am Weak"*

*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

Philippians 2:1-13

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Moment for Children

Hunger Fund Offering

Laura Kohler

Hymn #409

"God is Here!"

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:14-18

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Sermon

***Hymn #69**

"Here I Am, Lord" (Stanzas 1 & 2)

The Installation Service of Ruling Elder Rick Hauge

***Hymn #69**

"Here I Am, Lord" (Stanza 3)

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

***Response** *Hymn #658 "God is So Good" (vs. 1&2)*

***Offertory Prayer**

Most loving and gracious God, we offer these gifts to You in the spirit of Jesus, to do good works. May they help us to discern the ways in which You would have us break down the dividing walls and boundaries in our world, as we seek to erase hostilities and bring peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

Choral Response

Postlude

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

Ushers for October: Rick Hauge, Nate, Val & Andrew Stephens, Brian Klavetter, Shaun Bruns, Gerry Patten, Donavon Sharpe, Joleen MacHolda, Matthew Prouty

Communion Servers for October: Gerry Patten, Joyce Nolting, Rick Hauge, Gerry & Deb Hess, Laura Kohler

Deacons of October: Kathy Peterson

Greeting You Today: Scott & Laura Kohler, Mike & Connie Bentson

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.**

Newspaper Clippings ~ The newspaper clippings from the "Presbyterian in the Press" board are in the Parlor for anyone who wishes to take them.

Sign-Up Sheets/Sunday School ~ Sign-up sheets for Breakfast and Wednesday night meals are in the Narthex! Please sign-up where you can!

God Chat Apps: A Life of Prayer... The multigenerational event hosted by the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys will be a full day of learning about living a life of prayer. On **Saturday, October 7**, from 9-3:30 pm, at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer you are invited to come and deepen and strengthen your prayer life! Tickets cover the full cost of your participation for the event including fabulous speakers, coffee, snacks and lunch. Shopping will also be available at the church's bazaar. To register, please call Karen at 320-235-7910.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1:	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship with Holy Communion
	Following Worship:	November Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
	1:00 pm:	Pastor takes Holy Communion to Shut-Ins
	7:00 pm:	Confirmation
Monday, October 2:	Noon:	Pastor - Rotary
	7:00 pm:	Mission Committee Meeting - Church Office
Tuesday, October 3:	6:00 pm:	Stewardship Committee Meeting - Church Office
Wednesday, October 4:	9:00 am:	Piecemakers
	5:15 pm:	Youth Club
	6:00 pm:	Meal
	6:30 pm:	Youth Faith in Action
Saturday, October 7:	All Day:	Presbytery Education Day @ Spicer Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 8:	8:45 am:	Breakfast
	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship
	Following Worship:	Packing Weekend Food Bags
	7:00 pm:	Confirmation
Monday, October 9:	Church Office Closed - Columbus Day	

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Kory & Brittany Schneider, Brady & Abbie Stough, Curt & Claire Meyers

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 all the people of the world.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: 6th - Marlys Verdoes, 7th - Rosie Venable

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Elizabeth Stancer

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Muriel Moon,

Elizabeth Stancer, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

All Those Fighting Cancer: Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins),

Kathy Lueckert (Scott Prouty'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.

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, and promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of Holy Communion. The tradition was begun in 1934 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. "Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another." It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

Hymn Review (Robert Brown)

Hymn #613 "O Lord, Our Lord"

This hymn is a song stuffed with Biblical references. Psalm 8:1, Psalm 69:30, Isaiah 9:6 and Revelations 4:8, 11:7,16:7-22. This is a great opportunity to use these for daily devotions.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)

Church Directories

Our church has had 8 picture Directories over the years. These were in 1972, 1983, 1988, 1992, 2000, 2007, 2012 and 2017. These books serve to help us learn the names of our fellow church members as well as a limited history of the church. Most have a number of pictures of staff and groups who work within the church. Rev Haynes wrote "We must remember that the church pictorial directory will reveal to the future generations who we are and the faith that motivates us."

Various companies took pictures of members for the directories. Usually either a complementary copy of the directory and/or a photo is given to each who had their picture taken. Submitted photos could also be included in the books. Additional pictures could be purchased.

For financial reasons only the pictures of members, names and addresses were included in the 2017 issue. For that directory a hometown former member and professional photographer, Lisa Verdoes Asp was the photographer and producer.

For the Centennial of First Presbyterian in 1967 a 20 page history including many photos of groups and former pastors was printed. This was not a directory of members however. This booklet was dedicated "to the pioneers who founded and built it... and to the future members of this church, who also must face the challenges of their day, ever mindful that this is God's world and they are His witnesses."

If you have missed any history tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... fpcrwf.org