

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

September 17, 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

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe, in ordinary days of work and play:

P: in every moment, God is with us.

L: Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline:

P: in every place, God is with us.

L: In those who teach us and those who trouble us; in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

P: in every person, God is with us.

Prayer of Invocation

When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today, You go before us into tomorrow, making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts. When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what You hope for all creation, You are at our side, offering Your heart's strength. Cloud of Grace, we offer our love to You. When we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness, You transform them into oases of joy. When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find You, you tear up the list, stretching wide Your arms in welcoming grace. Servant of all, we offer our lives to You. When we would clasp old worries to our hearts, You open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us. When we spend each day consumed with doubts and fears, You remind us that this day is the time to honor God, by serving God's children. Mist of Mercy, we offer our hearts to You.

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life" (Verses 1-3)

The Installation of Service of Ruling Elder Rick Hauge

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life" (Verses 4-6)

*Call to Confession

As we stand before God, we think of all the ways we bicker with others, all those times we have not shown mercy and grace to those around us. Let us bow our hearts and confess our sin to God, as we pray together, saying,

*Prayer of Confession in Unison

It is never easy for us to confess but deep down inside, we know that graced, we have trouble being grace-full to others; forgiven, we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us; freed, we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear. Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; You pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's - sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with You.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to touch us with grace and hope.

P: We stand before our God, singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy, our fears into faith. 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

Romans 14:1-12

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Moment for Children

Anthem

Deb Hess

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

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Sermon

*Hymn #435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Minute for Mission

Ruling Elder Scott Kohler

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**

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #465**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***Benediction**

Choral Response

Postlude

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

Ushers for September: **Scott Goodyear**, Mike Bentson, Aubrie Milhausen, Robb & Robin Schneider, Kory Schneider, Dale Starr, Don Dagner, Julia Prouty, Lauren & Rachel Karnitz

Communion Servers for October: **Current Ruling Elder Robin Schneider**,

Gerry Patten, Joyce Nolting, Rick Hauge, Gerry & Deb Hess, Laura Kohler

Deacons of September: Leon & Sharon King

Greeting You Today: Dave & Penny Fuhr, Gary & Jennifer Hindt

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.**

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

Help Needed ~ We are looking for Sunday School co-teachers for two different classes; 4-5 year olds and 1st-3rd graders. If you are interested please contact Pam.

Meals On Wheels ~ Our church is in charge of meal delivery for the first half of October. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up where you can! Thank you.

Carpet Cleaning ~ The church carpets will be cleaned on **Monday, September 18**. We are asking for volunteers to help move furniture for the cleaners following worship **this morning**. We will also need volunteers on **Tuesday, September 19**, to put everything back where it goes! We will be meeting at the church on Tuesday night around 7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan.

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 depend 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.

Redwood Falls Rotary's Fundraiser ~ The Redwood Falls Rotary's Wine Tasting Fundraising Event is on **Friday, September 29**, from 5-8 pm, at the Redwood Falls Golf Club. Come for a fun evening of wine tasting and socializing. Minnesota wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are available from our own Rotarians; Pastor Scott, Claire Meyers, Mark Oja and Nathan Stephens.

Walk to End Alzheimer's ~ A walk to end Alzheimer's is being held on **Saturday, September 30**, on Robbins Island in Willmar. The *Redwood Falls Purple People Eaters* will be walking to raise money. You can donate by calling Danielle at 637-4567 or by visiting alz.org/walk. This is a great event. Let's come together and rally around the Alzheimer's cause.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 17:

Chimes Deadline

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Preparing for Carpet Cleaning

7:00 pm: Confirmation

Monday, September 18:

Carpet Cleaning

Noon: Pastor - Rotary

Tuesday, September 19:

10:00 am: Pastor - Meeting in Windom

Noon: Pastor visits Jeanette Kotval

4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, September 20:

9:00 am: Piecemakers

1:30 pm: Dorcas Circle - Joyce McKay's Homestead Apt #107

5:15 pm: Youth Club Kick

6:00 pm: Meal

6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, September 21:

10:00 am: Pastor - Conference Call

Sunday, September 24:

8:45 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

7:00 pm: Confirmation

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 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 - Pete Fuhr, 18th - Mike Dahmes, 19th - Mike Salmon, 20th - Brian Klavetter, Rylee Zachariason

Anniversaries: 23rd - Bob & Bunny Nolting

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.

Hymn Review (Robert Brown)

Hymn #824 "Place of Great Rest"

This hymn was written in a time of great loss in the death of family members during the time of grief when only God can provide a place of shelter. Because of our faith, we find comfort near to the heart of God.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)

We're a Cool Church!

In a Redwood Falls 1990 tourist booklet it says "It's Cool to go to the Presbyterian Church. We're Air Conditioned." How the social needs of the community changed.

While Rev. Badger was pastor (1902 - 1906) a dining room and kitchen were put in the basement. John Tiffany said that the church was then heated by a wood & coal furnace. Even then to comfortably heat with this furnace the large sanctuary in the coldest days of winter meant that services were not always held.

When major remodeling was done in 1942 the coal bin and store rooms in the basement were converted into a modern kitchen. The city produced steam which was piped in the tunnels and could be used for heating purposes. Lao Stancer had a steam-boiler license. He worked for the public school and also as a member for our church.

By 1982 the city decided that the city steam system had deteriorated to the point where they would no longer provide this service. What should the church do? Mr. Parker Sanders left money for the church to be air conditioned. He was said to always feel sorry for the women of the church to be washing dishes in steamy water on hot humid days. But the church needed to be heated foremost. Research resulted in the use of the money from Mr. Sanders to install heat pumps which met the criteria for both air conditioning as well as a heat source. Four heat pumps were installed. At the same time the church was insulated. This in itself saved hundreds of dollars especially where the large sanctuary ceiling was concerned.

When the 2000 elevator and new entrance was built a 5th heat pump was needed for this addition. When the last roof work was done, more insulation was added where the first had settled or areas were missed.

"So we are a warm church as well as a cool church."

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