

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

September 3, 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: Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, hateful,

P: we are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.

L: God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

P: for God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.

L: No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,

P: God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.

L: Why should we do all things?

P: Because we are God's people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference!

Prayer of Invocation

God our Creator, You are alive: in the singing of geese flying south, in the leaves gently stirring in the breeze, in the stars that dance at night. Jesus, Brother to the poor, You are in our midst: in the lap of a grandmother, in the cries of a newborn, in the stillness of dawn. Spirit of God, You make all our places holy: the classrooms where we fidget, the sidewalks where we meet neighbors, the grass in our backyards. God in Community, Holy in One, make us aware of Your presence in every moment, even as we worship You this morning. Amen.

***Hymn #664**

"Morning Has Broken"

*Call to Confession

If God is in every person we meet, what does that say about the harmful words we speak, the hurt we cause to others in our lives? We are invited to bring our faults and foolishness, our brokenness and bitterness to our God, confessing such lives, so we might be made new. Join me, as we pray together saying,

*Prayer of Confession in Unison

You know us, Watching God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives. You do indeed know us all too well, Steadfast Love. Yet, You continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. Yet, You would embrace us as we turn towards You in repentance, rather than washing Your hands of us. Yet, You would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with You.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: This is the good news for us, my friends. God remembers us and forgives us, so we might live as people of love and hope.

P: We will sing our praises to the One who has made us whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *Hymn #581 (words only)*

***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 26

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Moment for Children

Hymn #14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dorie Oja

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Romans 12:9-21

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***Hymn #727**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

***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**

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, feed those who are hungry, as You have fed us with Your Word. May these gifts give those who thirst for hope a cup which is overflowing. May our gifts be used to welcome all those who are Your children, our sisters and brothers in this life. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #719**

"Come Labor On"

***Benediction**

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 September: **Current Ruling Elder Richard Aakre**, Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Joleen MacHolda, Kathy Peterson, Robb & Robin Schneider

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: Shawn Corder & Leann Heimer

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.

October Friendship Dinner ~ Families of the congregation with the last names starting with K-M are asked to meet in the Parlor, following worship, **this morning**. You are in charge of planning and preparing the October Friendship Dinner.

Sunday School Kick-Off ~ Outreach will serve breakfast and Sunday School will kick-off on **Sunday, September 10**, at 8:45 am, in the dining room. We will have a light breakfast, meet the teachers, get our pictures taken, sing some songs and get ready for a new exciting year of Sunday School! If you have any questions, please contact Pam.

Congregational Meeting ~ We will have a congregational meeting to elect a new elder to fill out the remainder of a term on **Sunday, September 10**, following worship.

St. Catherine's Annual Fall Festival ~ You are invited to St. Catherine's Annual Fall Festival on **Sunday, September 10**. A pork chop dinner will be served from 11-2:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided with lots of games available, a country store, a silent auction and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Kick-Off ~ It's time for kids in K-6th grad to join the fun at Youth Club on Wednesday nights! Our first Youth Club gathering begins outside on **Wednesday, September 13**, at the the playground/shelter area by the tank at Lake Redwood. Kids should be dropped off at 5:15 pm. We will play at the park and then walk back to the church for a meal and other activities. Kids are to be picked up at the church at 7:15 pm.

Youth Faith in Action ~ The first meeting of YFA is on **Wednesday, September 13**, starting at 6:30 pm and going until 7:30 pm. YFA will meet at the church.

Carpet Cleaning ~ The church carpets will be cleaned on **Monday, September 18**. We are asking for volunteers, following worship, on **Sunday, September 17**, to help move furniture for the cleaners. 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.

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 available from our own Rotarians; Pastor Scott, Claire Meyers, Mark Oja and Nathan Stephens.

Sewing Supplies ~ The Rotary Club of Maple Grove is collecting sewing machines and supplies to create a sewing center in Uganda near one of the largest refuge camps in the world. The sewing center project will impact the lives of women and their children who arrive in Uganda as economic, political and war refugees. These items will be used in a sewing cooperative and each machine donated will help a family become financially independent. Learning to sew and knit can be very liberating for the women. Sewing and knitting supplies will be accepted at the Redwood Library from September 1-11. Robin Stegner has agreed to deliver all machines and supplies to the Maple Grove Club.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 3:	10:15 am:	Worship
	Following Worship:	October Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting (Families with the last names starting with K-M)
Monday, September 4:		Church Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5:	6:30 pm:	Committee Meetings
Wednesday, September 6:	9:00 am:	Piecemakers Pastor-Meeting in Willmar
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
Thursday, September 7:	9:30 am:	Pastor visits Gordon & Ardis Alexander
	10:30 am:	Pastor visits Carol Oja
	Afternoon:	Pastor visits Elizabeth Stancer, Millie Bunting & Janet Minkel
Sunday, September 10:	8:45 am:	Sunday School Kick-Off
	9:00 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship - Holy Communion
	Following Worship:	Congregational Meeting Packing Weekend Food Bags
	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: 5th - Rick Hauge, Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider, 7th - Jackie Venable

Anniversaries: 8th - Dan & Shari Fuhr

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Elizabeth Stancer, Carol Oja

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

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 #761 "Called us Partners in Christ"

This hymn was written to promote the unity of the General Assemblies of United Presbyterian Church USA and Presbyterian Church US, 2 years before they untied. It speaks to many kinds of painful, needless and inappropriate discussions in the faith community.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay)

The Redwood Area Ministerial Association

A 1937 Redwood Gazette article tells about "the Ministerial Council indicative of a cooperative spirit...of the pastors of Redwood Falls formed a Council in December, 1923 for the purpose of organizing religious classes for the school children. This tells us that early in the history of Redwood Falls the local pastors from area churches of various denominations worked together for the cause of Christ and the betterment of our community.

A few examples of this are: Pastors rotate giving daily devotions on KLGR. The same is true with a devotional column in the Redwood Gazette. For many years they sponsored a Baccalaureate service for local high school graduates. There was a community prayer service for rain during a prolonged drought. On Good Friday there is an ecumenical service with local pastors taking part in the service. The location rotates with churches. At the assassination of President Kennedy there was a service of remembrance and mourning at the high school gymnasium. Community residents filled the gym. They co-sponsor lyceums at the local school with a message for a positive life for youth.

These are only a few of the events over the years but the pastors of First Presbyterian Church have worked faithfully with others in the community. The Methodist Church and our church has had a shared Thanksgiving service many years until 2016. The churches rotated the location of the service each year. The minister of the other church gave the sermon. There was a mass choir from both churches. In 1948 there began a joint Vacation Bible School with the Methodist Church. Then in the 70's and 80's First Presbyterian had their own. The last decades several churches in town have a joint Bible School with the location rotating each year.

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