

Second Sunday in Lent - February 25, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Rev. Gwen Bohlke

Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude/Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship**

L: The journey of Christ's followers is filled with challenge and uncertainty, yet we continue the journey.

**P: We give thanks for the ways that the Spirit nurtures us.**

L: The expectations in Christ's followers keep changing as we face new situations, yet we continue the journey.

**P: We give thanks for the ways that the Spirit nurtures us.**

L: The surprises that greet Christ's followers are many and varied, yet we continue the journey.

**P: We give thanks for the ways that God uplifts us.**

L: We seek to share the hope of Christ and the love of God in our mission and service.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Lord, we come before You today and we thank You for all the blessings that You have given us. Many times our lives are so full of busy work that we neglect our relationship with You, for that we are sorry. We know that You never neglect us, for if You did our very lives would cease to be. Continue to pull us to Yourself, guide us in our journey, and hold us close until the day we come home to be with You forever. Be with us now as we gather in Your name, may we feel your presence among us. In Jesus precious name we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn #688**

*"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*

**\*Call to Confession**

We come today Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the cross. We set our minds on human things—we long for the security from our possessions; we prefer our own comfort. Forgive us, we pray. May our sense of self-preservation be disturbed by Your Son's example; that we might take up his cross in service to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. The Mighty One has sent His deliverance for all people; even the generations yet unborn. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory 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**

Psalms 22:22-30

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**Moment for Children**

Ann Tiffany

**Anthem**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Chancel Choir

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 8:31-38

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**Sermon**

Rev. Gwen Bohlke

**\*Hymn #726**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"*

**\*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**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by Your grace, Your peace, as well as Your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

**\*Hymn #724**

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction/Postlude**

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

**Ushers for February: Bob Alexander**, Sonya Alexander, Kyle, Aubree & Maddie Hicks, Todd Peterson,  
Rick & Denise Siegfried, Larry & Sue Wessels

**Mar. Communion Servers:** Scott Kohler, Rick Hauge, Kathy Peterson,  
Leon & Sharon King, Sonya Alexander, Maynard Nolting

**Greeting You Today:** Deacon of the Month: Sharon King, Wayne Mann, Don Dagner

**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.

**Congregational Meeting** ~ Following worship on **Sunday, March 4**, we will be having a congregational  
meeting to elect Nathan Stephens as our new Deacon.

**Tonight is the Mission Service Team (MST) Fundraiser - "An Evening in Italy"...** If you purchased tickets to  
the event, we look forward to seeing you there! Proceeds from this event will help fund service projects at  
Roblealto Bible Home in Costa Rica where the mission team will visit in July, 2018. Team members are Lee &  
Diane Davis, Rick & Fran Hauge, Marlys Mathiowetz, Ann Tiffany, Laura Hulterstrum, Jill Deinken, Sue Jones,  
Virginia & Chad Larsen, Judy Kodet and Jan Swoboda.

*"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."-Matthew 5:44*

Who do you have a hard time loving? Commit to praying every day this week for that person; thank God for  
something particular about that person, imagine Him wrapping that person up in His loving arms, ask God to  
show you His Image in that person.

*"To be able to love one another, we must pray much, for prayer gives a clean heart and a clean heart can see  
God in our neighbor. If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another."*

*-Mother Teresa*

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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.



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Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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### Church Calendar

**Sunday, February 25- Saturday, March 3: Pastor Scott will be out of the office - continuing education trip.**

**Sunday, February 25:**

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker Rev. Gwen Bohlke  
Evening: "An Evening in Itlay" - MST Fundraiser at Gloria Dei

**Wednesday, February 28:**

5:15 pm: Youth Club  
6:00 pm: Meal  
6:30 pm: Lenten Service  
Youth Faith in Action

**Friday, March 2:**

3:45-4:00pm: World Day of Prayer Service

**Sunday, March 4:**

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship with Rev. Pamela Prouty Preaching/Holy Communion  
Following Worship: Congregational Meeting to Elect New Elder  
April Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting  
Packing Weekend Food Bags  
7:00 pm: Confirmation

**Thank You** ~ Thank you Piecemakers for making me a beautiful quilt during my recent illness and surgery. I am feeling better than ever and it was very kind of them to think of me. ~ Kristi Zimmerman

**The Deacons are on a Mission...** The Deacons are using the month of March and the March Food Share Campaign to make a difference for our local food shelf. So let's get on board with the Deacons and make a difference in March. On Sunday, March 4, Deacons will hold a "Cash vs Cans" competition... Pick a team and join in the fun... Who will win?! Cans or Cash?! On Sunday, March 11, the Deacons will put on a cooking show with food collected! Don't miss out on seeing what the Deacons will whip up! The Deacons will round off with a Hold-up. Sunday, March 18, the Deacons will pull out all the stops, you won't want to miss it! The Mission committee has agreed to match up to \$500 collected.

**World Day of Prayer** ~ Everybody wants to "do something" in light of the recent violent tragedies from across the nation. As Christians part of our "doing" is the power of prayer. The RWF Ministerial is hosting a World Day of Prayer service in the Methodist parking lot on **Friday, March 2**, from 3:45-4 pm. Please come and join others from across our community as we light candles and lift up our prayers.

**Transformation Ministry Event** ~ Minnesota Valleys Presbytery is partnering with Midwest Initiative for Leading Transition to host a 2 1/2 day transformation training event, April 5-7, at the Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud. The event is designed for congregation teams and will focus on the complexity of leading churches through a transformation process. The faculty will address the misconceptions of the one size fits most concepts of church growth strategies. Trained in building the capacities of leaders to enter systems, coach change and resourcing various congregational systems, this event will assist participants in retooling for ministry in the 21st century. **If you are interested in this event please talk to Pastor Scott BY MARCH 5!**

#### Pray For The Following:

**Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family:** 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 our church leaders and teachers.**

**Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** Today - Lee Davis, Randy Juell, 26th - Nathan Zimmerman,  
28th - Kelly Kohler, Penny Fuhr, Craig Melges, Danika Jansen,  
March 1st - Logan Moore, Jacob Gertsema, Sydney Gertsema, Kaden Hicks, 2nd - Diedra Zaske,  
3rd - Alex Tiffany, Stephanie Klavetter, Denise Kaupang

#### **Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:**

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

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

Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law)

#### **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.**