

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 11, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

P: Christ's light shines in us!

L: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

P: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

Prayer of Invocation

You reach deep into Your pockets stuffed with mercy and fill our empty souls; refusing to be in the condemnation business, You rebuild our shaky foundations with Your everlasting love; You hear our cries of loneliness and lament, and reach down to lift us into Your presence. Good and Generous God, we give You thanks! You save us by Your grace, so we may joyfully serve our sisters and brothers; You slide over to make room for us at Your Table; You step into our shadowed lives to take us by the hand and lead us into the light. Healing Word: we give You thanks! You calm our impatience, so we may tell of God's presence in our midst; You silence our grumbling, to teach us joy's anthems; You shower us with kindness, so we may overflow with love. Spirit of Obedience, we give You thanks. God in Community, Holy in One, we give You thanks for Your steadfast love. Amen.

***Hymn #119**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

***Call to Confession**

By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to Your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with You, instead of singing Your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by Your call to be agents of peace and hope. Forgive us, Eternal Love: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of Your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace You have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Let the community of faith say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: Let those gathered in grace say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: Let those gathered from all parts of the world say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: This is the good news for us:

P: God's love endures forever.

All: 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

Ephesians 2:1-10

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Moment for Children

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Anthem

"Near the Cross"

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

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Sermon

***Hymn #377**

"Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

***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**

As we have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for Your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #634**

"To God Be The Glory"

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction/Postlude

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

Ushers for March: **Matt Tiffany**, Laura Kohler, Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Leon & Sharon King, David Danielson, Ryan Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Rick Kramer

April Communion Servers: **Shari Fuhr**, Deb Hess, Becky Bruns, Lynn Juell, Nancy Miller, Marlys Mathiowetz, Shellie Mammen

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Leon King, Winston & Rosie Venable, Rick & Denise Siegfried

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.

Memorial Committee ~ Reminder to those on the Memorial Committee that you have a meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 12**, at 6:30 pm, in the **Church Office**. Please mark your calendars! Memorial Committee Members: Shari Fuhr, Marlys Verdoes, Nathan Stephens, Bob Brown and Maynard Nolting.

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. 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.

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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Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty



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Attention Seniors ~ Please have your graduation picture, a baptism picture and any other church related photos to the **church office by March 30!** You can email them to: churchofc@hotmail.com or drop them off in the office mailbox (please label your photos so they can be returned to you). Graduation Sunday is scheduled for **May 6**, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Please contact Pam Prouty if you have any questions.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 11:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship
 7:00 pm: Confirmation

Monday, March 12:

Noon: Pastor - Rotary
 6:30 pm: Memorial Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 13:

9:00 am: Pastor visits Sally Dording
 10:00 am: Pastor visits Bob & Bunny Nolting
 11:00 am: Pastor visits Darlene Garrison
 11:30 am: Pastor visits Janet Minkel
 2:00 pm: Pastor visits Betty Peterson
 3:00 pm: Pastor visits Bob & Barb Brown

Wednesday, March 14:

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

Saturday, March 17:

Chimes Deadline

Sunday, March 18:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship
 Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags
 7:00 pm: Confirmation

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 our church leaders and teachers.
Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - Stephen Dording, Pam Iverson, Ryan Rohlik, 13th - Amber Rohlik, 14th - Dan Kohler, Janean McKay, Courtney Siegfried, 15th - Fred Bloedow, TJ Juell, Fran Hauge, 16th - Ella Fuhr, Stacie Hicks

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.

"There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the brother and is only waiting for a chance to speak and thus get rid of the other person....Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God."~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer