

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.

March 21, 2018 ~ 6:30 pm ***"Living Generously with Forgiveness"***

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Prelude

Congregational Introit #401 stanza 1 *"Here in This Place"*

Call to Worship (Psalm 103)

L: Bless, the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

L: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, let Your loving kindness always go before us and follow us, and lead us continually to do well. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #435 ***"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"***

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

L: In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given.

P: Grant us Your grace, O God, and free us.

L: When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to You for guidance.

P: Grant us Your grace, O God, and free us.

L: When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves.

P: Grant us Your grace, O God, and free us.

L: When we fail to love any of Your people without prejudice and fear.

P: Grant us Your grace, O God, and free us.

L: When we do not forgive as You have forgiven us.

P: Grant us Your grace, O God, and free us.

L: Let us now silently confess our sin with God.....

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us. We are God's children living in a confused world. So in abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain and forgives our failures in forgiveness. I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Thanks be to God forever more! Amen.

Response #441 ***"Hear the Good News of Salvation"***

Share the Peace of Christ

Youth Club Sings

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 32 Page 667

Hymn #443 "There Is a Redeemer"

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 Page 1167

Sermon

Hymn #754 "Help us Accept Each Other"

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #438 "Rock of Ages"

Benediction

Postlude

Holy Week... Our **Maundy Thursday Service** is Thursday, at 6:30 pm, the Chancel Choir will be singing and Holy Communion will be celebrated. Our **Community Good Friday Service** will be held at our Church this year at 12:05 pm. The Chancel Choir will be singing and Peggy Dolezal will be singing a solo. The Rev. Bryant Kaden of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be preaching along with all pastors of the Redwood Area Ministerial participating in the service. **Easter Morning** a light breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:45 Please join us before the worship following at 10:15 am. Bring your family and guests!

An offering basket is available in the back of the Sanctuary to receive your offerings.

