

Third Sunday in Lent - March 4, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

P: God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

L: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

P: God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

L: God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom.

P: We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth.

Prayer of Invocation

God of Wonderful Deeds, we call on Your name as we bring words and works before You in worship. Help us in this hour to break down the barriers that separate us from our highest intent. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

*Hymn #667 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

We come to You, O God, an unfaithful people. We have sinned against You and done evil in Your sight. Have mercy on us, blot out our transgressions, forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more. Wash us so we will be purer than a new fallen snow. Grant us, O God, a new and right Spirit.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus Christ, the source of our salvation, died for our sins, once for all, to put to death the sin which we have been living in. We have been reconciled to God, through Christ and made partners in a new covenant. God is compassionate and merciful, granting us clean hearts and new life in Christ. Rejoice for you and I are forgiven.

*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 #188 "Spirit of the Living God"

Responsive Reading

Romans 4:13-25

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Moment for Children

Deb Hess

Hunger Fund Offering #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Gospel Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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Sermon

Rev. Pamela Prouty

*Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*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 our offerings prove that we are neither ashamed of the gospel nor unwilling to risk all Your gifts to us. We rejoice in Your promises, O God, even as we give ourselves to serve in Christ's name. Use these gifts and our lives to bring Your love to all humankind. Amen.

Go in God's Name

Anthem

"Around His Table"

Chancel Choir

Holy Communion

*Hymn #721

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

***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

Mar. Communion Servers: Matt Tiffany, Rick Hauge, Kathy Peterson,
Leon & Sharon King, Sonya Alexander, Maynard Nolting

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, Shane & Joanne Carroll/Shاون & Becky Bruns

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.

MST Thanks You! ~ The Costa Rica Mission Service Team's fundraiser, "*An Evening in Italy*", was very successful! It was a enjoyable night of great music, food, and conversation! THANK YOU to those who attended and to those who generously donated financially! We're well on our way to raising \$6500 that we need to fund our service projects, provide lodging while at Roblealto Bible Home and bus transportation while in Costa Rica, and host a special meal and celebration for the children, families, and staff at the end of our work week. Our next special event will be a breakfast served on Easter morning, April 1, before the worship service. Thank you for your continued prayers as we prepare for our faith-filled trip this July. Team members are: Lee & Diane Davis, Jill Deinken, Rick & Fran Hauge, Laura Hulterstrum, Sue Jones, Judy Kodet, Chad & Virginia Larsen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Jan Swoboda, & Ann Tiffany.

Thank You ~ A huge heartfelt thank you to every single person that has sent a card, called, text, visited, helped out at church in my absence and even sent food over during the last couple weeks. I am finally starting to feel a little better. Words cannot express how truly blessed I have felt over the last couple weeks. Thank You ~ Joyce Nolting

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

April Friendship Dinner ~ The families of the congregation with last names starting with C-E are asked to meet in the Parlor following the congregational meeting **this morning** to plan the April Friendship Dinner. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please keep in contact with your group! Thank you.

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.

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

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Church Calendar

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 Deacon
April Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
Packing Weekend Food Bags
7:00 pm: Confirmation

Monday, March 5:

Noon: Pastor - Rotary
6:30 pm: Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 6:

6:30 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 7:

9:00 am: Piecemakers
5:15 pm: Youth Club
6:00 pm: Meal
6:30 pm: Lenten Service
Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, March 8:

9:30 am: Pastor visits Gordon & Ardis Alexander
10:30 am: Pastor visits Muriel Moon
11:10 am: Pastor visits Millie Bunting
2:00 pm: Pastor visits Joyce McKay
3:00 pm: Pastor visits Lucille Byram
4:00 pm: Pastor visits Janean McKay
5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

Friday, March 9:

Morning: Pastor - Meeting

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

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.

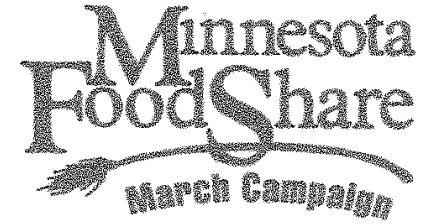
Transformation Ministry Event ~ Minnesota Valleys Presbytery is partnering with Midwest Initiative for Leading Transition to host a 2 1/2 day transformation training event, April 5-7, at the Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud. The event is designed for congregation teams and will focus on the complexity 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!**

"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, and 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



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: 7th - Darlene Garrison, Matthew Prouty, Sally Dording, 9th - Becky Bruns, Doreen Steenblock

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.

This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf and/or monetary donations throughout March. Together, we can ensure #FoodForAllMN.

Taking Action Against Hunger in Minnesota

- Over 3,000,000 visits are made to Minnesota food shelves each year.
- Approximately 552,000 Minnesotans experience food insecurity.
- 1 in 7 children in Minnesota struggle with hunger.
- Local food shelves can stretch your \$1 into enough food for 2-3 meals.
- The 2017 March Campaign raised more than 4.7 million pounds of food and \$8 million for Minnesota food shelves.
- 100% of financial contributions to Minnesota FoodShare via the March Campaign go to participating food shelves.

When you pick the food of your land at gathering time, do not pick all the way to the corners of your field. And do not gather the food left on the ground there after you have picked. Do not gather what is left among your vines, or gather the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for those in need and for the stranger.