

Confirmation Sunday - April 22, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: As the Creator and the Savior are one,

P: May we all be one.

L: So that the world may see Christ,

P: May we all be one.

L: So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

P: May we all be one.

L: As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

P: May we all be one.

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #409**

"God is Here"

***Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in God, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Response Hymn #447 "We Are Forgiven"**

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

The Public Profession of Faith of: Grace Caraway, Ella Fuhr, Nadia Meyers, Amanda Milhausen, Paige Paplow, Hunter Rebstock

Presentation: Elder Sonya Alexander

Renunciation and Affirmation

Sharing of Faith Statements

The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

The Blessing

O Lord, uphold _____ by Your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in him/her Your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, both now and forever.

The candidate answers: Amen.

Hymn #192

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalms 139:1-18, 23-24

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Moment for Children

Anthem

"Fill Us with Your Love"

Adrienne Danielson

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon

Revs. Scott & Pamela Prouty

***Hymn #69**

"Here I Am Lord"

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Mission

The Mission Committee

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***Response Hymn #616 "Our God is an Awesome God"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Awesome God, we are a joyful and blissful people because You are our God. May our tithes and offerings reflect our gratefulness to You. Amen.

***Hymn #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

As the elements are passed we will take both elements together as a community of one united by the Triune God.

Prayer

Go in God's Name

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction/Postlude

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

Ushers for April: Mark Oja, Maynard & Joyce Nolting, Bob Kaupang, Curt Meyers, Shane & JoAnne Carroll
Nancy, Jared & Justin Miller

May Communion Servers: Becky Bruns, Marlys Mathiowetz, Paul Hagen, Julie Rienstra,
Jenny Bloedow, Dan Tiffany Joyce McKay

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Lynn Juell, Sue Osborne, Shelby Enright

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.

Piecemakers are Celebrating... To celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Piecemakers, they are raffling off the beautiful blue quilt in the Narthex. Chances (\$1) are available for purchase from Char, Marlys or the church office. The winner will be announced May 20!

Breakfast ~ We need someone to sign up for breakfast **May 6 & 13!**

*"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
-Leo Buscaglia*

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, April 22:

Confirmation Sunday

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:00 am: Confirmation Pictures

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion

Monday, April 23:

Noon: Pastor - Rotary

Tuesday, April 24:

9:00 am: Pastor visits Rick & Fran Hauge

10:00 am: Pastor visits Karen Speros

11:00 am: Pastor visits Todd & Kathy Peterson

3:00 pm: Pastor visits Tim & Lois Davis

4:00 pm: Pastor visits Dale & Sandy Starr

Wednesday, April 25:

Last Night - Youth Club Kids will eat an early supper at the church and then walk as a group to the "Tank Park" by Lake Redwood to play. **Kids should be picked up at the park at 7:15.** Please dress appropriately for the weather.

5:15 pm: Youth Club

6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, April 26:

Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 29:

Youth Sunday

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Monday, April 30:

Noon: Pastor - Rotary

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, April 25: Last Night of Wednesday Night Activities

Sunday, April 29: Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 6: Graduation Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 13: Last Morning of Sunday Activities

Record of our First Quarter Faithfulness

Budgeted Income: \$56,813.51

Budgeted Expense: \$48,699.49

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Michelle (Stephens) & Scott Johanneck (Quadruplets)

Pray for members of our Church Family that are currently hospitalized: **Darlene Garrison;** Darlene is currently in the Litchfield Hospital. Please keep Darlene in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests: Please keep Teresa Kirsch, Becky Bruns' aunt, in your thoughts and prayers. Teresa had open heart surgery on April 24.

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: 16th - Matt Tiffany, Mike Bentson, 19th - Elizabeth Prouty, 20th - Don Dagner, Carter Wittman, 21st - Leon King, Today - Faith Bruns, 24th - Joyce McKay, 27th - Logan Garman, 28th - Nathan Jacobson

Anniversaries: 25th - Butch & Faythe Amberg

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

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

All Those Fighting Cancer: Tom Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousin's husband),

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.

Statements of Faith

Statement of Faith – Grace Caraway

I believe that God the Father is always there for us, forgives us and that Jesus will always protect us. My favorite Bible passage is John 3:16, it talks about having eternal life because of Jesus dying for us. In the future I will continue to volunteer in the nursery and do mission work such as Ruby's Pantry and friendship dinners. I also want to do more mission work to help others. I think that the Holy Spirit guides us to make the right decisions. I also think that the Holy Spirit will help me in church to follow Jesus.

Statement of Faith – Ella Fuhr

I, Ella Fuhr, believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. I believe that God the Father created this beautiful Earth and amazing people and animals. He put so much work into making this world as good as He possibly could for us, so we need to keep it that way by loving and caring for His people and all creations. What I believe about Jesus the Son is that He gave up a lot of us. He suffered a horrible beating and was betrayed by His friends who said they would stick with Him. What we need to do in return for all He has done for us is make Him happy by making smart decisions and reflect His love and compassion. What I believe about the Holy Spirit is that it guides us in the right direction. It will help us find our way again if we are lost or confused. But the only way to be led by the Holy Spirit, is to follow God's command and listen to Him.

Another amazing thing about Jesus is that He told amazing stories, and now we get to read them in the Bible and learn from them. One of my favorite Bible stories is in the book of Philippians. It's the story of when Paul is thanking the Philippians for their gift and encouragement while he was struggling. While he was happy for their gift, he said more importantly he had learned in that time that with God alone he can be content with whatever he had. Whether he had barely any food or lots of food. Paul said that God has taught him the secret of living in every situation. Then Paul says *"For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength"*. This verse can be applied to almost anything in life including sports. When you are worried or nervous before a game or meet, you can remember that. Or before a test, when you need more encouragement or when you are feeling lonely and afraid and have nobody to turn to. You will always have God to turn to, to give you strength.

I love to help people. Whether it is a small easy task, like giving someone a pencil if they don't have one or a bigger task like volunteering. I love helping. I help people in the community by doing backpacks after church so kids are not hungry over the weekend, I volunteer to be the nursery attendant at church so that parents can sit and enjoy church without having to worry about their kids being loud or disruptive. I also ring the bell for the Salvation Army. I want to help the church grow and continue to meet the needs of the community. What I can see myself doing to help them is, becoming a Sunday School teacher because I love being with kids. I could also become an Elder or Deacon when I am older. No matter what it is I would love doing it and I'm happy that I'm becoming an official member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Statement of Faith – Nadia Meyers

I believe that God makes the good come out of us. God brings hope to the world. I think that God taught His son Jesus to do the same. Jesus came to earth to save us from sins. I believe this is how God brought hope to the world, through Jesus. I think that God is powerful and loving and makes us who we are.

My favorite story is Daniel and the Furnace, Daniel 2:28-3:30. I like this story because it told us to put our faith in God and no matter what, God will help you. People like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, showed us that God can/will save us.

I volunteer at Gilmor Manor in Morgan in the activities department and work in the nursery at church. I like helping others no matter what and I really like to help my church in every possible way, so nursery is a way I can do that! I see myself as a person who supports the church and anyone around me.

Statement of Faith – Amanda Milhausen

I believe in The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. I believe that they are watching over me because no matter how hard life gets, I know that things will always get better. I have gone down a bumpy road in my life and it's finally clearing up. I am so glad and I can give my thanks to God. Sometimes it is hard to see, but He makes us stronger, putting us through tough situations because He knows that we can get through it. He is there along the way with us through the struggles. I believe they, the Holy Trinity, are also a promise of everlasting life, that once we die we can go to heaven and rest at peace.

My Bible verse is Colossians 3: 14-17. *"14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16: Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* I feel like this verse states that God makes each and every life perfect and you should share your unique experiences with others.

Statement of Faith – Hunter Rebstock

I believe that God created Heaven and Earth, and will always love us, even if we sin or when we doubt Him. I believe that Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself for us. I believe that the Holy Spirit guides us in life. My favorite Bible character is Joseph from the First Testament, because he doesn't want to sin and disappoint God. I would see myself becoming a Deacon of the church some day. I enjoy volunteering at Ruby's Pantry, and I see myself volunteering there again. I look forward to the years that will come later on in the church.

Statement of Faith - Paige Paplow

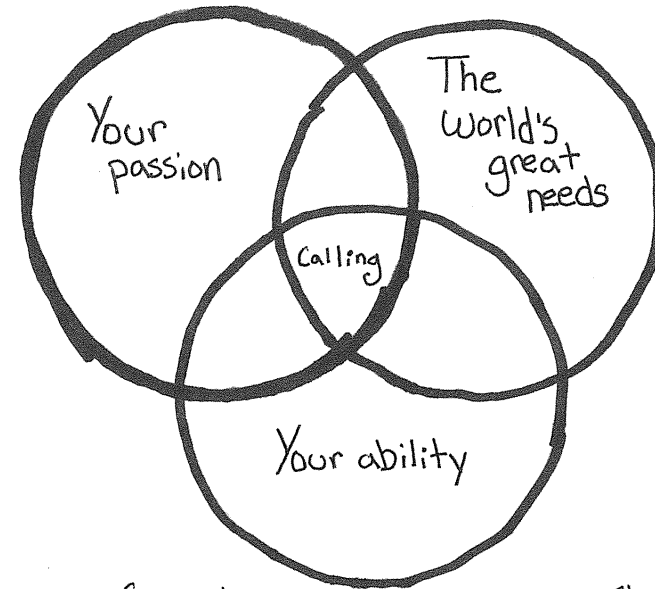
Hi, I am Paige Paplow. I believe in God our Father. I believe that God created this beautiful place called earth! God sent His only Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, for Him to sacrifice His life for us!

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead so that my soul will live forever in the presence of God. Jesus sacrificed His life for us, and I believe that Jesus died for my sins. Jesus is my savior, and Jesus is here to guide us every day. Throughout my life I have accepted and started to understand that everything happens for a reason and I believe that I can do anything through Jesus.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that God empowers us to grow in faith, make more mature decisions and live faithful lives. The Holy Spirit gives believers the authority to accurately interpret the Bible. I also believe that the Holy Spirit enabled the original writers of the scripture to tell truths about God, Jesus and everything else we need to know!

My favorite Bible passage is Psalm 5 *"Listen Lord, as I pray! Pay attention when I groan, you are my King, and my God, answer my cry for help, because I pray to you, each morning you listen to my prayer, as I bring my request to you and wait for your reply."* I like this passage because whenever I'm having a rough day I just think about or read this passage and it reminds me that God is always listening and is always with me.

What I see myself doing in the church is being a Deacon or try helping the church in any way that I can.



"We are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Ephesians 2:10