

2nd Sunday after Easter - April 8, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: The Word of life spoke:

P: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

L: The Word of life reached out:

P: so we could touch the hope which heals us.

L: The Word of life walked out of death's dreaded tomb:

P: so we could follow Him into life forever.

Prayer of Invocation

Emptier of Tombs: You raised Jesus from the grave so all fears might be banished; so the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open; so our quivering lips could declare what we have seen and heard. Bright Glory of God: as You stood in the middle of Your friends on that first Easter night, come among us now, in this time and place, showing us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with You. God in Community, Holy in One, we have come to worship You today. Amen.

***Hymn #245** *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"*

***Call to Confession**

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into Your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: This is the good news we have to declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

P: This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response** *Hymn #251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" Refrain*

***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

Psalm 133

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Moment for Children

Anthem

"Eagle's Wings Medley"

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

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Sermon

***Hymn** *(Insert)*

"He Lives"

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

"God's Timeless Love Transforms"

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 #239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" Stanza 4*

***Offertory Prayer**

As we offer our gifts to You, Loving God, remove any doubts about how they might be used, as You offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #246**

"Christ is Alive"

***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

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

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Lynn Juell, Merlin Goudy, Kim McKay

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!

Plastic Bags ~ We need clean plastic bags (Tersteegs/Wal-Mart) again for the backpack program. Please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

Thank You ~ Our deepest and most sincere "Thank You" to our church family for all your caring during our daughter/sister/aunt Wendy's journey with cancer, and her passing to her Heavenly Home. We appreciate your prayers, cards, phone calls, memorial gifts, kind words and food to our home more than you know. Thank you to all who came to Wendy's Memorial Service. We feel beyond blessed. ~ Maynard, Joyce & Family

Thank You from MST-Costa Rica ~ Thank you to those who attended the Easter Breakfast. The Mission Service Team appreciates the prayers, words of encouragement and financial support we've received from our church family! We are getting closer to reaching our goal of raising \$6500!

Book Discussion ~ A small group will be meeting one time to discuss the book *"Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved"* by Kate Bowler. If you are interested in joining this book discussion, please chat with Pastor Pam.

May Friendship Dinner ~ Families of the congregation with the last names starting with F-J will meet following worship in the Parlor **this morning**, to plan the May Friendship Dinner.

Friendship Dinner ~ Our next Friendship Dinner is **Sunday, April 15**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; Tater-tot hot dish and bars. Everyone is welcome!

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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Rummage & Bake Sale ~ April 12-14: It's here! The Rummage and Bake Sale takes place this coming Thursday and Friday from Noon-6 pm, and Saturday from 9 am-Noon. This year's proceeds will be designated for several different mission projects, including Ruby's Pantry, Reede Gray Clothes Closet and the Apple Gourd Garden, as well as the Mission Service Team - Costa Rica. Donated clothes and household items may be brought to the Youth Chapel beginning tomorrow morning. Bake Sale treats may include cookies, bars, breads, pies, snack mixes, or canned items like pickles or jams and jellies. Please have the food items packaged and ready to sell if possible and we will price them. They may be brought to the kitchen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 8: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship
 Following Worship: May Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting
 6:00 pm: Worship Committee Meeting

Pastor Scott will be in Louisville Sunday, April 8 (Evening) - Wednesday, April 11.

Rev. Pamela Prouty will cover in case of a pastoral emergency.

Monday, April 9: 6:30 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 11: 5:15 pm: Youth Club

6:00 pm: Meal

6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Thursday, April 12: Noon-6:00 pm: Rummage & Bake Sale

5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting - Parlor

Friday, April 13: **Church Office Closed**

7:00 am: Pastor - Meeting at School

Noon-6:00 pm: Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, April 14: 9:00 am-Noon: Rummage & Bake Sale

Sunday, April 15: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:00 am: Confirmation Class meeting with Session

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Memorial Committee Meeting

5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

VBS ~ Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is set for **June 10-14**. *"Shipwrecked and Rescued by Jesus"* for children ages 4 to (going into) 6th grade. We can always use volunteers, please talk with Connie Bentson or come to the Volunteer Meeting at the new Evangelical Free Church (next to Pizza Ranch) on **April 19**, at 6:30 pm.

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 Redwood Falls Hospital. Please keep Darlene in your thoughts and prayers.

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: 11th - Bob Rebstock, Kay Jensen, Jenny Jansen, 12th - Grant Norgaard

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.

"Listening in the spiritual life is much more than a psychological strategy to help others discover themselves. In the spiritual life the listener is not the ego, which would like to speak but is trained to restrain itself, but the Spirit of God within us. When we are baptized in the Spirit - that is, when we have received the Spirit of Jesus as the breath of God breathing within us - that Spirit creates in us a sacred space where the other can be received and listened to. The Spirit of Jesus prays in us and listens in us to all who come to us with their sufferings and pains." -Henri Nouwen