

Pentecost - May 20, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude/Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

P: Come and move in and through us.

L: Whispers of hope around the corner of despair; shouts of joy at a graduation:

P: You are around us in every place.

L: The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

P: You speak to us through every person.

L: Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

P: You are with us in every season.

L: The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds twittering us awake:

P: You sing glad songs to us.

L: The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears; the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

P: You sweep us up in Your commitment to transform all lives, all places.

L: In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every tongue:

P: Come, Dance, Enflame, Engulf, Transform us!

Prayer of Invocation

You come like a dove, Anointing God, in every time, in every place, in every language and way of communicating, announcing through Your Spirit that we are Your Beloved. You come like a whirlwind, Spirit's Brother, justice doing cartwheels before You, grace tumbling over grace, hope gusting open windows of our shuttered hearts. You come first as a whisper and then a mighty shout, Wind of God, a waterfall of peace and hope cascading down into a pool where we can swim forever. You come, God in Community, wind, flame, voice, joy, life to call all Your children to worship You. Amen.

***Hymn #289**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

***Call to Confession**

We say we want change, but prefer the comfort of what we have; we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others, but close them tight around our fears. Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come and dance among us, as we pray, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them in accusations towards those around us. In Your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May Your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May Your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May Your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit; in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

P: In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

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Moment for Children

Presentation of Gift: Peggy Dolezal

Deb Hess

Anthem

"Celebrate and Sing with Praise"

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

***Hymn #486**

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

The Holy Baptism of: Hudson Owen Plotz, Charlotte Kay Schneider

Presentation: Ruling Elder Deb Hess

Renunciation and Affirmation

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptizing

The Blessing

O Lord, uphold _____ by Your Holy Spirit. Give him/her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ. May the peace of God be with you.

*Hymn #188

"Jesus Loves Me"

God's Timeless Love Transforms: Sharing stories of the \$100 gifts

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

*Offertory Prayer

These gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. So, move over them, filling them with muscles, and sinews, and breaths of our lives, so they might become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*Benediction

Choral Benediction/Postlude

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

Ushers for May: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay,
Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Reinstra, Brady Stough

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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June Communion Servers: Richard Aakre, Leon & Sharon King, Joyce McKay, Gerry Patten, Dorie Oja

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany, Bob & Sonya Alexander, Dan & Maria Alexander

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.

Welcome ~ The flowers on the worship center are in honor of Hudson and Charlotte on their baptism day. There will also be cake and refreshments served downstairs this morning honoring Hudson, Charlotte and Pentecost.

Bags ~ Ruby's is in need of NEW gallon sized or larger zipper bags for their distribution. If you would be willing to donate boxes of bags, please leave them on the counter in the kitchen and Lindsey will pick them up! Thank you in advance!

Thank You ~ We are done with packing food bags for this year. We have given children over 1,000 bags of food to help families. If you've helped pack bags, deliver bags or brought grocery bags thank you for your help! We will begin bags again in August. Again, thank you for being a blessing. ~ Sue Osborne

Thank You ~ The members of the Mission Service Team–Costa Rica would like to thank our church family for its generous financial support these past months. We were happy to sponsor *"An Evening in Italy"*, an Easter breakfast and a rummage & bake sale and were appreciative of all who attended and participated in our fundraising events. We are also grateful for the matching funds donation from the Presbyterian Men's Turkey Supper group. We are very close to attaining our goal of raising \$6,500 to fund the costs of our upcoming mission trip in late July!

We have one more opportunity for people to contribute. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase medical supplies for the health staff at the Roblealto Bible Home. We were able to buy \$250 worth of needed items at cost through a medical supplier which was great! We did not purchase toothbrushes, toothbrush cases or band-aids with the grant money, but they are needed as well. Look for a box to collect in the Narthex to collect those items over the several weeks. Again, thank you, for helping make this mission trip experience become a reality for people in our congregation and in our community.

Please keep the team in your prayers as we continue to prepare for our time together serving the children and families at Roblealto. The experience will be life changing for all involved. God is good and so are ALL of you!

Gordon Alexander ~ Gordon is turning 90 on June 2! If you wish to send him birthday wishes, you can do so at Gordon Alexander/Parkview Home 102 CSAH 9, Belview, MN 56214.

Thank You ~ The Piecemakers celebrated 15 years of quilting with an appreciation brunch for all our quilters this past Wednesday. We read our history which included that we have given away 1003 since 2003! What a huge accomplishment! We announced the winner of our quilt, Veronica Frank. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets for the quilt. Stay tuned to what we do with our proceeds! We want to thank all who have participated over the years, we couldn't have accomplished everything we have without each of you!

~ Char & Marlys

Meals on Wheels ~ Our church is in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries for the second half of June. This is a great opportunity for families that are unable to help out in the fall. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Special Mission Meeting ~ On **Wednesday, May 23**, at 7 pm, everyone is invited to church to hear Rhonda Kruse speak about Mission in the Presbyterian Church USA. We will meet in the Youth Chapel. Everyone is welcome! ~ Pastor Scott

Book Discussion ~ We are having a book discussion on **Sunday, June 3**, at 7 pm, in the Parlor to discuss the book "Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved" by Kate Bowler. Get a copy of this great book and come to discuss! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Pamela Prouty.

VBS ~ Mark your calendars - VBS will be **June 10-14**. There are registration forms in the Narthex or speak with Connie Bentson. We are also looking for volunteers!

Urban Plunge ~ Dear Congregation, We plan on doing an Urban Plunge trip to Omaha in mid-November again this year. We decided we would start collecting supplies earlier this year for our hygiene kits and other gifts that we will bring to Nebraska to give to homeless people. We need bars of soap. If you see them on sale at a store or if you are staying in a hotel and don't use the soap, please bring them to the church. We also need travel size containers of shampoo and conditioners. (Once again hotel sizes are perfect.) We need razors (try to avoid the cheap Bic ones, no one likes them, even the homeless), wash cloths, lotion, dental floss, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, combs, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, toenail clippers, and mouthwash. You can start bringing these items to the church now. There will be a box in the narthex. As far as clothing is concerned, we need new winter socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, blankets, boots, caps, and hats. We can take items for men, women and children. If you have any used winter coats in excellent condition, working zipper, etc. that would be great, too. We would prefer if you started bringing clothing items to church in October (for the sake of storage) to the Pastor's Office. Thank you for helping with this project. Jesus said, *"Whenever you helped the least of my people you helped me."* ~ Pastor Scott Prouty

Pray For The Following:

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

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: 22nd - Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, Grace Caraway, 23rd - Emily Norgaard

Anniversaries: Today - Dave & Corrine Gertsema, 25th - Curt & Claire Meyers

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

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Darlene Garrison

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.

No More Friendship Dinners

We have decided to stop having our Friendship Dinners after 14 years and two months. We have served around 18,000 meals in that period of time. We provided food to people in need and a place for fellowship for many lonely people. Thanks to all those that served faithfully and joyfully and those that generously donated food or money for the meals.

Jesus said *"For I was I hungry and you fed me."* Pastor Scott

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 20:	9:45 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship - Holy Baptism
	Afternoon:	Pastor - Worship at Sunwood
Monday, May 21:	Noon:	Pastor - Rotary
Tuesday, May 22:	All Day:	Presbytery Meeting - Renville
Wednesday, May 23:	7:00 pm:	Special Mission Meeting for Everyone
Sunday, May 27:	10:15 am:	Worship

"Worldly possessions tend to turn the hearts of the disciples away from Jesus. What are we really devoted to? That is the question. Are our hearts set on earthly goods? Do we try to combine devotion to them with loyalty to Christ? Or are we devoted exclusively to him?"

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer