

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 5, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Lead a life worthy of your calling.

P: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

L: Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

P: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

L: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

P: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

L: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

P: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

Prayer of Invocation

Gentle God, we have traveled through many waters to reach this place, but share one baptism; we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith; we are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body; we have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope; we are graced with different gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord. God in Community, Holy in One, equip us for the work of ministry, as we worship you today. Amen.

***Hymn #317**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

***Call to Confession**

When we try to sugarcoat what we have done, scripture stares us down, reminding us of our faults. When we seek to romanticize why we have failed to live as faithful people, God refuses to go along, waiting for us to confess our sins. Let us join together as God's children, lifting our prayers to the One who is generous in love.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate One, like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us. This is the good news: God loves us.

P: God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness. Thanks be to God. 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 51:1-12

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Moment for Children

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Hunger Fund Offering #470 "There is a Longing in Our Hearts" (sung during the offering)

Gospel Lesson

John 6:24-35

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Sermon

***Hymn #496**

"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

***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**

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #521**

"In Remembrance of Me"

Holy Communion

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Ushers for August: Wayne Mann, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz,
Winston & Rosie Venable

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Nathan Stephens, Ryan & Briana Rohlik, Pam Iverson

August Communion Servers: Rev. Pamela Prouty, Nathan Stephens, Joyce McKay, Maynard & Joyce Nolting,
Adrienne Danielson, Joleen MacHolda

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.

Book Study ~ Another book study is in the works! For anyone interested, we will read and discuss the book
"Searching for Sunday" by Rachel Held Evans. Please talk with Pam Prouty if interested.

Ink Cartridges ~ A reminder that there is a green box in the Narthex for used ink cartridges. The box is taken
care of by the A.C.E. program and all proceeds are used for their volunteer appreciation day.

Men's Turkey Dinner ~ It is time to start planning for the 2018 Men's Turkey Dinner. Putting together this
meal for 600-1000 people is a big undertaking. To help us tackle that task we are organizing a Men's Turkey
Dinner Planning Team. We have a volunteer to lead the team, but we need 4-5 additional men from the
church who are willing to help organize the dinner in advance of the big day. Please consider volunteering to
join this planning team so that we can continue to have the Men's Turkey Dinner. The dinner raises a
meaningful amount of money for the church and is a beloved tradition in the community. If you are
interested in helping plan the Turkey Dinner, please contact Dave Danielson (507)616-6142 or Pastor Scott.
Thank you so much.

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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Urban Plunge ~ Dear Congregation, We plan on doing an Urban Plunge trip to Omaha from November 9-11, 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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 5: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion
 11:30 am: Pastor - Pre-Marital Counseling

Monday, August 6-Friday, August 10: Church Office Closed

Monday, August 6: Noon: Pastor - Rotary
 6:30 pm: Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 7: 6:00 pm: Outreach Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 9: 9:00 am: Pastor visits Betty Peterson
 10:00 am: Pastor visits Judy Curtis
 11:00 am: Pastor visits Muriel Moon
 3:00 pm: Pastor visits Millie Bunting
 4:00 pm: Pastor visits Denise Kaupang

Sunday, August 12: 10:15 am: Worship
 Following Worship: Use of Basement - Bridal Shower

"Your life on earth is a trust...He (God) is watching how you use your time, your money, your talents, your opportunities, your mind, and yes, even your body." -Rick Warren

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Michelle (Stephens) & Scott Johanneck (Quadruplets)
 Donavan & Cassie Sharpe, Dan & Maria Alexander

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: 5th - Emilee Fuhr, 7th - Lyrik Kramer, 10th - Kanyon Hicks, 11th - August Danielson & Corrine Danielson

Anniversaries: 5th - Tim & Lois Davis, 6th - Tony & Molly Miller

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

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Janet Minkel

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.