

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 1, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Bringing Forward of Flags

*Hymn (Insert) *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

*Pledge to American Flag

*Pledge to Christian Flag

*Pledge to Holy Bible

Call to Worship

L: Independence Day is this week.

P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.

L: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

P: May God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.

L: Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

P: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to Your word and Your way. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God of freedom and miracles, we look to Your voice for direction this morning. Many of us are so busy with upcoming holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedies blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn #337 *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of Celebrations and Sorrows, we wave the flag this week and our hearts beat with pride at the stirring sounds of patriotic songs. Fireworks emblazon the skies, and families gather for celebrations. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. Our spirits ache for people both far and near who suffer and struggle just to have the basic necessities of life, while we live in abundance. Forgive us when our celebration clouds the needs of others. It is important for us to celebrate, but we must never forget that You have given us a ministry and mission to perform here and now. Help us be mindful of the many ways in which we can reach out to others. By our attitudes and our actions, may we be those who would bring hope, comfort, healing, and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord who made the heavens and the earth hears our cries and answers our calls. Have hope in the Lord whose steadfast love endures with us forever. According to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you 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

Psalm 145

Page 749

Moment for Children

Hunger Fund Offering Hymn (Insert) *"God Bless America"* (sing three times)

Rev. Scott Prouty

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Page 1174

Sermon

*Hymn #338

"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"

*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**

Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of Your work in this church and the wider world for Your glory. 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 July: Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Tim & Lois Davis, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Dan Tiffany, John Tiffany

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Joyce McKay, Marlys Mathiowetz, Paul Hagen

July Communion Servers: Adrienne Danielson, Merlin Goudy, Dan Tiffany, Bruce Tiffany, Candy Zaske, Diane Davis, Joyce 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.

A Note From Ruby's Pantry ~ Last week, at June's distribution, we had to bag 3 items and used 504 zipper bags along with 252 Walmart shopping bags (donated by Walmart). If you are shopping and see a good deal on bags, **please consider purchasing some for Ruby's Pantry**. You can leave them in the kitchen and Lindsey will find them there. Thank you!

Relay For Life ~ Luminaries are available from Marlys Mathiowetz!

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

"Your generous praise, appreciation and encouragement have the power to become part of the recipient's identity. Words are inspiring and empowering, and they tap into outrageous potential for personal growth. What a tremendous gift that is!" ~ Dave Ramsey

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.



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 1, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty



235 East 4th Street, PO Box 444

Office Phone: 507-627-8751

Dining Room Phone: 507-627-2430

Manse Phone: 507-627-5486

Office Email: churchofc@hotmail.com

Pastor Email: scott_prouty@hotmail.com

Church Website: fpcrwf.org

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 1: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

July 2-July 8: Pastor Scott will be out of the office on vacation.

Wednesday, July 4: **Fourth of July - Church Office Closed**

Sunday, July 8: 10:15 am: Worship with Janet Ellingworth/Tiffany Family Music

Pray For The Following:

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

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: Today - Deb Hess, Kim McKay, Kevin McKay, 3rd - Kristina Thissen, 4th - John Tiffany, 5th - Brent Prouty,
6th - Ryan Kramer, Karen Speros, 7th - Dan Tiffany

Anniversaries: Today - Fred & Jenny Bloedow

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

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

Costa Rica Mission Trip ~ THANK YOU for your generous donations of toothbrushes and cases, toothpaste and band aids for the children and families in Costa Rica! The collection box will be in the narthex a couple more Sundays. Our mission trip is July 28-August 5. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this wonderful opportunity to serve God and others. We're so grateful for the support from our church family! ~ *The Mission Service Team*

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