

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - July 22, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

P: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

L: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

P: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

L: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

P: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

Prayer of Invocation

Your glory flows through all generations, as You name every family in heaven and on earth. And so we come to You this day, O God. Your grace is higher than the farthest star; Your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness; Your love spans the abyss of death; Your hope stretches into all eternity. And so we come to You this day, O Christ. When our lives bottom out, Your grace is still our bedrock; when our spirits run dry, you fill us with Your joy; when we falter in our faith, You strengthen us to serve with hope and peace. And so we come to You this day, O Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #1**

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

***Call to Confession**

God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, and to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray together,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Wisdom's Heart, deep within, we know how we have failed to be Your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of Your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by Your gentleness. Shape us as Your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

P: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. 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

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Moment for Children

Hymn #188

"Jesus Loves Me"

Ann Tiffany

Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-21

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Sermon

***Hymn #312**

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

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

The Commissioning of those going on the Mission Service Trip to Costa Rica

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**

In our hands, the gifts seem so paltry, but in Yours, they can bring a plentitude of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with Yours, we can indeed bring healing, community, peace, and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and our gifts, multiply our hopes and our efforts, that Your wonders might come into the world around us. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #353

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*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, Rick Kramer & Jerilyn Kodet, Ryan Kramer & Lindsey Lund

August Communion Servers: Marlys Mathiowetz, 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.

Movie Night ~ Everyone is invited to a movie night at the Living Word Church **tonight**, at 6 pm, to watch "I Can Only Imagine". Check out their Facebook page for more information.

Costa Rica Mission Trip ~ July 28 - August 5 ~ Thank you for your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste and band aids that we will deliver to Costa Rica! We know they will be much appreciated by the children at the Bible Home and in the day care centers. We also want to extend a HUGE thank you to our church family for the ongoing support, prayers and generous financial contributions that have made this trip become a reality! We are so eager and excited to experience all that's ahead of us and look forward to serving others and sharing God's love with all we meet.

Annual Coffee Party ~ You are invited to join the Piecemakers for their Annual Coffee Party on **Wednesday, August 1**, from 9:30-11:30 am, in the church dining room. Come for coffee, treats and fellowship!

Help ~ We have a person in the community in need of a bunk bed if anyone has one to donate it or if anyone would like to donate funds to help buy a used one. Please let Pastor Scott or Tina in the office know.

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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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.

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 22: 10:15 am: Worship - MST Commissioning

Monday, July 23-29: Pastor Scott out of the office.

Rev. Anna Williamson of Renville will cover in case of an emergency.

Tuesday, July 24: Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 29: 10:15 am: Worship led by Elaine Hagen & Peggy Dolezal

Pray For The Following:

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

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one: Don Dagner; Don's brother Bruce,
passed away on Tuesday, July 17. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have injured family members: Shellie Mammen; Shellie's
brother was in a car accident. Please keep him in your 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: Today - Leann Heimer, 23rd - Luke Kaupang,

25th - Alica Whitmore, David Fuhr, Roger Potter, Knox Kramer, 26th - Dorothy Symes, 28th - Cassandra Sweetman

Anniversaries: 23rd - Brian & Stephanie Klavetter, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, 25th - Doug & Kay Jensen

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.