

September 2, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will be seated in the kingdom of God.

P: Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some that are first will be last.

Prayer of Invocation

O Lord our God, who is always more ready to give us gifts than we are ready to receive them, and more willing to give more than we desire or deserve: help us to seek so that we may truly find You, to ask so that we may joyfully receive, and to knock so the door of mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Hymn #614** *"Great are You, Lord"*

***Call to Confession**

Although God has given the church the message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ, we fall short of His call to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering for their own misfortune, and ignore those in need instead of helping. We don't believe the power of Your gospel can unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see, and ears to hear. Open our hearts to see new possibilities of life for all your people, and use us to carry your message to those who need to hear it.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for this good news. 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

James 1:17-27

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Moment for Children

Hymn #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Laura Kohler

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-39

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Sermon

Video: Orly Wahba/TED Talk About Kindness

***Hymn #761**

"Called as Partner's in Christ's Service"

***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**

Heavenly Father, thank You for your provision. You give us more than we deserve, and we gratefully return a portion to You to further Your kingdom in this world. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #192**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Ushers for September: Scott Goodyear, Mike Bentson, Aubree Milhausen, Robb & Robin Schneider, Kory Schneider, Dale Starr, Don Danger, Lauren & Rachel Karnitz

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Joleen MacHolda, Shawn Corder & Leanne Heimer, Sally Dording

September Communion Servers: Richard Aakre, Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Joleen MacHolda, Kathy Peterson, Robin Schneider, Shellie Mammen

October Communion Servers: Adrienne Danielson, Lynn Juell, Joyce Nolting, Rick Hauge, Shellie Mammen, Deb Hess, Laura Kohler

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.

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.

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

Sunday School Teachers ~ We are looking for a co-teacher for our Kindergarten and 1st grade Sunday School class. A teacher meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 5**, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in helping out with Sunday School, please attend this meeting or contact Pam!

Special Offering ~ **Next Sunday**, we will be taking a special offering of the Johanneck family.

Fall Festival ~ You are invited to St. Catherine's Catholic Church for their Annual Fall Festival on **Sunday, September 9**, from 11am-4pm. A beef dinner will be served. Games and outdoor fun, silent auction and Bingo will be played.

Men's Turkey Dinner ~ Please consider volunteering to join this planning team so that we can continue to have the Men's Turkey Dinner. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave Danielson (507)616-6142 or Pastor Scott. Thank you so much.

Urban Plunge ~ Dear Congregation, An Urban Plunge Mission Trip to Omaha is scheduled for November 9-11. We are collecting supplies for hygiene kits and other gifts that we will bring to Nebraska to give to homeless people. We need bars of soap, travel size containers of shampoo and conditioners, razors, wash cloths, lotion, dental floss, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, combs, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, toenail clippers, and mouthwash. There will be a box in the narthex for these supplies. We need new winter socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, blankets, boots, caps, and hats for men, women and children. If you have any used winter coats in excellent condition, working zipper, etc. that would be great, too. Clothing items can be dropped off in 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

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

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty/Worship Leader: Laura Kohler



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"Since my money is God's money, every spending decision I make is a spiritual decision."-John Hagee

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: 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: Today - Jenny Bloedow, Richard Aakre, 5th - Rick Hauge, Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider, 7th - Jackie Venable

Anniversaries: Today - Shaun & Becky Bruns, 8th - Dan & Shari Fuhr

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.

Church Calendar

August 27-September 3: Pastor Scott out of the office.

Sunday, September 2: 10:15 am: Worship led by Laura Kohler

Monday, September 3: **Church Office Closed - Labor Day**

6:30 pm: Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 4: 6:30 pm: Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 5: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

2:00 pm: Pastor visits Muriel Moon

2:30 pm: Pastor visits Millie Bunting

4:15 pm: Pastor visits Scott & Joyce Goodyear

6:00 pm: Pastor visits Keegan & Shellie Mammen

6:30 pm: Sunday School Teacher Meeting

7:00 pm: Pastor visits Mike & Connie Bentson

Thursday, September 6: 9:30 am: Pastor visits Gordon & Ardis Alexander

10:00 am: Pastor visits Janet Minkel

11:00 am: Pastor visits Tim & Lois Davis

Sunday, September 9: 8:45 am: Sunday School Kick-Off

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion/Special Offering for Johannecks