



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.

October 11, 2020 ~ 10:15 am

Rev. Scott Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Karen Speros

Ringing of the Church Bell (Usher)

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to this place of worship.

P: God's presence is all around us.

L: Greet the stranger as you socially distance with the love of Christ.

P: God's presence is all around us.

L: When you leave here, remember God never leaves you.

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L: As you worship, feel God's presence in the caring eyes of those you see this morning, in the sound of Peggy singing, in the quiet meditations of your heart.

All: God's presence is all around us as we worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, we gather today with our church family in Your presence. We have learned, we have heard, and we have read in our Bibles that You are always with us, Your presence is always near; yet at times we forget. We should know You are always beside us, within us and beyond us, and yet at times we feel alone and abandoned. Help us to remember Your covenants of old are renewed in our hearts. Help us to know Your peace that passes all understanding and help us to trust in Your presence. When we walk through the dark valleys in our lives, help us to remember You are beside us, comforting us, and holding us close. May we seek Your presence in the lives of those around us, our family and friends, our church family, and in those we encounter in the world. May we seek Your face in the face of others, and may our hands and feet be Your hands and feet in this world as we try to stay safe and keep other's safe. In the name of Jesus, our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall raise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Loving Jesus, You called us friends, but we have failed to be true friends. We have gossiped and spread rumors; we have lied and failed to keep promises; we have betrayed and denied our responsibilities to others. We have failed to care for our loved ones in need and at times have turned selfishly inward to our own interests and desires. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for failing to be the friends and family we ought to be to each other. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for not following Your ways of love and trust. In Your name, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray.

Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, when we trust in God's ways. Rejoice in the Lord do not worry, and follow the ways of Christ, knowing you are forgiven, renewed and restored to Christ. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

(Comment below to share the Peace of Christ.)

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Phillipians 4:1-13

Dear friends, I love you and long to see you. Please keep on being faithful to the Lord. You are my pride and joy.

² Euodia and Syntyche, you belong to the Lord, so I beg you to stop arguing with each other. ³ And, my true partner,^[a] I ask you to help them. These women have worked together with me and with Clement and with the others in spreading the good news. Their names are now written in the book of life.^[b]

⁴ Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: Be glad. ⁵ Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here. ⁶ Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. ⁷ Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

⁸ Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. ⁹ You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

¹⁰ The Lord has made me very grateful that at last you have thought about me once again. Actually, you were thinking about me all along, but you didn't have any chance to show it. ¹¹ I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with^[c] whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or to be hungry, to have too much or too little. ¹³ Christ gives me the strength to face anything.

Hymn #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Once again Jesus used stories to teach the people:

² The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused. ⁴ He sent other servants to say to the guests, "The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!"

⁵ But the guests did not pay any attention. Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business. ⁶ Others grabbed the servants, then beat them up and killed them.

⁷ This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill those murderers and burn down their city. ⁸ Then he said to the servants, "It is time for the wedding banquet, and the invited guests don't deserve to come. ⁹ Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet." ¹⁰ They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And the banquet room was filled with guests.

¹¹ When the king went in to meet the guests, he found that one of them wasn't wearing the right kind of clothes for the wedding. ¹² The king asked, "Friend, why didn't you wear proper clothes for the wedding?" But the guest had no excuse. ¹³ So the king gave orders for that person to be tied hand and foot and to be thrown outside into the dark. That's where people will cry and grit their teeth in pain. ¹⁴ Many are invited, but only a few are chosen.

Sermon

Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

1 Oh soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

Refrain: *Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

2 Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there; O'er us sin no more hath dominion For more than conquerors we are! Refrain

3 His word shall not fail you He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! Refrain

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

We greatly appreciate your support of the Church. We will not be passing the offering plates, but they are placed in the back of the Sanctuary. If you are watching from home, please if you are able, make your donation on-line on our Church website or send your donation to PO Box 444, Redwood Falls. Thank you!

Offertory Prayer

God of all Grace, we can never out give You. As we give You our financial gifts, help us to use the spiritual gifts You have given us. We thank You for giving to each of us the manifestation of Your Spirit for our common good. To each of us, You have given different spiritual gifts to serve You and Your church – to build up each other spiritually. May we serve You financially with our giving and spiritually through ministering with our gifts from You. Amen.

Doxology Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Go in God's Name

Hymn #840 "It Is Well with My Soul"

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude: Karen Speros

The Ringing of the Church Bell (Usher)

The Elder of the Day will be overseeing our policy actions on Sunday mornings as we strive to stay safe during this pandemic. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to this person.

Today's Elder of the Day: Michael Joldersma

Thank You... to Peggy Dolezal and Karen Speros for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.

Prayers... Bob Brown returned home and fell the first night and was taken to Fairview Hospital. On Wednesday, October 7, he was admitted to St. Barts in Shakopee, Minnesota. He hopes to return home on November 1. Please keep him in your prayers.

Congratulations... to Andrew Stevens and Aubree Hicks for being selected for the Homecoming Court and to Matthew Prouty for being an emcee for the Coronation Evening. The Coronation Ceremony is October 27 and will be available for streaming.

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Monday, October 12:	11:30 am, Pastor: Rotary 7:00 pm, Session Meeting
Tuesday, October 13:	7:00 pm, Pastor: Zoom Call
Wednesday, October 14:	11:30 am, Pastor: Call with Tina
Friday, October 17:	Chimes Deadline
Sunday, October 18:	10:15 am, Worship (In-Person & LIVE on Facebook) Afternoon: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Pray for The Following:

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 – Willa Tiffany, Wayne Mann, Justin Miller, 12th – Barb Nelson, Rylin Robish, Dan Alexander, 13th – Shane Carroll, Nick Brozek, Michael Joldersma, 14th – Robb Schneider, 15th – Claire Meyers, Linda Dahmes, 17th – Drew Osborne

Birthdays: 13th – Diane & Allen Cronen

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Jeanette Kotval, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Ardis Alexander, Betty Peterson, Bob Brown

All Those Fighting Cancer: Rick Kramer, Maynard Nolting, Alexis Martin, Sharon King, Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law), Mark Grommesch (Gerry & Deb Hess's son-in-law)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases: Shellie Mammen (lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis), Tripp Meyers (epilepsy)

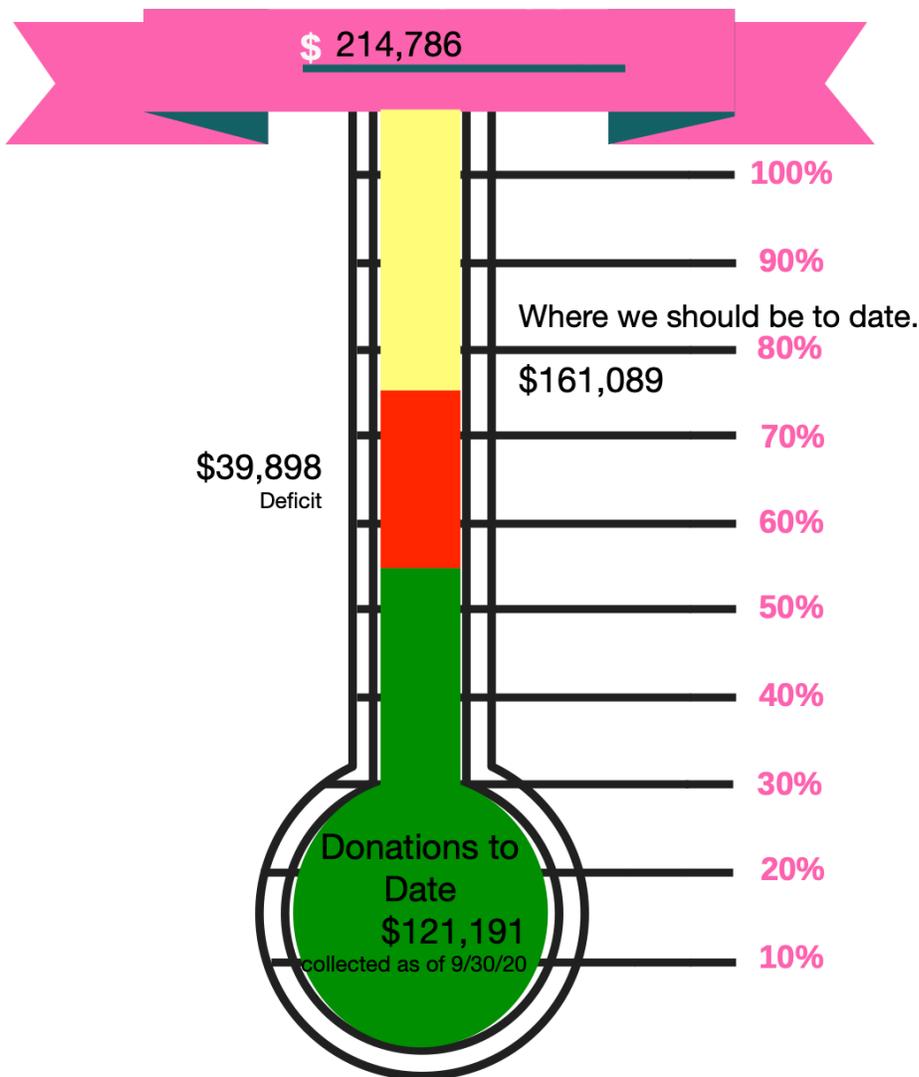
If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

We're looking for a few good people to be our next "Imagination Angel". Will you donate, so a child in our area can receive a story book each month until they enter Kindergarten? It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to "Imagination Library-FPC", PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

This program is entirely supported by donations and will only continue with your generosity.

We thank our community partners First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls, Redwood Lions Club, Rotary Club of Redwood Falls and Ruby's Pantry. Thank you!

As of 9/30/20



We budget \$214,786.

If we are going to hit budget, we need to have taken in \$161,089 as of 9/30/20.

We have taken in \$121,191 meaning that we are \$39,898 short of reaching our budget income for the year.

Redwood Falls Rotary Club Rose Sale Fundraiser

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accepting orders

October 1st - October 23rd



**\$20 per
dozen**

PICK UP
Wednesday,
November 18, 2020
10 am - 7 pm

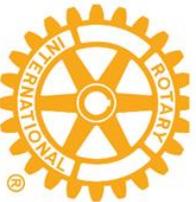
Redwood Falls Library

509 South Lincoln Street, Redwood Falls

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Any questions, contact a
Redwood Rotarian or
Briana at (507) 637 - 7077

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To place an order clip and return
the order form along with payment
to any Rotarian or mail to:

Redwood Rotary Club
c/o: Jessica Johnson
406 North Lincoln Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Name: _____
Email: _____
Cell Phone #: _____
Rotarian Name: _____

Number of dozen roses:

_____ x \$20/dozen = \$ _____

color selection made at time of pick up (total amount due)

cash or check payable to Redwood Rotary Club

Rotarians please return money and order form to Chelsey Rettmann