



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 18, 2020 ~ 10:15 am

Rev. Scott Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringing of the Church Bell (Usher)

Call to Worship

L: The world tells us we need to be part of something big and bold;

P: We belong to God.

L: The world tells us to put our hope in wealth and success;

P: We put our faith and trust in Jesus.

L: The world tells us to seek our own gain and satisfaction;

P: We seek joy in the Spirit of God.

L: Come, let us worship God, who leads us away from the ways of the world.

P: Let us follow and live into the Way of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus, our Companion in life, death and resurrection, call us into Your way of life. Guide us away from the ways of the world that tempt us to focus only on ourselves and our own gain. Keep us from the temptation to put ourselves above others, and instead, open our minds to step into another's shoes, to see through another's point of view. May we be open to new ways of thinking, so that we might be reconciled and restored to one another. Lead us in Your ways of serving others, so that we might participate in your kingdom here on earth. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #12 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Call to Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against God. Let us then renounce our willfulness and seek God's mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that our point of view is often narrow. We see only what is in front of us—the easy way or the best way for ourselves, and we do not see how our actions may harm others. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Open our minds to see that what makes things easy for us may make things much more difficult for others. Help us to see how our actions may harm others and creation, and ultimately You. Transform our lives so that we will help and serve others, rather than only ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into repentance, forgiveness, and restoration, we pray. Amen.

Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we turn back to God, we find God has already turned towards us. God longs for us to seek goodness and mercy and to do justice and loving-kindness. When we live in God's ways, we know that we are forgiven, that reconciliation is possible, that restoration is God's desire for us. Live into the fullness of God's desire for you. 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: Psalm 99

Our Lord, you are King! You rule from your throne above the winged creatures,^[a] as people tremble and the earth shakes. ²You are praised in Zion, and you control all nations. ³Only you are God! And your power alone, so great and fearsome, is worthy of praise. ⁴You are our mighty King,^[b] a lover of fairness, who sees that justice is done everywhere in Israel. ⁵Our Lord and our God, we praise you and kneel down to worship you, the God of holiness!

⁶Moses and Aaron were two of your priests. Samuel was also one of those who prayed in your name, and you, our Lord, answered their prayers. ⁷You spoke to them from a thick cloud, and they obeyed your laws.

⁸Our Lord and our God, you answered their prayers and forgave their sins, but when they did wrong, you punished them. ⁹We praise you, Lord God, and we worship you at your sacred mountain. Only you are God!

Hymn #466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (Sing Twice)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong. ¹⁶They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers^[a] to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. ¹⁷Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

¹⁸Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs! ¹⁹Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes." They brought him a silver coin, ²⁰and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?"

²¹"The Emperor's," they answered.

Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God." ²²His answer surprised them so much that they walked away.

Sermon

Hymn #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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 Goodness and Grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give You glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #438

"Rock of Ages"

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Benediction

Postlude: Elaine Hagen

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: Claire Meyers

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

Visits... If you would like an in-person, over the phone or zoom visit with Pastor Scott please contact him at 627-5486.

Rummage Sale... St. John Lutheran School is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 24, from 8-4 pm, and on Sunday, October 25, from noon- 3pm. If you have things laying around you would like to donate to the sale, you can contact Tina at (627-8751) to arrange pick-up.

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, October 18:	Afternoon: Packing Weekend Food Bags
Monday, October 19:	Noon, Pastor: Rotary
Tuesday, October 20:	4:30-6:00 pm, Ruby's Pantry
Wednesday, October 21:	11:30 am, Pastor: Call with Tina
Thursday, October 22:	Morning, Pastor: SEI Board Meeting
Sunday, October 25:	10:15 am, Worship (In-Person & LIVE on Facebook)

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

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

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!

Pray for The Following:

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have passed away: Muriel Moon, age 102, passed away on September 24, at the River Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one: Lindsey Caraway; Lindsey's grandfather, Jay Rusthoven, passed away on October 8. A memorial service will be held in 2021.

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: 19th – Dorie Oja, 20th – Joleen MacHolda, Samantha Osborne, Todd Peterson, 22nd – Harper Rohlik

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

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

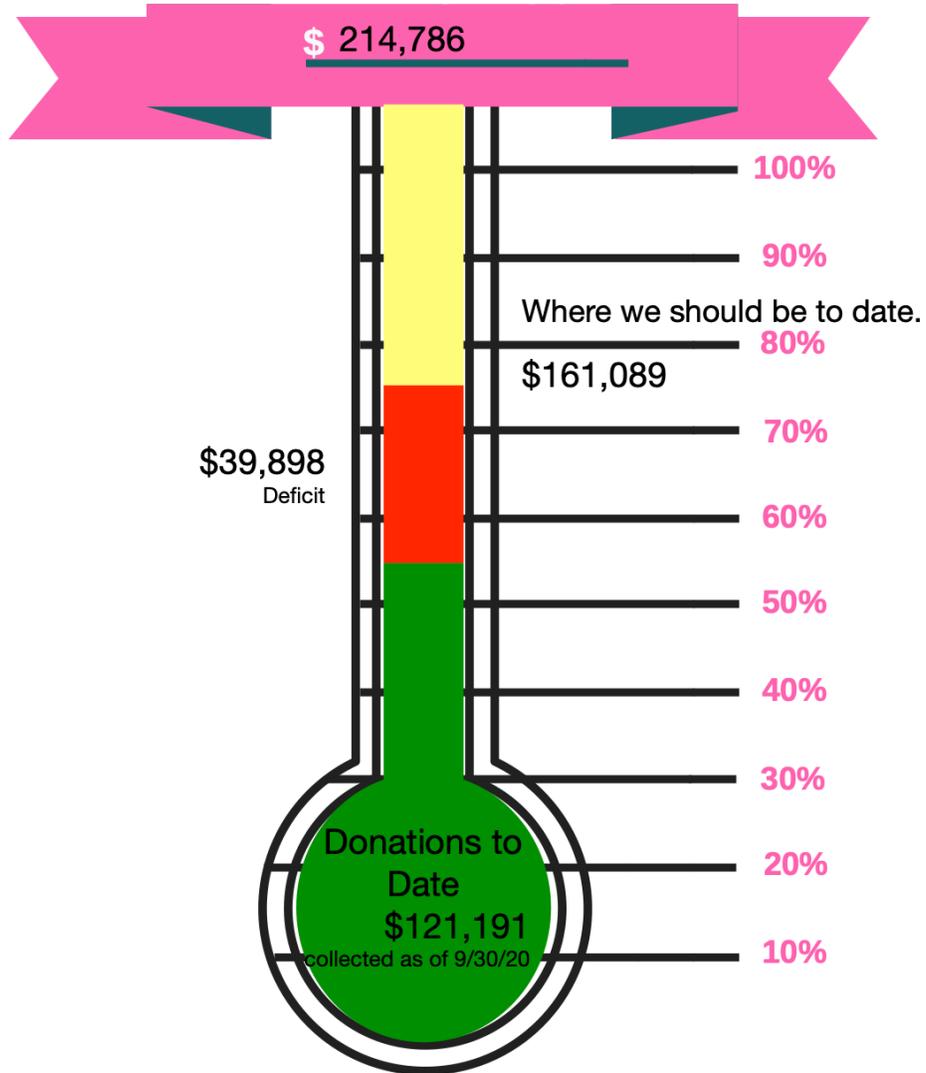
All Those Fighting Cancer: Rick Kramer, Maynard Nolting, Alexis Martin, Sharon King,

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.

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.