



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 25, 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: For those who have not been welcomed before,

P: You are welcomed by Christ here.

L: For those who have been turned away,

P: Christ is opening the door for you.

L: For those who have been forgotten,

P: God cannot forget you, for God made you.

L: Come, join together in worship of our God.

P: You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God of All Seasons, we come to You in this turning of the season, experiencing Your beauty in creation at work all around us. Remind us that we, too, are still works in progress. You are continuing to help us be shaped into the people You have called us to be. We still have much to learn and grow, no matter our age on earth. As the season turns, may we see a new point of view, experience a new way of living, and know that only Your love is steadfast and unchanging in our turning world. In the name of Jesus, who fulfills the promise of love that succeeds death, we pray all things.

Amen.

Hymn #835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain: *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

Call to Confession

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Savior Jesus, we come to You knowing that we have not followed Your ways. We have blamed those who are in need around us for their own struggles. We have crossed our arms and given smug looks to those who have nothing and blamed them for their own misfortunes. Forgive us for our arrogance and ignorance. Forgive us because we do not see

our neighbors as our brothers and sisters. Forgive us, because You love us and have forgiven us, but we have failed to share that love and care with others. Call us into Your ways of justice, peace and mercy. In Your name we pray.

Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God is the one who loves us always. God is the one who makes us new again. God is the one who sees our foolishness and our self-righteousness and arrogance, and sets us back on the path of humility, loving us every step of the way. God's grace is for all of us, and we are forgiven, renewed and restored, but most of all, we are loved always. Go and share the Good News. 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: Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶ "Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus answered:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸ This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹ The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." ⁴⁰ All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets^[a] are based on these two commandments.

Hymn #729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,) Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,) Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,) Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,) Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

¹19 The Lord told Moses ²to say to the community of Israel:

I am the Lord your God. I am holy, and you must be holy too! ³⁻⁴ Respect your father and your mother, honor the Sabbath, and don't make idols or images. I am the Lord your God.

⁹ When you harvest your grain, always leave some of it standing along the edges of your fields and don't pick up what falls on the ground. ¹⁰ Don't strip your grapevines clean or gather the grapes that fall off the vines. Leave them for the poor and for those foreigners who live among you. I am the Lord your God.

¹¹ Do not steal or tell lies or cheat others.

¹² Do not misuse my name by making promises you don't intend to keep. I am the Lord your God.

- ¹³ Do not steal anything or cheat anyone, and don't fail to pay your workers at the end of each day.^[a]
¹⁴ I am the Lord your God, and I command you not to make fun of the deaf or to cause a blind person to stumble.
¹⁵ Be fair, no matter who is on trial—don't favor either the poor or the rich.
¹⁶ Don't be a gossip, but never hesitate to speak up in court, especially if your testimony can save someone's life.^[b]
¹⁷ Don't hold grudges. On the other hand, it's wrong not to correct someone who needs correcting. ¹⁸ Stop being angry and don't try to take revenge. I am the Lord, and I command you to love others as much as you love yourself.

Sermon

Hymn #203

"Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. [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

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; 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 #828

"More Love to Thee, O Lord"

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest. Now thee alone I seek; give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to 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: Sue Osborne

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.

Announcement... Next week we will be celebrating "All Saint's Day" and remembering those from our church family that have died in the past year. We also will celebrate Holy Communion.

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, October 25: 10:15 am, Worship (In-Person & LIVE on Facebook)

Monday, October 26: Noon, Pastor: Rotary

Wednesday, October 28: 11:30 am, Pastor: Call with Tina

7:00 pm, Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting

Sunday, November 1: 10:15 am, Worship (In-Person & LIVE on Facebook)

Afternoon, Matthew Prouty 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!

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!

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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: 26th – Rhonda Joldersma, Kevin Zaske, 27th – Asher Caraway, Tripp Meyers, Charlie Meyers, Alexis Martin, 28th – David Danielson, 30th – Scott Goodyear, Donna Potter, 31st – Cassy Sharpe

Anniversaries: 28th – Lee & Diane Davis

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

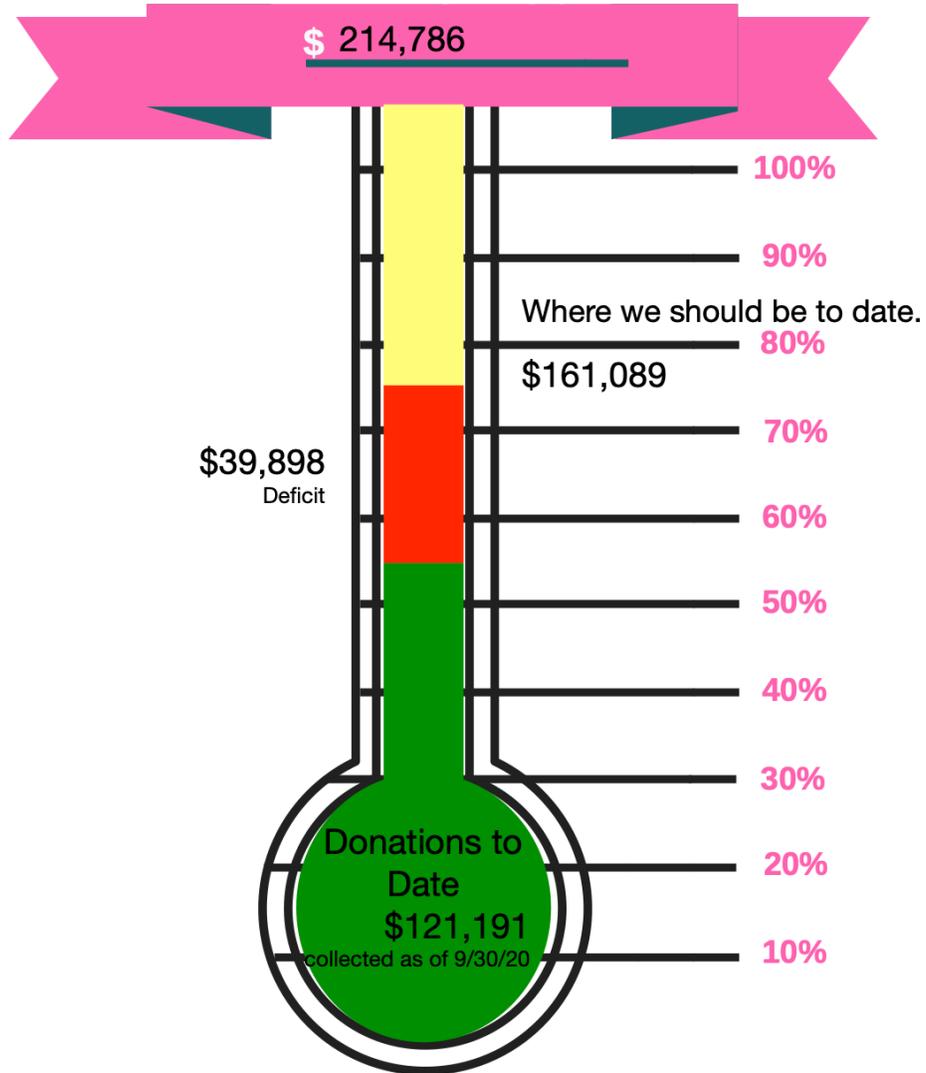
Millie Bunting, Jeanette Kotval, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Ardis Alexander, Betty Peterson, Bob Brown

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.