



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 4, 2020 ~ 10:15 am

Confirmation and World Communion Sunday

Rev. Scott Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Welcome to Confirmation Sunday!

It is with great joy that today we celebrate the Confirmation and membership of the Confirmation Class of 2020. During the 2019-2020 school year, the class met weekly to study, discuss, and ultimately write their own statements of faith.

Today is the culmination of that process as our young adults confirm the vows of Baptism and accept the rights and responsibilities of full adult membership in our Church Family.

We also celebrate World Communion Sunday with sisters and brothers all over the world.

Prelude: Karen Speros

Ringing of the Church Bell (Usher)

Call to Worship

L: Through every age and in every place, the Christ in whose name we gather, calls disciples with a simple invitation, words of challenge: "Come follow me."

P: And where is it that we go with Christ?

L: Christ leads us among enemies and strangers, causing us to regard all persons as potential friends.

P: Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the Word and Will of God are the only reliable guides.

L: Christ leads us to love ourselves just so we might be found, just so grace might become real.

P: And Christ leads us to the apparent dead-end of a cross to reveal a highway to new life.

All: We gather to worship the Christ who leads. May we gain the wisdom and courage to follow.

Prayer of Invocation

God of Covenant and Caring, You have placed us in a world of endless variety and fascination. Keep our feet steady on the path and our hearts close to Your purposes so that we might be equipped for the journey and energized by Your presence in our lives. In Christ's spirit, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

1 I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

2 When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

3 In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

4 I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Call to Confession

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that in a world filled with many voices, we have often failed to hear Your voice, choosing instead to respond to the popular and the near at hand. You have poured out the gift of Your Spirit in our Baptism, but we have given in to a spiritless life of routines. You have confirmed in us Your covenant of love, but we have conformed to the general lovelessness which surrounds us. Forgive us this day, for claiming our name in Christ and living a nameless existence. May the spirit of promises spoken blend this day with promises renewed, that we might be restored to a sense of what is needful for our wholeness as persons.

Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! 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: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴ I never stop thanking my God for being kind enough to give you Christ Jesus, ⁵ who helps you speak and understand so well. ⁶ Now you are certain that everything we told you about our Lord Christ Jesus is true. ⁷ You are not missing out on any blessings, as you wait for him to return. ⁸ And until the day Christ does return, he will keep you completely innocent. ⁹ God can be trusted, and he chose you to be partners with his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 4 & 5)

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

Scripture Lesson: John 13:1-17

¹³ It was before Passover, and Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and to return to the Father. He had always loved his followers in this world, and he loved them to the very end.

² Even before the evening meal started, the devil had made Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot,^[a] decide to betray Jesus.

³ Jesus knew that he had come from God and would go back to God. He also knew that the Father had given him complete power. ⁴ So during the meal Jesus got up, removed his outer garment, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ He put some water into a large bowl. Then he began washing his disciples' feet and drying them with the towel he was wearing.

⁶ But when he came to Simon Peter, that disciple asked, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered, "You don't really know what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "You will never wash my feet!" Peter replied.

"If I don't wash you," Jesus told him, "you don't really belong to me."

⁹ Peter said, "Lord, don't wash just my feet. Wash my hands and my head."

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "People who have bathed and are clean all over need to wash just their feet. And you, my disciples, are clean, except for one of you." ¹¹ Jesus knew who would betray him. That is why he said, "except for one of you."

¹² After Jesus had washed his disciples' feet and had put his outer garment back on, he sat down again.^[b] Then he said:

Do you understand what I have done? ¹³ You call me your teacher and Lord, and you should, because that is who I am. ¹⁴ And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. ¹⁵ I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you for certain that servants are not greater than their master, and messengers are not greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ You know these things, and God will bless you, if you do them.

Sermon

Hymn #69

"Here I am Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

The Reaffirmation of Baptism of Max Fuhr, Kanyon Hicks and Blake Stephens

Elder Sonya Alexander: Kanyon Hicks, Blake Stephens and Max Fuhr are presented by the session for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. They now desire to profess their faith publicly and to accept great responsibility in the life of the church and God's mission in the world.

Rev. Scott Prouty: We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry. In Baptism you were joined to Christ and made members of his body. In the community of people of God you have

learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder Sonya Alexander: You are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Rev. Scott Prouty: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Candidates: I do.

Rev. Scott Prouty: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

Rev. Scott Prouty: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Rev. Scott Prouty: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Individual Statements of Faith of Blake Stephens, Max Fuhr and Kanyon Hicks

Blake Stephens:

I have learned many things throughout confirmation and in church my whole life, and these are some things that I have learned and what they mean to me. Jesus the son is our savior who sacrificed his life for us to continue living. The Holy Spirit is what guides us to do everything like serving God and helping people do things and tells us much more. The Holy Spirit dwells within us each and every day. God is our creator and founder who made everything and gave us life as we know it. The Holy Baptism is the next chapter into the love and life of God. You are also marked as forever one of God's children forever and ever. Holy Communion is a regular thing that we do to remember the sacrifices of Jesus with bread representing his body and the wine representing his blood and by taking Holy Communion you are proclaiming to the world that he shall return once again.

My favorite Bible story is Genesis 1:2, after God finished creating the heavens and the earth, he created the Garden of Eden, and Adam and Eve, God created them to be special, and to rule over the whole earth, and because God gave us this gift and power over everything on earth we should be thankful and give back to the world. It will also help to give back to God.

I can see myself one day becoming a Deacon like my dad and help with the things they do. I will also keep coming to church and continue to serve the community by helping everyone I can as much as possible.

Max Fuhr:

I believe that God is the Father of Jesus Christ. I believe that God is the Creator of Heaven and earth and that he is always watching over us and that we can always pray with him. I believe that Jesus Christ is always with us and always will be. I believe that the Holy Spirit is in each of us and that it will help make the right decisions when they need to be made.

I believe that we do Holy Communion to represent the body of Jesus Christ and the sacrifices that he made for us. I believe that baptism signifies us forever as one of God's children.

One of my favorite bible verses is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This is my favorite verse because it means that you can do all things through the power of Jesus Christ.

I will keep helping the church through the Turkey Dinner, being an usher and keeping active in Youth Faith in Action.

Kanyon Hicks:

As a Christian I believe that God is the only God and that he created the Earth and he has ultimate power over everyone and that everything we do in our lives is because of him.

I believe that Jesus, the son of God was born by Mary the virgin, and that he really could walk on water and cure people of illnesses. I believe that the Holy Spirit enables us to be able to live an eternal life.

To me Holy Baptism means that I am marked forever as one of God's children, and that I have a chance to follow God when I'm older. To me Holy Communion is like showing Jesus that we still care about him and what he has done for us and the sacrifice he made.

My favorite bible story is 1 Samuel:26-54. This is the story of David and Goliath. I really like this story because it shows that no matter what size, no matter how strong you are that as long as you believe that God is there for you and will help you, that you can do just about anything.

In the future I see myself maybe becoming a deacon. But I know for sure I want to be really involved in the church by doing volunteer stuff.

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.

Laying on of Hands: The candidates kneel, the mothers put the cross around their son's neck, the fathers place their hands upon their sons' head.

Rev. Scott Prouty: O Lord, uphold Max, Kanyon and Blake by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen. Kanyon, Blake and Max remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you. Amen.

Candidates: Thanks be to God.

Welcome

Elder Sonya Alexander: Max Fuhr, Kanyon Hicks and Blake Stephens, by professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

Rev. Scott Prouty: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn #192

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Minute for Mission: Elder Rick Hauge

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

Loving God, we are gathered together to listen to Your Word and to witness to its' truths. We give joyously today and dedicate this offering to Your work. We are inspired to share Your glorious love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Increase our talents and offerings so that Your name is exalted with unending praise. Blessed is Your name! 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 #521

"In Remembrance of Me" (verses 1 & 2)

1 In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

2 In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let him in. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

Holy Communion

Hymn #521

"In Remembrance of Me" (verses 1 & 2)

3 In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart, look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

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: Sonya Alexander

Thank You... to Peggy Dolezal for being our song leader.

Carnations... The carnations are in honor of the confirmands today.

Thank You... I would like to thank my church family for all the calls, cards and prayers over the last couple of months. An extra thank you to the Piecemakers for the beautiful quilt. Your kindness and carrying thoughts have helped me through my recovery. ~ Sharon King

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, October 4:	10:15 am, Worship (In-Person & LIVE on Facebook) Afternoon, Kyron & Ethin Mammen pack Weekend Food Bags
Monday, October 5:	Noon, Pastor: Rotary
Monday – Wednesday:	Pastor has a three-day General Assembly Ecumenical/Interfaith Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, October 6:	7:00 pm, Stewardship Meeting
Friday, October 9:	7:00 am, Pastor: Zoom call for Dollars for Scholars
Sunday, October 11:	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 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: 6th – Marlys Verdoes, 7th – Rosie Venable, 9th – Robin Schneider

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

Members of our Church Family in Rehab Facilities:

Bob Brown: The Villa Osseo, 501 Second Street S.E., Room 319, Osseo, MN, 55389

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.