



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.

January 3, 2021 ~ 10:15 am ~ Rev. Scott Prouty/Adrienne Danielson

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

It is a New Year! Come, let us worship our God, who is always doing a new thing.

Prayer of Invocation

Father, Son, Holy Spirit we thank You that You are here in this building with us, that You are in here in our homes with us, that You are everywhere. We too often forget Your nearness. Remind us this morning God and bind us together so that we may be physically separate yet still mystically joined together as Your Body. Amen.

Hymn #132 *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" (vs. 2 & 3)*

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of All Creation, You are always wanting to do a new thing in us and through us. You are longing that the work of Christmas be carried out through our very hands, feet, and voices. Too often we turn away from You. Too often we ignore the cries of our neighbors who suffer under the heavy yoke of poverty, oppression, and fear. Save us Lord! Forgive us! Set us on a new path! Entrust yet again with your work. Amen.

Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

There is no end to the mercies of Our Heavenly Father. See His arms open wide for you. Run into His loving embrace. Trust that you are safe with Him. Know that you are forgiven and welcomed earnestly again into your place in the family of God. 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

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 7:8-12

⁸⁻⁹ So once again, I, the Lord All-Powerful, tell you, "See that justice is done and be kind and merciful to one another! ¹⁰ Don't mistreat widows or orphans or foreigners or anyone who is poor, and stop making plans to hurt each other."

¹¹⁻¹² But everyone who heard those prophets, stubbornly refused to obey. Instead, they turned their backs on everything my Spirit^[a] had commanded the earlier prophets to preach. So I, the Lord, became angry

Hymn #470

"There is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

1 For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

2 For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God.

[Refrain]

3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life, hear our prayer. In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God.

[Refrain]

4 Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait, be near, hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit. News about him spread everywhere. ¹⁵ He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ Jesus went back to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as usual he went to the meeting place on the Sabbath. When he stood up to read from the Scriptures, ¹⁷ he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

¹⁸ "The Lord's Spirit

has come to me,

because he has chosen me

to tell the good news

to the poor.

The Lord has sent me

to announce freedom

for prisoners,

to give sight to the blind,

to free everyone

who suffers,

¹⁹ and to say, 'This is the year

the Lord has chosen.'"

²⁰ Jesus closed the book, then handed it back to the man in charge and sat down. Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus.

²¹ Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."

Sermon: Adrienne Danielson

Hymn #769

"Everyone Born" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

1 For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

5 For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, [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 thank you for continuing to support the church even though we cannot meet in person at this time. Please send your tithes and offerings to PO Box 444, Redwood Falls, or donate on our church website. Thank you!

Offertory Prayer

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of our lives, all that we have is Yours. Please us these tithes and offerings that we are now returning to You to build Your just, peaceable, abundant, and everlasting Kingdom. 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 #308

"God in Whom All Life Begins" (vs. 1 & 3)

1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit, bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root. Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace; deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; so bind us in community that we may risk and dare. Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray; then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Benediction

Postlude: Elaine Hagen

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Visits/Worship—If you would like an in-person, over the phone, or zoom visit with Pastor Scott, please contact him at 627-5486. If you would be interested in attending one of the in-person worship services, please contact Pastor Scott.

Annual Reports ~ Annual Reports are due to the Church office by January 6, 2021!

Thank You... Adrienne for leading us this morning in worship.

Upcoming Worship Services ...

The Second Sunday of January (January 10) we will have our installation of officers. We will do the worship service on Zoom that day at 10:15 am. A Zoom link will be emailed out on Friday, January 8.

The Third Sunday of January (January 17) we will have our Annual Meeting FOLLOWING worship, via a Zoom link that will be sent out on Friday, January 15.

The Fourth Sunday of January (January 24) SanDawna Ashley will be preaching and we will bless our Mission Booklet during morning worship.

Imagination Library ~ 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!

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, January 3:	10:15 am: Worship LIVE on Facebook Afternoon: The Fuhr Family will be Packing Weekend Food Bags
Monday, January 4:	Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary
Tuesday, January 5:	Committee Meetings
Wednesday, January 6:	11:30 am: Pastor Scott & Tina's Weekly Call
Sunday, January 10:	10:15 am, Worship with Installation Service LIVE on Facebook/Zoom

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: 4th – Ethin Mammen, 8th – Nolan Rudenick, 9th – Scott Mann

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

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

All Those Fighting Cancer: Rick Kramer, 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.