



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.

July 4, 2021 ~ 10:15 am ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Janet Ellingworth

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Let us worship God who is the creator of our world.

P: Let us remember that this is our Father's world and the Lord is King. Let the heavens ring! God reigns! Let the earth be glad!

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #370 "This is My Father's World"**

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

***Call to Confession**

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures move us to acknowledge and confess our sins before Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, with a humble, lowly and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

***Prayer of Confession**

Most Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us. Restore us. Help us to live a godly, righteous and honorable life, one that glorifies You and only You.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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**

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:12-22

The Lord blesses each nation that worships only him. He blesses his chosen ones. 13 The Lord looks at the world 14 from his throne in heaven, and he watches us all.

15 The Lord gave us each a mind, and nothing we do can be hidden from him. 16 Mighty armies alone cannot win wars for a king; great strength by itself cannot keep a soldier safe. 17 In war the strength of a horse cannot be trusted to take you to safety. 18 But the Lord watches over all who honor him and trust his kindness. 19 He protects them from death and starvation. 20 We depend on you, Lord, to help and protect us. 21 You make our hearts glad because we trust you, the only God. 22 Be kind and bless us! We depend on you.

Hymn #340

"This Is My Song"

1 *This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

2 *My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So, hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

3 *This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth they will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayers, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Scripture Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them. 2 Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God. 3 This kind of prayer is good, and it pleases God our Savior. 4 God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is, 5 There is only one God,

*and Christ Jesus
is the only one
who can bring us
to God.*

*Jesus was truly human,
and he gave himself
to rescue all of us.*

*6 God showed us this
at the right time.*

Sermon

"Putting God Back In America"

Janet Ellingworth

***Hymn #338**

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

1 *O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with *brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

2 *O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

3 *O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

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

Minute for Mission: Adrienne Danielson

The Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen

***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.

***Offertory Prayer**

What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing You through Jesus, trusting in You by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for the blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to You, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn #337**

"America"

1 My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride from every mountainside let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

***Please stand in body or spirit.**

Year of Equality

Did you know? Incidences of antisemitism have increased by 60% over the past five years across the U.S. In 2020 anti-Semitic attacks remained at historic highs; 2,024 incidents of vandalism, assault, and harassment against Jewish Americans were reported to the Anti-Defamation League.

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 First Presbyterian Church, 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.

Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with "Imagination Library" in the memo line. Thank you!

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!

Annual Rummage Sale: Our church plans to hold a rummage sale August 18-21. If you are interested in helping with set-up, working or with the clean-up at the end, please let Pastor Scott know. Many hands make light work! You may start bringing your gently used items for the rummage sale on August 8th. Please put your items in the choir room. Please do not bring electronics. Thank you!

Save the Date ~ VBS will be Aug 15-18, 5:30-7:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Church for kids age 4 through kids having completed 4th grade. Expect lots of outdoor fun enjoying a "Happy Campers" theme!

Congregational Vitality Survey ~ Dear Church family, we want to hear from you! What is our congregation doing well? What could we do better? What are your dreams for our church? Everyone will soon be invited to fill out a Congregational Vitality Survey. The surveys will be sent out via email links in early August to all members and regular visitors. Paper copies will be mailed to homebound members. The second Sunday of August we will have "Survey Day" after worship; paper copies will be available for congregants who feel more comfortable utilizing them, and folks will be invited to stay after service and either fill out an electronic or paper copy. We are looking forward to hearing from you all! ***In Christ, Session***

Sponsor a "Backpack": The Deacons are asking for your support in their mission project "Backpacks for Mexico". The goal is to raise funds to purchase backpacks with all the supplies needed for the children in Mexico. We are challenging all church members to sponsor a backpack with a \$10 donation each! This mission project runs from now until August. Help make this mission project successful once again. Remember God loves a cheerful giver! Thank You! *Note: Please include your name on your donation. The backpacks will be personalized for distribution.*

Dear Church Family, We would like to start serving coffee and other refreshments after church again. Joyce Nolting would like to pass the torch on to someone else to take on this ministry of hospitality, and she is willing to train them. If you are willing to do this, please contact Pastor Scott or Joyce Nolting. Thank you! ~ Pastor Scott

July Ushers: Head Usher Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Lois Davis, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Dan Tiffany

July Communion Servers: Current Ruling Elder Adrienne Danielson, Dan Tiffany, Bruce Tiffany, Candy Zaske, Diane Davis, Michael & Rhonda Joldersma (**Communion will be served on July 11!**)

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Pastor Scott will be on vacation: June 21-July 5

In case of a pastoral emergency...

June 24-July 5: Pastor Anne Veldhuisen (Marshall Presbyterian Church) 507-215-5617

July 1: Pastor Scott & Tina will start working from their offices at the church!

Reminder: The office hours are Mon-Fri, 9:15-1:15, the office phone number is 507-627-8751 NOT Tina's personal cell phone number! Please remember to respect both of their personal spaces.

Sunday, July 4: 10:15 am: Worship with Janet Ellingworth

***Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 11.

Monday, July 5: Church Office Closed!

Tuesday, July 6: 5:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting

6:00 pm: Mission Committee Meeting

6:30 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 8: Pastor has Commission on Leadership Meeting

Sunday, July 11: 9:00 am: Worship with masks worn and no music

10:15 am: Traditional Worship

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 – John Tiffany, 5th - Brent Prouty, 6th - Karen Speros, Ryan Kramer, Christina Rebstock, 7th - Dan Tiffany, 8th - Aubree Hicks, Trevin Sharpe, Julie Rienstra, 10th - Ella Enright

Anniversaries: 9th - Mark & Dorie Oja

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

Millie Bunting, Jeanette Kotval, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Ardis Alexander, Dorothy Symes, Lucille Byram

All Those Fighting Cancer: Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law),

Julie Fiala's sister Jill

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.