

August 15, 2021
Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: maker of heaven and earth.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 #450** **"Be Thou My Vision!"**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Call of Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this, while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Jesus Christ we dare to approach God with confidence.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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: Ephesians 5:15-20

Act like people with good sense and not like fools. 16 These are evil times, so make every minute count.

17 Don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk, but let the Spirit fill your life. 19 When you meet together, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as you praise the Lord with all your heart. 20 Always use the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to thank God the Father for everything.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

David was king of Israel forty years. He ruled seven years from Hebron and thirty-three years from Jerusalem. Then he died and was buried in Jerusalem. 12 His son Solomon became king and took control of David's kingdom.

3 Solomon loved the Lord and followed his father David's instructions, but Solomon also offered sacrifices and burned incense at the shrines. 4 The most important shrine was in Gibeon, and Solomon had offered more than a thousand sacrifices on that altar. 5 One night while Solomon was in Gibeon, the Lord God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you." 6 Solomon answered: My father David, your servant, was honest and did what you commanded. You were always loyal to him, and you gave him a son who is now king. 7 Lord God, I'm your servant, and you've made me king in my father's place. But I'm very young and know so little about being a leader. 8 And now I must rule your chosen people, even though there are too many of them to count. 9 Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours. 10-11 God said: Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom to make right decisions. 12 So I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live. 13 I'll also give you what you didn't ask for. You'll be rich and respected as long as you live, and you'll be greater than any other king. 14 If you obey me and follow my commands, as your father David did, I'll let you live a long time.

Sermon

***Hymn #175**

“Seek Ye First”

1 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*

2 *Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*

3 *You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.*

***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

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen

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.



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***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**

Everlasting Creator, thank You for all we have, all we are, all we will be. May these gifts of our time, talents and tithes further bless this world with Your love, hope, wisdom, and peace. Amen.

***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.

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Year of Equality

"You can help combat hunger in our community simply by purchasing a grocery item to donate to a local food shelf every time you shop. Tersteegs makes this easy by placing a donation bin at the front of the store.

Contributions can also be placed directly in one of our congregation's two Little Food Pantries."

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!

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, August 15: 9:00 am: Worship (masks worn and no music)
10:15 am: Traditional Worship
Following Worship: Packing School Supplies for Backpack Ministry

5:30-7:30 pm: Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 16: 12:00 pm: Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting

5:30-7:30 pm: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 17: September Chimes Deadline

10-3:00 pm: Presbytery Meeting in Mankato

5:30-7:30 pm: Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 18: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

5:30-7:30 pm: Vacation Bible School

Thursday, August 19: 7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

Sunday, August 22: 9:00 am: Worship (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!

August Ushers: Head Usher Wayne Mann, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Winston & Rosie Venable, Sue Osborne, Shelby Enright

September Communion Servers: Current Ruling Elder Michael Joldersma, Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Joleen MacHolda, Lois Davis, Rhonda Joldersma

Congregational Vitality Survey ~ Dear Church Family, Please take some time to complete the Congregational Vitality Survey. You can fill out the survey via the link that was sent to your email, or by paper copy (if you need a paper copy please let Tina or Adrienne Danielson know). We look forward to hearing from you. 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.*

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 - Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, Haylee Toomer, 16th - Sonya Alexander,

17th - Char Gilland, 18th - Sue Wessels, 21st - Elaine Hagen, Julie Salmon

Anniversaries: Today - Shannon & Raymond Sweetman, Gary & Jenifer Hindt,

17th - Kory & Brittany Schneider, 18th - Mike & Connie Bentson, 21st - Nathan & Valerie Stephens

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, Joyce McKay

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.