

August 22, 2021
Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

L: Jesus has the words of eternal life;

P: He is the Holy One of God.

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

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, You have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

***Call of Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our failure to be what You created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. By Your loving mercy, help us to live in Your light and abide in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

***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: Psalm 34:15-22

If you obey the Lord, he will watch over you and answer your prayers. 16 But God despises evil people, and he will wipe them all from the earth, till they are forgotten. 17 When his people pray for help, he listens and rescues them from their troubles. 18 The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope. 19 The Lord's people may suffer a lot, but he will always bring them safely through. 20 Not one of their bones will ever be broken. 21 Wicked people are killed by their own evil deeds, and if you hate God's people you will be punished. 22 The Lord saves the lives of his servants. Run to him for protection, and you won't be punished.

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong. 11 Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks. 12 We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world. 13 So put on all the armor that God gives. Then when that evil day[a] comes, you will be able to defend yourself. And when the battle is over, you will still be standing firm. 14 Be ready! Let the truth be like a belt around your waist, and let God's justice protect you like armor. 15 Your desire to tell the good news about peace should be like shoes on your feet. 16 Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Let God's saving power be like a helmet, and for a sword use God's message that comes from the Spirit. 18 Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people. 19 Pray that I will be given the message to speak and that I may fearlessly explain the mystery about the good news. 20 I was sent to do this work, and that's the reason I am in jail. So pray that I will be brave and will speak as I should.

Sermon

***Hymn #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"**

1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

2 I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. **[Refrain]**

3 I need thee every hour; teach me thy will, and thy rich promises in me fulfil. **[Refrain]**

4 I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. **[Refrain]**

***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

***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**

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.



August 22, 2021 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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***Hymn #394**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Year of Equality

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” -Mother Teresa

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. 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!

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

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, August 22: 9:00 am: Worship (masks worn and no music)
10:15 am: Traditional Worship

The Church Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

Monday, August 23: 1:00 pm: Pastor Scott has a Presbytery Zoom Call
7:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 25: 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lois Davis
3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Pam Iverson
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Marlys Mathiowetz

Thursday, August 26: 9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett

Friday, August 27: 1:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lucille Byram

Sunday, August 29: 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 Ushers: Head Usher Scott Goodyear, Mike & Connie Bentson, Rachel Karnitz, Robb & Robin Schneider, Kory Schneider, Dale Starr, Don Dagner, Gene & Fae Becklund

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 through the month of September.** 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: 25th - Lorrie Quinn, Donovan Sharpe, 27th - Sue Osborne, 28th - Doug Jensen

Anniversaries: 25th - Mark & Deanie Fuhr

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.