

**August 8, 2021**  
**Assemble in God's Name**

**Prelude:** Karen Speros

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Call to Worship**

L: We will bless the Lord at all times;

**P: God's praise shall continually be on our lips.**

L: O magnify the Lord with me,

**P: Let us exalt God's name together.**

L: When we seek God, God will answer us,

**P: And deliver us from all our fears.**

L: Look to God with radiance,

**P: May we never be ashamed of worshiping God.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Ancient of Days, You formed us from the stardust of the universe, shaping us into Your image, and breathing Your spirit into us. May we remember that we are from the stars and from the earth. May we recall Your great love for us that molds and shapes us into who we are. May we know how precious we are to You, and to one another. May we view one another as You view us: a treasured child, a holy gift, unique, loved, and needed in this world. May we shine as Your stars while staying rooted to what You have created us to be. Amen.

**\*Hymn #1**

***"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"***

**1** *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**2** *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea, cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

**3** *Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy, there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

**4** *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

**\*Call of Confession**

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession together, praying...

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord of Life, we confess that we have sought to save ourselves first. We claim to follow Your ways, to follow Jesus who laid down his life for us, but at the first sign of conflict, we become defensive, we look to shore up our possessions, and we hold on to our pride. Forgive us for not understanding sacrifice. Forgive us for not becoming last of all and servant of all. Call us into accountability for our own actions of self-preservation, instead of living into Your ways of love, mercy, and justice. In the name of Jesus, who gave over his life for us, we pray.

**\*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

We have all fallen short, and we've all been selfish at times. God knows this, because God knows you and loves you despite your faults and shortcomings. God made us all a bit imperfect, and that's okay. We learn, we grow, we fail, we forgive. Continue to grow with God, to learn to do better, strive to do good, and know that you are not alone on this journey of faith. Forgive one another, and it shall go well with you. 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 130

*From a sea of troubles I call out to you, Lord. 2 Won't you please listen as I beg for mercy? 3 If you kept record of our sins, no one could last long. 4 But you forgive us, and so we will worship you. 5 With all my heart, I am waiting, Lord, for you! I trust your promises. 6 I wait for you more eagerly than a soldier on guard duty waits for the dawn. Yes, I wait more eagerly than a soldier on guard duty waits for the dawn. 7 Israel, trust the Lord! He is always merciful, and he has the power to save you. 8 Israel, the Lord will save you from all of your sins.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

*25 We are part of the same body. Stop lying and start telling each other the truth. 26 Don't get so angry that you sin. Don't go to bed angry 27 and don't give the devil a chance. 28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Be honest and work hard, so you will have something to give to people in need. 29 Stop all your dirty talk. Say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say. 30 Don't make God's Spirit sad. The Spirit makes you sure that someday you will be free from your sins. 31 Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. 32 Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ. 5 Do as God does. After all, you are his dear children. 2 Let love be your guide. Christ loved us[a] and offered his life for us as a sacrifice that pleases God.*

## Sermon

\*Hymn #444

### ***"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"***

**1** *'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

**2** *How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart, that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

**3** *In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!*

**4** *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease. Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

**\*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**

## 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 8, 2021 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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## Give Thanks to God

### **God's Tithes and Your Offering Received**

**Offertory:** Karen Speros

### **\*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**

Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of Your work in this church and the wider world, for Your glory. Amen.

### **Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn #525**

***"Let Us Break Bread Together"***

**1** *Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees.*

**Refrain:** *When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

**2** *Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees) let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

**3** *Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees) let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Karen Speros

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

## Year of Equality

Did you know? You can help decrease food insecurity among Black, Indigenous, and Latino Americans by supporting programs that increase access to local, healthy, food choices. Make a donation to We Got This Milwaukee. Order maple syrup or wild rice from Native Harvest. Contact your representative and ask him or her to support investments in urban agriculture.

***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 8:** 9:00 am: Worship with Holy Communion (masks worn and no music)

10:15 am: Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

**Monday, August 9:** 11:00 am: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

**Tuesday, August 10:** 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dorothy Symes & Bunny Nolting

2:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Joyce McKay

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting

3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits John & Sue Tiffany

**Wednesday, August 11:** Youth Valleyfair Trip

**Thursday, August 12:** 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ardis Alexander

9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Barb Brown

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Laura Kohler

3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Doreen Steenblock

**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

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

**August Communion Servers: Current Ruling Elder Deb Hess**, Dan Tiffany, Scott Goodyear, Karen Speros, Adrienne Danielson, Julie Rienstra, Joleen MacHolda

***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:** 10th - Kanyon Hicks, 11th - Corrine & August Danielson, 12th - Lucille Byram, Alexander Rohne, 14th - Jenifer Hindt

**Anniversaries:** 14th - Robb & Robin Schneider, Brenda & Ryan Becklund

**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.**