

September 12, 2021
Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 136:1-3)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

P: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods,

P: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

P: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, we thank You for everyone gathered here now. Thank You that You know each of us by name and have caused us to walk with You. We say that we are dependent on You and our trust is in You completely. As we surrender ourselves in adoration we ask that You would come by Your Holy Spirit and inspire our hearts today. Come fill our lives with Your love, Fill our conversations with Your grace and truth, Fill this worship service with Your presence. We ask this for Your glory and praise. 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**

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:16,17) Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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 19

The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what he has done. 2 Each day informs the following day; each night announces to the next. 3 They don't speak a word, and there is never the sound of a voice. 4 Yet their message reaches all the earth, and it travels around the world. In the heavens a tent is set up for the sun. 5 It rises like a bridegroom and gets ready like a hero eager to run a race. 6 It travels all the way across the sky. Nothing hides from its heat. 7 The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people. 8 The Lord's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad. His commands shine brightly, and they give us light. 9 Worshiping the Lord is sacred; he will always be worshiped. All of his decisions are correct and fair. 10 They are worth more than the finest gold and are sweeter than honey from a honeycomb. 11 By your teachings, Lord, I am warned; by obeying them, I am greatly rewarded. 12 None of us know our faults. Forgive me when I sin without knowing it. 13 Don't let me do wrong on purpose, Lord, or let sin have control over my life. Then I will be innocent, and not guilty of some terrible fault. 14 Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, Lord, because you are my mighty rock[a] and my protector.

Scripture Lesson: James 3:1-12

My friends, we should not all try to become teachers. In fact, teachers will be judged more strictly than others. 2 All of us do many wrong things. But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body. 3 By putting a bit into the mouth of a horse, we can turn the horse in different directions. 4 It takes strong winds to move a large sailing ship, but the captain uses only a small rudder to make it go in any direction. 5 Our tongues are

small too, and yet they brag about big things. It takes only a spark to start a forest fire! 6 The tongue is like a spark. It is an evil power that dirties the rest of the body and sets a person's entire life on fire with flames that come from hell itself. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures can be tamed and have been tamed. 8 But our tongues get out of control. They are restless and evil, and always spreading deadly poison. 9-10 My dear friends, with our tongues we speak both praises and curses. We praise our Lord and Father, and we curse people who were created to be like God, and this isn't right. 11 Can clean water and dirty water both flow from the same spring? 12 Can a fig tree produce olives or a grapevine produce figs? Does fresh water come from a well full of salt water?

Sermon

*Hymn #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1 *Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

2 *Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

3 *Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit 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;

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.



September 12, 2021 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Mission: Dorie Oja

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**

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank You, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all You have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever You might take us. Amen.

***Hymn #526**

"Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: *Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Year of Equality

Did you know? Minnesota has one of the nation's worst education achievement gaps. In 2019 we ranked 50th for racial disparities in high school graduation rates. (White and Asian students have the highest four-year graduation rate in the state; 89%. Native Americans have Minnesota's lowest four year graduation rate; 57%).

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, September 12: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, September 13: Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting
7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 14: 6:30 pm: Pastor Scott has Meeting with Amboy Session

Wednesday, September 15: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

6:00 pm: Confirmation Orientation

7:00 pm: Christian Education & Sunday School teacher's meeting

Thursday, Septembers 16: 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Rick Hauge

10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson

Noon: Pastor Scott has SEI Board Meeting

8:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

Friday, September 17: Chimes Deadline

Sunday, September 19: 9:00 am: Sunday School Kick-Off

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Confirmation Class will start on **Wednesday, September 15**, at 6pm.

Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 19**, at 9:00 am.

Youth Club starts on **Wednesday, September 22**, from 3:45-5:45 pm, with no meal being served.

Presbyterian 4Hs (Holiness, Hands, Heart, Head) 7-12th graders will start on **Wednesday, September 22**, from 7-8 pm.

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

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

Imagination Library ~ Are you an "Imagination Angel"?! 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).

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

Surveys from Session ~ There is still time to fill out the two surveys! You can fill them out via the link that was sent to your email, or by paper copy. Let Tina know if you need one. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sponsor a Backpack: The Deacons are still working on their "Backpacks for Mexico" project through the month of September! They are challenging all church members to sponsor a backpack with a \$10 donation each! *Note: Please include your name on your donation. The backpacks will be personalized for distribution.*

You're Invited ~ St. Catherine's Annual Fall Festival is **today**, from 11 am - 2 pm. Lunch will be served from 11 am - 1 pm. There are children's and adult games, face painting, a cake walk, bingo, silent auction and so much more!

Pray for The Following:

Prayer for Members of our Church Family that are having upcoming surgery: Winston Venable is having heart surgery on September 17. Please keep Winston in your thoughts and prayers.

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 - Jeanette Kotval, Charlie Milhausen, 14th - Don Quinn, 15 - Tegan Hicks, 16th - Candy Zaske, Hunter Rebstock, Ethan Dalbec, 17th - Pete Fuhr, 18th - Mike Dahmes

Anniversaries: 13th - Bob & Sonya Alexander

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, Janean 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.