

**September 19, 2021**  
**Assemble in God's Name**

**Prelude:** Elaine Hagen

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

**P: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.**

L: God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

**P: God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.**

**All: So then, let us worship God.**

**Prayer of Invocation** (based on Psalm 25: 1-5)

To You, O God, we lift up our souls. To You we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make Your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For You alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

**\*Hymn #12**                      **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**1** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

**2** *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

**3** *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

**4** *Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

**\*Call of Confession**

While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing. Let us pray as we say,

**\*Prayer of Confession**

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand Your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in Your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into Your tender arms, and teach us peace,

gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

**P: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, 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**

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 1

*God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. 2 Instead, the Law of the Lord makes them happy, and they think about it day and night. 3 They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do. 4 That isn't true of those who are evil, because they are like straw blown by the wind. 5 Sinners won't have an excuse on the day of judgment, and they won't have a place with the people of God. 6 The Lord protects everyone who follows him, but the wicked follow a road that leads to ruin.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9:30-37

*30 Jesus left with his disciples and started through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know about it, 31 because he was teaching the disciples that the Son of Man would be handed over to people who would kill him. But three days later he would rise to life. 32 The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant, and they were afraid to ask. 33 Jesus and his disciples went to his home in Capernaum. After they were inside the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about along the way?" 34 They had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest, and so they did not answer. 35 After Jesus sat down and told the twelve disciples to gather around him, he said, "If you want the place of honor, you must become a slave and serve others!" 36 Then Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said, 37 "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me."*

## Sermon

### \*Hymn #188

### **"Jesus Loves Me!"**

**1** *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.*

**Refrain:** *Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**2** *Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [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 forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Minute for Mission

### 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.*

## 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 19, 2021 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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### \*Offertory Prayer

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### \*Hymn #840 "It Is Well With My Soul"

*1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain:** *It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]*

*3 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]*

*4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]*

### \*Benediction

\*Postlude: Elaine Hagen

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### Year of Equality

Did you know? You can help close the education gap in Minnesota. Advocate for equal access to early childhood education. Support the proposed amendment to the MN constitution that would guarantee an "equal right to quality public education" for every child in the state. Amplify Native American voices in MN schools by supporting the curriculum building work of Dakota Wichon with a financial contribution, or contact the organization to see if there is another way you can contribute. Donate to collegiate scholarships for students of color who are studying to be teachers. Volunteer to tutor local students.

**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!**

**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.*

### Looking at the Week Ahead:

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

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

**September 20-21:** Pastor Scott will attend the Minnesota Valley Pastor Retreat

**Wednesday, September 22:** 3:00 pm: Pastor Scott has a Zoom Meeting

3:45-5:45 pm: Youth Club

6:00 pm: Confirmation

7:00-8:00 pm: 4Hs

**Thursday, Septembers 23:** 9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Ardis Alexander

10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Barb Brown

Noon: Pastor Scott has SEI Board Meeting

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dorothy Symes

2:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting

3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Joyce McKay

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting

**Sunday, September 26:** 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: 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!

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

**October Communion Servers:** Ruling Elder Adrienne Danielson, Lynn Juell, Scott Goodyear, Rick Hauge, Nathan Stephens, Deb Hess, Laura Kohler

**October Ushers:** Head Usher Rick Hauge, Nathan, Valerie & Blake Stephens, Brian & Stephanie Klavetter, Gerald Patten, Donovan Sharpe, Joleen MacHolda

**Pray for The Following:**

**Prayer for Members of our Church Family who have recently had surgery:** Winston Venable had heart surgery. Please continue to keep Winston in your thoughts and prayers.

**Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one:** Kathy Tiffany passed away on September 7 after a 14 year battle with cancer. Please keep her family and friends 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 - Mike Salmon, Eloise Brozek, 20th - Brian Klavetter,  
25th - Dale Starr, Delaney Kramer, Samantha Palmer

**Anniversaries:** 23rd - Bob & Bunny Nolting

**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:** Julie Fiala's sister Jill Nelson

**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.**