

November 14, 2021
Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen
Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55)

L: Come, all you who are thirsty,

C: come to the waters;

L: and you who have no money,

C: come buy and eat!

L: Give ear and come to Me;

C: listen, that you may live.

All: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

Prayer of Invocation

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, it is You we need and You we seek. It is You that fills our lungs with breath, our minds with wisdom, and our hearts with love. It is You who binds us to one another, our neighbors, and all of Creation. It is You we must cling to in times of trial, and You we get to dance with in our joy. Reveal to us now Your presence. Amen.

Hymn #735** ***"I Need Thee Every Hour" (vs. 1 & 2)

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]**

***Call of Confession**

Brothers and sisters let us confess our sins to God and each other.

***Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, Friend Jesus, Breath of Life, do we know You? Do we trust You? Do we recognize You in the eyes of a wandering stranger? Do we hear You on the lips of a far-off neighbor crying out "I thirst!"? Do we gratefully receive Your blessings? Do we strive to live in peace with everyone? Do we worship You, not just with our lips, but with our whole lives? Too often we have failed to be who You created and call us to be. Pour Your grace upon. Free us to more fully known and follow You.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

You are forgiven! We are forgiven! All that separated us from God, one another, and Creation has been swept away. Trust that the Spirit of Love has renewed a right heart within you, and is enabling you to follow the Way of Christ with fresh vigor, gladness, purpose, and grace. 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: Daniel 12:1-3

Michael, the chief of the angels, is the protector of your people, and he will come at a time of terrible suffering, the worst in all of history. And your people who have their names written in The Book[a] will be protected. 2 Many of those who lie dead in the ground will rise from death. Some of them will be given eternal life, and others will receive nothing but eternal shame and disgrace. 3 Everyone who has been wise will shine as bright as the sky above, and everyone who has led others to please God will shine like the stars.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look at these beautiful stones and wonderful buildings!" 2 Jesus replied, "Do you see these huge buildings? They will certainly be torn down! Not one stone will be left in place." 3 Later, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him in private. 4 They asked, "When will these things happen? What will be the sign that they are about to take place?" 5 Jesus answered: Watch out and don't let anyone fool you! 6 Many will come and claim to be me. They will use my name and fool many people. 7 When you hear about wars and threats of wars, don't be afraid. These things will have to happen first, but that isn't the end. 8 Nations and kingdoms will go to war against each other. There will be earthquakes in many places, and people will starve to death. But this is just the beginning of troubles.

Sermon: Rev. John Robertson

***Hymn #215**

"What Wondrous Love is This"

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

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.

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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Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Worship Leader: Adrienne Danielson, Guest Speaker: Rev. John Robertson



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*Offertory Prayer

Holy Source of all Goodness and Life, we now return to You a portion of what You have entrusted to us. Use it to bring Your Kingdom to Earth, as it is in Heaven. Knit us more closely together with the eternal thread of Your love. Feed the hungry. Comfort the grieving. Heal the sick. Free the oppressed. And glorify Your name. Amen.

*Hymn #300

"We are One in the Spirit"

1 *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2 *We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain.***

3 *We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save humans pride. **Refrain***

4 *All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Chris Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise the Spirit, who makes us one: **Refrain***

*Benediction

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Year of Equality

Did you know? Many Native American religious and cultural practices were once banned in the United States. Indigenous Americans gained freedom of religion in 1978 with the passage of the "Indian Religious Freedom Act". Today many Indigenous organizations are working to preserve and transmit life-ways once marginalized by government policy. To support this work in Minnesota donate to Dakota Wicohan or The White Earth Land Recovery Project.

Equality Library

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15

It can be hard to understand the complexities of racism in 21st century America, and even harder to know what to do about it. Thankfully, God has provided us with many guides for the journey! Please check out a book from the "Equality Library" and read up. The books are located in the narthex, at the top of the stairs.

-The Matthew 25 Committee

Turkey Dinner... Special thanks to all who helped make the turkey dinner successful this year. Thank you all for your flexibility and your commitment to the church. ~Dan and Dave

Mittens & More Trees ~ We are collecting items for Share the Spirit with our Mittens & More Trees in the Narthex. Please donate new items including; toys, arts/crafts supplies, games, puzzles, quilts, blankets, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. The trees will be up until December 5! Thank you!

November Ushers: Head Usher Fred Bloedow, Jenny Bloedow, Shaun & Becky Bruns, Kevin Zaske, Shannon Sweetman, Nicole VanderLinden, Dave Gertsema

December Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Scott Kohler, Fred & Jenny Bloedow, Nathan Stephens, Karen Speros, Leon King, Kathy Peterson

December Ushers: Head Usher Dan Fuhr, Ella & Max Fuhr, Randy & Lynn Juell, Brent Prouty, Aaron Rohlik, Paige Paplow, Keegan, Shellie & Kyron Mammen, Pete Fuhr

Deacon of the Month: Kathy Peterson, **Today's Greeters:** Leon & Sharon King, Marlys Verdoes

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Monday, November 8-21: Pastor Scott will be on vacation. Rev. Anna Williamson will cover in case of any pastoral emergencies. Cell Phone Number: 320-305-3046

Sunday, November 14: 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker

Tuesday, November 16: 7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:45-5:45 pm: Youth Club

Sunday, November 21: 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker

Following Worship: the Stephens Family Packing Weekend Food Bags

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

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

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!

Pray for The Following:

Pray for Members of our Church Family that are hospitalized: Bob Nolting;

Bob is hospitalized in the St. Cloud hospital following a stroke. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

Pray for friends of the congregation that have lost a loved one: Troy Krause, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Milroy, lost his father, Lauren Krause. Please keep the family of Lauren Krause 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 - Lynnda McNelly, Charlotte Schneider, 15th - Rev. Pamela Prouty, Lauren Miller,

16th - Gerry Hess, 17th - Scott Kohler, Ella Dalbec, 18th - Darrell Fuhr

Anniversaries: 17th - Todd & Kathy Peterson, 20th - David & Penny Fuhr, Sheena & Clay Rudenick

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.