

Assemble in God's Name

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Prelude**

Karen Speros

**Welcome**

**Read Vision Statement**

*God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.*

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 136:1-13)

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**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ the Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn #664**      *"Morning Has Broken"*

**\*Call to Confession**

*If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1,2)*

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

**\*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are God's children. 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**

*"You Raise Me Up"*

Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading:** Matthew 19:13-14

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**Moment for Children:** Pastor Scott

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 139

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**Sermon**

**\*Hymn #488**

*"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Give Thanks to God

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

**Offertory**

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**\*Responsive Hymn #647 "Give Thanks"**

*1 Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*2 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give You glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn #839**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

***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!**

**Bible Study** ~ We have two weekly Bible Studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (Deuteronomy) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Matthew). All are welcome!

**Choir Practice** ~ Choir practice has officially started! We are always welcoming new members! Please feel free to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15, in the choir room.

**Youth Activities** ~ Kids in K-4th grade are invited to the **Youth Club Kickoff** on **Wednesday, September 28**, from 3:45-5:45 pm. A meal will be served at 5:45 pm, and everyone is welcome! Parents are asked to attend the beginning of Youth Club to go over more information about the year's coming events!

Kids in 5th-12th grade and their families are invited to the **Youth Faith in Action Kickoff** on **Wednesday, September 28**, from 5:45-7 pm, with a meal being served at 5:45 pm. Parents are invited to join their child for the meal, fellowship and to discuss this year's events including the Urban Plunge Mission Trip.

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Christian Education will be serving meals on Wednesday nights at 5:45 pm. We need volunteers for these meals. If you are interested in signing up to make a meal or two ;) please contact Pastor Scott.

**Thank You** ~ Thank you to Max and Connie Bentson for packing weekend food bags last week. We appreciate your dedication to this great project. We are helping so many kids from our community that are in need.

**Meals on Wheels** ~ The Deacons are in charge of Meals on Wheels delivery in October. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

**Ruby's Pantry:** Ruby's Pantry will be Tuesday, September 20, and we are in need of volunteers. Please email Ruby's Pantry to sign up to help. [rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com](mailto:rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com)

**Weekend Food Bags** ~ Our church has partnered with the Methodist Church for the past 10 years to pack Weekend Food Bags for students at our local elementary school that struggle with lack of food availability. We are currently packing around 35-40 bags every other week. These bags include a breakfast, lunch and dinner items. We add a snack or treat to the bags when available. **This is where we need your help...** We are seeking donations of snacks and treats! Pre-packaged items like; Ramen, rice crispy bars, granola bars, small candy treats, popcorn or crackers. This is an ongoing project, so we ask that you think about this project as you are shopping throughout the year.

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

**September Communion Servers:** Ruling Elder Molly Miller, Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Dave Danielson, Drew Osborne, Katherine Brozek, Nick Brozek

**Deacon of the Month:** Katherine Brozek

**Today's Greeters:** Shannon Sweetman, Kevin McKay

## 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 18, 2022**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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### **Looking at the Week Ahead**

**Sunday, September 18:** 9:00 am: Sunday School Kickoff  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship

**September 19-24:** Pastor Scott will be out of the office attending a Pastor's Retreat at Clearwater Forest Camp. Rev. Anna Williamson will cover in case of any pastoral emergencies. Please call her cell phone, 320-305-3046, and leave a message.

**Tuesday, September 20:** 4-6:30 pm: Ruby's Pantry

**Wednesday, September 21:** 9:00 am: Piecemakers

**Sunday, September 25:** 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Klavetter 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!

### **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:** Today - Mike Dahmes, 19th - Mike Salmon, Eloise Brozek, 20th - Brian Klavetter

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

**Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care:** Dorothy Symes, Jeanette Kotval, Janean McKay

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**

Millie Bunting, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Lucille Byram

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** Sharon, King, Ralph Revier, Julie Fiala's sister; Jill Nelson

**If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.**