

## Assemble in God's Name

### Ringing of the Church Bell

#### Prelude

Elaine Hagen

#### 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

One: Worship is the heartbeat of the church.

#### Many: Worship gathers us in.

One: Worship sends us out.

#### Many: One day in. Six days out. One day in. Six days out.

One: The rhythm of a healthy heart: in and out.

#### Many: The rhythm of a healthy church: in and out.

One: Gathered and scattered. Welcomed and sent.

#### Many: We offer this heartbeat of our worship to You today, Our God.

#### Prayer of Invocation

Trinitarian God, we gather this morning from all over our Presbytery; we gather from the places You have called us to serve. We bring with us the stories of our six-days-out. We bring prayers for colleagues and employers, for teachers and classmates, for clients and customers, for families and friends and organizations that we serve as volunteers. We bring the fruit of our labor – gifts that we will offer to You today from the work we have done, or perhaps from the work done in years gone by through social security received, and savings accounts and pensions. We are workers, past and present, paid and volunteer, and we gather in Jesus' Name to worship You today. Receive our worship as our gift of love for You and guide our worship that we might be ready to serve You in our six-days-out when we leave this place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*Hymn #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#### \*Call to Confession

*Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)* Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect

and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life. 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

*"With My Song"*

Chancel Choir

#### Moment for Children

**Scripture Lesson:** *Scripture Lessons will be read throughout the Sermon: Genesis 2:15; Exodus 1:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Deuteronomy 26:1, 2, 4, 5, 8-11; Romans 12:1*

**Sermon:** The Theology of Work Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller

#### \*Hymn #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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

#### Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Unison of Prayer

Gracious God who comes to us with compassion and mercy all the days of our lives, help us to know nothing will ever separate us from Your love. We boldly ask for Your Spirit's leading and guiding in our homes, in our churches and in our community.

We lift up those who work, as well as those who are unable to work, or those seeking employment this day. You O God know our needs as we pray for all who strive to provide for their families and need Your grace and Your hope for each day.

We thank You for farmers who feed this nation, who care for the earth, who plant and nurture and harvest. Those who care for livestock and for each other. As they continue to harvest, we ask You to give them strength and the blessing of abundance.

For children and their families as they return to a new school year, we pray for safety. May Your hedge of protection be around our children, their teachers and each school building this year. Give teachers energy, patience and love for each child as they share knowledge daily. For parents who juggle schedules, finances, childcare responsibilities as well as caring for each child's individual needs, we pray for Your help O Lord.

For front line workers who daily risk their lives for the good of all we pray. For police officers and fire fighters who run toward a crisis; health care workers who risk their own health to care for an ill patient; social workers who hear the worse of society and bravely help those in need over and over we pray to the Lord. We lift up workers who serve by waiting tables, cutting hair, milking cows, driving truck, cleaning rooms, or working in manufacturing with all its demands. Lord, care for the workers of this nation.

We pray for nations at war and the threat of war in our world today. You alone can change hearts and we ask you to usher in peace that only You can bring to this hurting world. Lord in Your mercy.

We pray for the church universal and for all churches in our communities. We know we are stronger when we are united and work for the common good of all. For You, O God, meet us in the contour of our need with Your grace. We lift up the churches in our Presbytery and pray for strong committed leadership and unity as the gospel is proclaimed and all people cared for with compassion. For churches searching for pastoral leadership we pray for Your Spirit's leading.

For prayers spoken and unspoken we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Lord in Your mercy.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Give Thanks to God**

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

**Offertory** (*While background music plays, prayerfully consider how you will give your work to God today.*)  
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#### **\*Responsive Hymn #606 "The Doxology"**

*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**

Let us pray. Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

#### **\*Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto the things that are good. Return no one evil for evil but give strength to those who are fainthearted, helping those who are afflicted, giving honor to all of God's creation. Go and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

#### **\*Postlude**

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

## **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 25, 2022**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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### **Announcements For This Morning's Worship Service**

- Please have your Bible ready today. Instead of reading scripture passages before the sermon, scripture will be woven throughout the sermon, and you will be invited to follow along.
- We are grateful to Rev. Val Putnam from our Luverne Presbyterian Church for writing today's "Prayers for the People."
- The prayer of confession and benediction is reprinted by permission from our Book of Common Worship, 1993, Westminster John Knox Press.
- The rest of the liturgy and sermon were influenced by the book, "*Work and Worship, Reconnecting our Labor and Liturgy* by Matthew Kaemingk and Cory B. Willson," and by conversation with the Zoom Book Study group that is reading that same title, and by visits to the churches of our Presbytery.
- We are especially grateful to Hope Church in Spicer, and to Daryl Taatjes, the audio/video technician who recorded the original version of the sermon. We appreciate the generosity and kindness of Daryl, who retired from working for AT&T and from being the Network Coordinator for the Wilmar Public Schools. He shared his talent with us. However, the final recording was a home-recorded version.

***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!

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 the Klavetter Family for packing weekend food bags this week. We appreciate your dedication to this great project. We are helping so many kids from our community that are in need.

***Thank You*** ~ Sue Osborne thank you for your 10 plus years dedicated to the weekend food bags project! We have packed (if our calculations are right ;)...) roughly 10,800 bags containing 32,400 meals over those 10 plus years! So many children have benefited from this project! Thank You Sue!

***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.

***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 noodles, 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

**October Communion Servers:** Ruling Elder Nathan Stephens, Julie Fiala, Rick Hauge, Kathy Peterson, Molly Miller, Drew Osborne, Michael Joldersma

**Deacon of the Month:** Katherine Brozek

**Today's Greeters:** Aaron & Amber Rohlik, Mike & Connie Bentson

### Looking at the Week Ahead

<b>Sunday, September 25:</b>	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship
	Following Worship:	Klavetter Family packing Weekend Food Bags
<b>Monday, September 26:</b>	11:00 am:	Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting
	Noon:	Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 28:</b>	7:00 am:	Old Testament Bible Study
	2:00 pm:	New Testament Bible Study
	3:45 pm:	Youth Club
	5:45 pm:	Meal
	6:00 pm:	Youth Faith in Action
<b>Thursday, September 29:</b>	10:30 am:	Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson
	2:00 pm:	Pastor Scott visits Mark & Dorie Oja
	3:30pm:	Pastor Scott visits Leon & Sharon King
<b>Sunday, October 2:</b>	9:00 am:	Sunday School
	9:15 am:	Choir Practice
	10:15 am:	Worship with Holy Communion

### **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 Members of our Church Family that have recently passed away;** Darrell Fuhr; Darrell passed away on September 21, please keep Darrell's family 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 - Dale Starr, Delaney Kramer, Samantha Palmer,

26th - Paige Kaupang, Addison Bruns, 28th - Elliott Klavetter, Laura Kohler, Dody Fuhr,

30th - Gary Hindt, October 1st - Cooper Plotz

**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.**