

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.

November 27, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Elaine Hagen

Ring of the Church Bell Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting Reading: Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

Reader: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them, light shone.... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Isaiah 9:2, 6, NRSV).

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, the unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. *(Light a purple candle.)*

Hymn ***"Advent Song" (vs. 1)***

1 Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun; we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day.

Refrain *Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

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Call to Worship

L: The Liberator is on the way!

P: We're watching and waiting.

L: The Liberator will arrive soon!

P: Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Lift up your hearts; Lift up your heads,

P: so that the Liberator can come in.

L: We are watching; we are waiting; we are anticipating....

ALL: The Coming of our Liberator, The King of Glory, The Savior of the world!

Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, we praise You for stepping out of eternity to enter this world through Your Son, Jesus. In doing so, You gave us the perfect example for Christian life. You gave of Yourself so that others would learn to follow You. Help us to be transformed by Your presence today so that we might teach others to follow You. Amen.

***Hymn #88**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession:**

We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Christ has paid the price for your sin because He sought your presence in the house of God. When we confess our sin, we no longer have to fear the throne of judgment. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

Response Hymn #136 *"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

"Child of Peace"

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children

Pastor Scott

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-18,23-24

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Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

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Reflections of Urban Plunge Mission Trip to Omaha: Some members of the Mission Team including Faith Bruns, Elliott Klavetter, Stephanie Klavetter, A. J. Miller, Lauren Miller, Tony Miller, Pastor Scott Prouty, Claire Stephens

***Hymn #123**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

***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

Elaine Hagen

*Responsive Hymn #151 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs. 1)*

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

*Offertory Prayer

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. Hope for Your coming reign; hope because of Your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for Your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

*Hymn #145 *"What Child is This?"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Elaine Hagen

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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

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!

Weekend Food Bags ~ We are seeking donations of snacks and treats for the Weekend Food Bags! 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.

Quilts For Sale... Piecemakers have quilts for sale in the Youth Chapel **THIS SUNDAY!** They have many great gift options to keep your friends and family warm this winter! *****There will also be a Share the Spirit table... You can buy quilts for half price to be donated to Share the Spirit!**

M & M Trees... The Deacons will be sponsoring the Mittens and More trees once again. You can bring your items and place them under the Christmas trees in the Narthex. Items will be delivered to "Share the Spirit." Please donate new items including toys, arts & craft supplies, games, puzzles, quilts, blankets, hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves. Thank you for supporting this ministry. **Items will be taken to Share the Spirit on November 30!**

Christmas Decorating ~ Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating!

Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner ~ We will be having a Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner following our 5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please let Pastor Scott know if you will be attending the dinner. We are looking for volunteers to work, donations of soup/stew, desserts and meat and cheese trays. If you can help in any way please let Pastor Scott know.

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Thanksgiving Offering ~ Our Thanksgiving Service offering to the food shelf was \$498.

November Ushers: Shaun & Becky Bruns, Kevin Zaske, Shannon Sweetman, Nicole VanderLinden, Dave & Corrine Gertsema

December Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Dave Danielson, Nathan Stephens, Shari Fuhr, Scott Goodyear, Leon King

Deacon of the Month: Kathy Peterson

Today's Greeters: Robb & Robin Schneider, Kory & Brittany Schneider

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 27:

First Sunday of Advent

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

11:30 am: Pastor Scott Rotary

Monday, November 28:

10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett

Tuesday, November 29:

Wednesday, November 30:

7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study

2:00 pm: Old Testament Bible Study

3:45 pm: Youth Club

5:45 pm: Meal (Klavetter)

6:00 pm: Youth Faith in Action - BINGO

Thursday, December 1:

10-3:00 pm: Pastor Scott Meeting - Willmar

Sunday, December 4:

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion

Following Worship: Congregational Meeting

Packing Weekend Food Bags (Bentson)

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 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 - Brian Kohler, 28th - JoAnne Carroll, 29th - Lori Rebstock, 30th - Ryan Quinn

December 1st - Connie Bentson, Shari Fuhr, 2nd - Shyla Burg, 3rd - Mackenzie Toomer

Anniversaries: Today - Ryan & Brianna Rohlik

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes, Jeanette Kotval, John Tiffany

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.



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