

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringling of the Church Bell/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

L: Gather all of you with friends in high places!

P: Soar on the music to the God who transcends all things.

L: Gather all of you with friends in low places.

P: Christ has accompanied us in dire times. Let the promises of Jesus now lift us up with promise and hope.

L: Gather as friends on middle ground where the Divine and temporal meet.

P: And the Holy Spirit encourages us to live ever deeper, high, and wider into our faith.

Prayer of Invocation

Reveal Your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As You did to Your servants at the foot of the mountain, send Your Spirit to show us Your story. May the brilliance of Your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim Your Word and may we, Your people, be never unable to tell all of that we have heard.

~ Written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life

*Hymn #406 **"Holy Ground"**
#616 **"Awesome God"**
#627 **"I Love You, Lord"**

***Call to Confession**

Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of Your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as Your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

~ Written by Rev. Dr. David Bahr, pastor of Park Hill Congregational United Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado

***Response Hymn #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem **"Rejoice"**

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children:

Ann Tiffany

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

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Sermon **"They Went High Up on the Mountain"**

Pastor Gwen Bohlke

*Hymn #192 **"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"**

*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 #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**

*Hymn #634 **"To God Be the Glory"**

***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 (1 Samuel) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Luke). **We will resume on Feb. 22, AT THE MANSE.**

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.

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!

Pastor's Announcement ~ Dear Congregation, Thank you for the visits, the cards, the We Care Poster, the flowers, the food, the phone calls, the prayer shawl, the social media messages, the loans of medical equipment and the wonderful prayers! The surgery went well. I thankfully do not have pain when I walk or do stairs. Now, I am dealing with strenuous physical therapy, pain management and mobility issues. Getting in and out of the car is difficult. I am not sure when I will be able to drive again. Thanks for your kindness, support and well wishes. Feel free to stop in at the manse and say "hi" but call first. In Christ's Love, Pastor Scott Prouty

Diane Aakre ~ If you would like to send a card to Diane Aakre, her address is:

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Mankato, MN 56001

February Ushers: Head Usher: Bob Alexander, Dan Alexander, Kyle, Kayden & Kanyon Hicks, Todd & Kathy Peterson

March Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Dave Danielson, Laura Kohler, Nick Brozek, Katherine Brozek, Leon King, Dan Alexander, Julie Fiala

Deacon of the Month: Shannon Sweetman

Today's Greeter: Don Dagner

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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February 19, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty - Guest Speaker: Pastor Gwen Bohlke



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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 - Annie Bloedow, Shawn Corder, 21st - Peggy Dolezal, 23rd - Noelle Donner, 25th - Lee Davis, Randy Juell, 26th: Nathan Zimmerman

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes, Jeanette Kotval, Diane Aakre

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, Mark Pankonin (Shari Fuhr's brother)

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

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, February 19:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Tuesday, February 21:

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, February 22:

7:00 am: **New Testament Bible Study @ the Manse**

2:00 pm: **Old Testament Bible Study @ the Manse**

6-6:30 pm: Friendship Meal - Everyone is welcome!

6:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service - Youth Sing

Thursday, February 23:

Pastor Scott's Visits Rescheduled

Sunday, February 26:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Monday, February 27:

7:00 pm: **Session Meeting @ the Manse**

Tuesday, February 28:

Pastor Scott's Visits Rescheduled

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

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