

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Karen Speros

Ring 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

Leader: God is calling us,

People: deeper into His Presence.

Leader: God is calling us,

People: out of ourselves.

Leader: God is calling us,

People: back into Reality.

Leader: Together, as one body, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Creator God, we are here today seeking You. We desire a deeper connection with You. We do not have to grope in the dark; we only have to trust Your word. You are not far from any of us. You are right here. Help us to see this! Amen.

*Hymn #288 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

***Call to Confession**

Despite all the evidence to the contrary, we often live as if we do not need a savior. We explain away our sins, sure they do not require forgiveness. We imagine we can achieve righteousness through acts of willpower great and small. We are wrong. We cannot save ourselves. Let us together confess our frailties and our dependance upon the power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we do not live as You created us to. We abuse our neighbors near and far. We ignore the pleas of the poor and refuse to satisfy the needs of the afflicted. You long for us to flavor the world with the taste of Your goodness, beauty, and truth. We refuse to do it. Instead, we follow the ways of the world and even dare to ask Your blessing upon our greed and our misdeeds. Forgive us Lord, we pray. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Our Loving Father's hand is not too short to save. Gladly, does He grant you His forgiveness. Hear the good news: You are forgiven and made new in Christ! 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

"Eagles' Wings Medley"

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-10

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 113

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

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Sermon

Adrienne Danielson

***Hymn #8**

"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

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

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral 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**

Please Lord, use these gifts, which we now return to You, to loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless. Amen.

***Hymn #767**

"Together We Serve"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

Announcement ~ Fair-Trade Resources: 'Sweat and Toil' phone ap. by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Endslaverynow.org (includes Slave Free Companies shopping guide), "Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves" by Kevin Bales

Indoor Winter Fun ~ Our Youth Indoor Winter Fun night was cancelled due to the weather. We will reschedule!!! Watch for updated information!

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.

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:
367 Parry St
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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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February 5, 2023 ~ Adrienne Danielson

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Pastor Scott out of the office until February 19.

Sunday, February 5: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker Adrienne Danielson
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Wednesday, February 8: 3:45 pm: Youth Club
5:45 pm: Meal
6:00 pm: Youth Faith in Action - Danielson

Thursday, February 9: 5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, February 12: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker

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

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

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

February Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Sonya Alexander, Bob Alexander, Julie Rienstra, Leon King, Kathy Peterson, Nancy Miller, Dan Alexander

Deacon of the Month: Shannon Sweetman

Today's Greeter: Leon & Sharon King

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 - Andrew Stephens, 7th - Jared Miller, Jenny Kohler, Pearl Alexander

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.