

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: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

L: For God is our rock, who leads us in the wilderness,

P: and meets us at the well.

L: Who sustains us in the desert,

P: and knows our heart's great need.

L: God is our rock, the well spring of all that is good.

P: Come, let us drink deeply, let us worship God.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Enduring Presence, goal and guide, You go before and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour Your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #479** *"Come Now to the Water"*

***Call to Confession**

Do not harden your hearts as your ancestors did at Meribah. Do not test the Lord as your forebearers did as Massah. Do not quarrel with God, but turn to the Lord in confidence. Turn to the Lord, who is ready to meet every need.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

We would worship You in Spirit, O God, but our appetites distract us and the here-and-now seems to get in the way. We would worship You in truth, O God, but our hearts are pulled between loyalties and our logical minds balk at Your words. Forgive us, we pray, for our doubts and our lusts. And lead us to Your living water that we may be washed clean of the world's concerns and cured of our thirst. In the name of Jesus.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends believe the good news. We are forgiven. Amen.

***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

"May You Be Blest"

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Adrienne Danielson

Hunger Fund Offering

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

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Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

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Sermon

***Hymn #666** *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

***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: 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**

God, our provider, in Christ You give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship You in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in our neighborhoods where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for Your purposes, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #719

“Come, Labor On”

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Rummage Sale ~ Mark your calendars and start cleaning your closets. The church is having a **rummage sale May 18-20!!!** More details to come.

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (2 Samuel) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (John).

Help Needed ~ We are looking for more individuals to learn how to use the church camera. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott or Lee Davis know. Thanks! Pastor Scott

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!

Synod School ~ Have you ever considered going to Synod School? This year is it being held on July 28-31 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. All ages are welcome. They have full programming for children. There are several classes to choose from for adults from a gigantic array of topics. Check out the Synod School catalog in the narthex. They have inspirational morning and evening worship services and a convocation speaker. You stay right on campus and eat in the college cafeteria. There are scholarships available for first-time attendees. Please consider going! You will love it! ~ Pastor Scott

March Ushers: Head Usher: Leon King, Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Mark Oja, David Danielson, Rick Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Rick, Lindsey & Knox Kramer

April Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Nick Brozek, Dan Alexander, Shari Fuhr, Katherine Brozek, Nancy Miller, Scott & Laura Kohler

Deacon of the Month: Laura Kohler

Today's Greeter: Nick & Katherine Brozek

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty



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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: 13th: Amber Rohlik, Rhys Meyers, Jackson Plotz, 14th: Dan Kohler, Courtney Siegfried,

15th: Fred Bloedow, TJ Juell, Tara Steinkraus, Fran Hauge,

16th: Ella Fuhr, Stacie Hicks, Derek VanderLinden0

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes

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, Gary Hindt,

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, March 12:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Monday, March 13:

Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 15:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study

3:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

NO Youth Activities

4:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting

Thursday, March 16:

9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Gary & Jenifer Hindt

Noon: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dorothy Symes & Bunny Nolting

4:15 pm: Pastor Scott visits Char Gilland

Sunday, March 19:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-Bentson

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lucille Byram

March 20-April 2: Pastor Scott out of the office on vacation.

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

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