

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

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 (based on Psalm 23)

L: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

P: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

L: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

P: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #816** ***"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

***Call to Confession**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of perfect love, You continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but You are strong. Our ways are flawed, but Your ways are true. We are seldom right, but You are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people You would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

"God's Love"

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Ann Tiffany

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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Gospel Lesson: Psalm 23

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Sermon

***Hymn #187**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as You use us, to accomplish Your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

***Hymn #39**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***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). We will meet again on Wednesday, April 5.

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

FPC Memorial Committee's Scholarship Fund ~ With graduation right around the corner we want to remind every one of the Memorial Committee's Presbyterian Scholarship Fund. This fund has been set up with the purpose of providing graduates from our church financial assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Graduates are asked to submit their request to the committee and upon approval, a \$500 scholarship is sent to the college they are choosing to attend. If you would like to take part in helping to further the education of our young members, you can donate to: FPC Memorial Fund (MEMO: Scholarship Fund). Donations can be put in the offering plate or sent to Nathan Stephens (Memorial Committee moderator) 509 Valley View Dr., RWF. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or Nathan Stephens.

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 it is 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

Friendship Dinners ~ We are bringing back Friendship Dinners, quarterly. The first dinner will be on **April 30**, from 5-6:30 pm, tacos will be served. If you would like to help, please contact Dave Danielson or Pastor Scott. Future dinners: July 9, September 17 and December 24, mark your calendars. Dinners will be funded by the Matthew 25 Committee.

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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March 19, 2023 ~ Forth Sunday of Lent

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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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: Matt & Kimary Tiffany

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: 21st - Beau Stough, 22nd - Jonathan Sweetman, 24th - Aubree Milhausen, 25th - Simon Danielson

Anniversaries: Today - Jenny & Mark Jansen, 22nd - Kyle & Stacie Hicks, Don & Lorrie Quinn

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 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 will be out of the office on vacation. Pastors Scott & Leanne Thompson from the Willmar Presbyterian Church will cover in case of any pastoral emergencies. Scott's cellphone: 320-403-0509, Leanne's cellphone: 320-262-6169

Wednesday, March 22:

3:45 pm: Youth Club

5:45 pm: Meal

6:00 pm: YFA - Millers

Sunday, March 26:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - 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!